

## Pre- Model Site Visit Questionnaire

**A. Jurisdiction:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **B. Initial Interest and Challenges**

(1) Please indicate your top three areas of interest that you would like addressed during your site visit:


(2) What are the issues your jurisdiction is currently experiencing challenges and struggles:


### **B. Use and Purpose of Detention**

(1) Please mark how frequently juveniles in your jurisdiction **are detained** for the following reasons, using the following scale:

**0 – Don't Know    1 – Never    2 – Sometimes    3 – Frequently    4 – Always**

<u>Pre Adjudication</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Post Adjudication</u>
<input type="text" value="0"/>	Risk to Harm Self	<input type="text" value="0"/>
<input type="text" value="0"/>	Risk to Harm Others	<input type="text" value="0"/>
<input type="text" value="0"/>	Juvenile Won't Appear for Next Court Date	<input type="text" value="0"/>
<input type="text" value="0"/>	No Responsible Caregiver	<input type="text" value="0"/>
<input type="text" value="0"/>	Punishment	<input type="text" value="0"/>
<input type="text" value="0"/>	Deterrence	<input type="text" value="0"/>
<input type="text" value="0"/>	Behavior Modification	<input type="text" value="0"/>
<input type="text" value="0"/>	Treatment (Mental Health, Substance Abuse)	<input type="text" value="0"/>
<input type="text" value="0"/>	Assessment/Evaluation	<input type="text" value="0"/>

(2) Please mark the reasons you believe a minor **should be** detained at the pre adjudication and post adjudication stages:

<u>Pre Adjudication</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Post Adjudication</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Risk to Harm Self	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Risk to Harm Others	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Juvenile Won't Appear for Next Court Date	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	No Responsible Caregiver	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Punishment	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deterrence	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment (Mental Health, Substance Abuse)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Assessment/Evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>

### C. Governance/Oversight

(1) Does your jurisdiction have an authorized or formal/work group that is specifically charged with addressing detention reform issues?

Yes

No

If yes, who authorized/charged this group with responsibility for detention alternatives and/or detention reform issues?


If no, do you have an informal group dealing with these issues?

Yes

No

**[If you have no work group for detention alternatives and/or detention reform, please proceed to Section D]**

(2) How often does this detention work group meet?

2 or less  
per year

Quarterly

Monthly

More than once per  
month

(3) How do you rate your detention work group's overall level of successful collaboration?

Strong Collaboration

Moderate Collaboration

Weak Collaboration

No Collaboration

(4) Does your detention work group have a collaborative relationship with any **other** juvenile justice groups in your jurisdiction?

Yes

No

If yes, please identify the group:


(5) Are there officials who **should be engaged** in detention reform who have not been regularly included in the planning of detention reform in your jurisdiction? (e.g., Public Defender, District Attorney, School, Mental Health, Law Enforcement officials, Parent Advisors, Youth Advisors or Community Representatives)

Yes

No

If yes, please identify these officials by title/or agency:


(6) Please identify officials by title/or agency who are resistant to your jurisdictions collaborative efforts to implement detention reform:


(7) Does your jurisdiction promulgate and market its detention reform strategies and plans within the larger juvenile justice system and community?

Yes

No

Don't Know

If yes, who is the target audience(s)?

- Schools       Public       Service Providers
- Media (Spanish)       Law Enforcement       Community Leaders
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

How important is this to the success of your strategies?

- Very       Somewhat       Not at all

(8) Are there steps that can be taken to strengthen the collaborative governance structure in your jurisdiction?

- Yes       No       Don't Know

If yes, please describe:


**D. Data: Availability, Reliability and Use of Data**

(1) Do you have access to and do you use timely and reliable data in planning enhancements to the detention system or implementation of detention alternatives?

- Yes       No       Don't Know

If not, why not?


If yes, is the data disaggregated by race/ethnicity/gender for all elements?

- Yes       No       Don't Know

(2) Does your jurisdiction have access to timely and reliable data regarding case processing (e.g., #'s of Failure To Appear petitions, #'s of other petitions, #'s of court continuances, etc.?)

- Yes       No       Don't Know

If yes, is this data disaggregated by race/ethnicity/gender?

- Yes       No       Don't Know

(3) What capacity issues might improve your jurisdiction's use of data in planning, managing and evaluating its detention reform efforts?

- Information Technology Hardware
- Information Technology Software
- Interagency Coordination
- Resource to Produce Reports from System
- Technical Assistance
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Has your jurisdiction analyzed the existence of disproportionate minority confinement?

- Yes       No       Don't Know

If yes, what efforts were undertaken in this analysis?


