

Young Adult Justice Community of Practice

A COLLECTIVE EFFORT AMONG CITY, COUNTY AND STATE
LEADERS WITH A DEMONSTRATED INTEREST IN REDUCING
CRIMINAL JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG ADULTS.

The 2018-2019 Intergovernmental Policy Academy

The Young Adult Community of Practice builds upon the momentum of the Intergovernmental Policy Academy (IGA). The IGA brought together five teams of city, county and state justice stakeholders over a twelve month period to work on policy alignment and to learn from peers and subject matter experts on justice interventions and policies. Each team came away with significant commitments to reducing the young adult population within their justice systems.

NLC undertakes this initiative in its role as a Strategy Ally in the Safety & Justice Challenge of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. NLC invites the participation of Safety and Justice Challenge sites; thought leaders and researchers; additional SJC Strategic Allies and juvenile justice policy groups whose span has broadened to include a focus on young adults; and leading Opportunity Youth intermediaries and practitioners.

	KEY OUTCOMES/INVESTMENTS
BELLINGHAM- WHATCOM COUNTY WASHINGTON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementing a citation program for shoplifting/traffic offenses Creating new positions: Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) & data integration
ALBUQUERQUE- BERNALILLO COUNTY NEW MEXICO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of a Crisis Stabilization Center with state funding Launching a Mobile Response Team Joint City-County Resolution on reducing young adult incarceration
INDIANAPOLIS- MARION COUNTY INDIANA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indianapolis Police Department joined CJCC Coming in 2020: Assessment intervention center for pre-arrest diversion
KALAMAZOO- KALAMAZOO COUNTY MICHIGAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconvened CJCC Progress on data sharing MOUs with courts, Upjohn Institute
OVERLAND PARK- JOHNSON COUNTY KANSAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soliciting bids for a court text reminder system to reduce high Failures to Appear (FTA's)



Core Activities:

- **DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS DISPROPORTIONATE RATES** of arrest and jailing of young adults and racial and ethnic disparities
- **BUILD UPON THE POLICY MOMENTUM** established through the five-site Intergovernmental Policy Academy
- **INTERFACE WITH BROADER POLICY DISCUSSIONS** about the most promising supports, services and structures for effective transitions to adulthood



We have not paid enough attention to the later teenage and early adult years as a discrete period of social and behavioral development...If we hope to gain a complete understanding of what works to prevent delinquency from evolving into persistent criminal behavior, we need to look more closely at this critical stage of life and develop our sense of effective interventions and categories of appropriate sanctions.

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Foreword, From Delinquency to Adult Crime,
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