(5) Has your jurisdiction analyzed the existence of female admissions trends?

- Yes       No       Don't Know

If yes, what efforts were undertaken in the analysis?


(6) Has your jurisdiction analyzed the economic status of minors in detention?

- Yes       No       Don't Know

**E. The Front Door/Initial Detention Decision**

(1) Does your jurisdiction have written and system-wide agreed upon detention criteria?

- Yes       No       Don't Know

Does your jurisdiction use a scoreable detention-screening instrument?

Yes                       No                       Don't Know

Do you have confidence in the detention admissions decisions?

Yes                       No                       Don't Know

Has the instrument been scrutinized for any unintended racial biases?

Yes                       No                       Don't Know

(2) Can detention-eligible youths be placed in detention alternatives at point of arrest or must they be first placed in secure detention?

Point of Arrest                       First Placed in Secure Detention

**F. Case/System Processing Issues and Length of Stay**

(1) Has your jurisdiction analyzed the number of detention admissions (and the underlying court or probation policies that drive these admissions) that are **initiated** by the system itself (i.e., Violations of Probation cases, Violation of Court Order cases, Failure to Appear warrants, and other warrants)?

Yes                       No                       Don't Know

Should it?

Yes                       No                       Don't Know

If yes, was this examination undertaken with data disaggregated by race/ethnicity/gender?

Yes                       No                       Don't Know

Are there ways that the number of detention admissions initiated by the system could be reduced?

Yes                       No                       Don't Know

If yes, please describe:


Are there ways the length of stays in detention can be reduced?

Yes                       No                       Don't Know

If yes, please identify the types of cases/youth and how the stays could be reduced:


(2) Has your jurisdiction analyzed how it might process cases more expeditiously?

Yes                       No                       Don't Know

Have the number of requests for continuances been tracked?

Yes                       No                       Don't Know

If yes, was the data disaggregated by race/ethnicity/gender?

Yes                       No                       Don't Know

Has your jurisdiction considered using an "expediter" to move cases more efficiently?

Yes                       No                       Don't Know

(3) Are there a substantial number of youths in secure detention who are only waiting for placement?

Yes                       No                       Don't Know

Are these numbers disaggregated by race/ethnicity/gender?

Yes                       No                       Don't Know

What is the average number of days juveniles spend in detention while waiting for placement?

Don't Know               1-3 Days               1 Week  
 2 Weeks                   3-5 Weeks               6 Weeks or more

Does the data show that the length of stay awaiting placement for any one race/ethnicity/gender is prevalent?

Yes                       No                       Don't Know

Have there been any efforts to work with the public or private placement agencies, including private providers to reduce the number of beds or bed days devoted to juveniles pending placement?

Yes                       No                       Don't Know

If yes, please identify:


**G. Detention Alternatives**

(1) Does your jurisdiction evaluate the individual and system-wide impact of the detention alternatives currently in place?

- Yes                       No                       Don't Know

If yes, how?


Does your jurisdiction keep and analyze data regarding its use of detention alternatives, particularly the length of time youths spend in detention alternatives, and the number of youths placed in alternatives who appear at their court hearings without any further formal contacts (arrests) with law enforcement?

- Yes                       No                       Don't Know

(2) Are you comfortable with the degree to which your jurisdiction ensures that public safety is maintained when youths are placed into a detention alternative?

- Yes                       No                       Don't Know

If yes, how?


(3) Are there youths in detention who could be safely placed into a **present** detention alternative?

- Yes                       No                       Don't Know

If yes, please identify the type(s) of case(s) and the detention alternative(s), and how you reached this conclusion.


(4) Are there youths in detention who could be safely placed into a **new** detention alternative?

Yes

No

Don't Know

If yes, please identify the type(s) of case(s) and the detention alternative(s), and how you reached this conclusion.


#### H. Secure Detention Center Programs/Interventions

(1) What is the rated capacity of your detention facility?

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How many days were you over capacity during the last calendar year?

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(2) Approximately how many hours a day do the youth have the opportunity to be out of their rooms?

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(3) Are youth routinely roomed together?

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Are youth roomed together during times of crowding? If so, what is your maximum per room?

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(4) Please briefly describe your jurisdiction's policies regarding the continuum of force allowed in your detention facility?


(5) Does the detention facility that you operate or use have a strategy/program to reduce the risks (to themselves, to the community) of juveniles that are detained, thereby reducing the amount of time minors are detained?

Yes

No

Don't Know

If yes, please name or describe the strategies/programs:


If no, would you support the implementation of behavioral programming to reduce the risks of juveniles in detention?

- Yes       No       Don't Know

If not, please describe why:


**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.**