

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS
DISTRICT 7 JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL MEETING
August 20, 2026

Location: 5C Building
151 w. 1st N., St. Anthony, ID 83445

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83272129370?pwd=vRPyKac6tW3YoopjxMk9WQ6CP8DhqD.1>

Time: 1:30 pm

Members Present: Darin Burrell, Chair, Fremont County Probation
Dave Peters, Department of Health and Welfare
Tom Fitte, Lemhi County Probation
Bethany Deschamps Wood, Upper Valley Child Advocacy Center
Marco Erickson, CYA/SPaRC
Peyton Burrell, Youth Member
Dawson Chapman, IDJC

Comprising a quorum of the District 7 Council.

Members Absent:
Kenadee Gorton, Youth Member
Hannah Burrell, Youth Member

Others Present: Dustin Bingham – IDJC Liaison;

***Note: The order of the agenda items is subject to change.**

Agenda		Meeting Outcomes/Decisions Reached	Who's Responsible	Due Date
	Call to Order/Welcome and introductions –	Call at 1:30 PM	Darin Burrell	
	Action Item: Approval of June Meeting Minutes	Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Marco Erickson and seconded by Tom Fitte to approve the June minutes. The motion passed unanimously.	Darin Burrell	
	Action Item: Open call for nominations		Council members	
	Action Item: Council Membership renewal – Dave Peters, Darin Burrell	• Chairperson Appointment: A motion was made by Tom Fitte and seconded by Dave Peters to nominate Darin Burrell to serve as Chair (noting appreciation for serving three terms). The motion passed unanimously.	Council members	

Agenda		Meeting Outcomes/Decisions Reached	Who's Responsible	Due Date
		• Council Member Appointment: A motion was made by Tom Fitte and seconded by Peyton Burrell to accept Dave Peters to the council. The motion passed unanimously. • Co-Chairperson Appointment: A motion was made by Tom Fitte and seconded by Peyton Burrell to appoint Marco Erickson as Co-Chair. The motion passed unanimously with appreciation expressed to Marco.		
	Youth Member update	• Youth Updates: No updates were reported for the youth. • Strong Minds Campaign: Darin Burrell discussed the Strong Minds campaigns and available resources.	Kenadee, Hannah, Peyton	
	IJJA RFF Update	Upcoming Conference/Training: The next meeting is scheduled for September 15th and 16th. During the last meeting, the council approved a funding request of \$4,000 to cover up to 5 individuals for 3 nights of lodging. The group plans to reach out to education and law enforcement representatives. Bethany Deschamps Wood is also checking within her agency for availability, and Dave Peters noted the importance of having a prosecutor present.	Darin Burrell	
	3 Year Plan Strategic Plan Development	• Plan Overview: Darin Burrell introduced the 3-year plan, covering its purpose, history, and future direction (noting that the plan was last reviewed in November 2023). • Review Schedule: Dave Peters suggested reviewing the plan quarterly or at scheduled council intervals to discuss effectiveness, ensure adherence, and track progress. • Data and Principles: Marco Erickson identified assessment center data as a tool for aligning with the goals established in the living 3-year plan. The council discussed the Balanced Approach and the four core protections, determining which core principles to incorporate into the 3-year plan. Handwritten notes from this discussion are to be scanned and attached to this section.	All Members	
	Adjournment	Adjournment Time: 3:30 PM Next Meeting: September 15th Motion: A motion to adjourn was made by Darin Burrell and seconded by Tom Fitte. The motion passed unanimously.	All members	

Submitted to District 7 Juvenile Justice Council by,

Attachments:

June Meeting Minutes

IJJA RFF

Previous Council Plan

District 7 Juvenile Justice Council 3 Year Strategic Plan 2023

Prevention:

Goal 1: Prevent youth from entering the juvenile justice system.

Objective 1: increase referrals to the juvenile assessment center, as a mechanism for screening all citations, and diverting crisis, prevent escalation of the case for all non-felony cases.

Objective 2: Encourage youth courts and restorative practices to be utilized more throughout the region. Develop training specific to the teens through a virtual training course to ensure consistency.

Objective 3: ensure all partner agencies are aware of the strategic plan and encourage triage to zero intercept points when possible.

Collaboration and Referral:

Goal 2: Bring awareness to all youth serving organizations on ways to divert youth from the justice system, and help them understand the various intercept points, where they fit in, and best practices for each entry point.

Objective 1: support regional efforts for evidence-based programs that support youth development, decision making, and build resilience skills. Culturally and Linguistically appropriate services.

Objective 2: ensure that all regional partners are advertised on find help Idaho, and 211.

Objective 3: review laws and regulations for juveniles and ensure compliance in implementation with local court jurisdictions. Make policy recommendations where needed and help follow federal rules associated with the Juvenile Justices and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act.

Objective 4: Overall better engagement with guardians.

Reintegration:

Goal 3: Ensure that youth offenders have a strong reintegration plan prior to leaving custody and can utilize the lowest level of care services available in the community they are from.

Objective 1: Ensure a smooth transition and follow through to help youth to proper services upon exiting custody.

Objective 2: ensure that all system participants including professionals understand the community resources available, and how to use them for reintegration. (Utilize Case Managers)

District 7 Juvenile Justice Council 3 Year Strategic Plan 2026 - DRAFT

Prevention:

Goal: Prevent youth from entering the Juvenile Justice System

Objective 1: Sustain and support current levels of referral to the Juvenile Assessment Center as a mechanism for screening all citations, and diverting crises, and preventing escalation for all non-felony cases.

Objective 2: Use a collaborative partnership with local partner agencies to promote all regional training opportunities for youth.

Objective 3: Promote the expansion of the Handle with Care Program.

Collaboration and Referral:

Goal: Review data on the various intercept points to understand where most referrals originate.

Objective 1: Increase evidence-based training that supports youth development, decision making, and resilience skills to reduce youth involvement in the Juvenile Justice System.

Objective 2: Create QR codes to ensure all regional partners know how to access available resources; such as Help Idaho and 211

Objective 3: Review laws and regulations related to juveniles and ensure compliance in implementation with local court jurisdictions. Review Valid Court Orders (VCOs), continue recommendations where needed, and help ensure compliance with federal rules associated with the Juvenile Justices and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP).

Objective 4: Promote stronger community engagement and increase engagement with guardians.

Reintegration:

Goal: Reduce Recidivism among youth

Objective 1: Review recidivism rates and promote effective reintegration strategies through proper training.

Objective 2: Research and share Positive Child Experiences (PCEs)

District 7 Juvenile Justice Council - 3-Year Strategic Plan Comparison & Annotations (2023 vs. 2026 Draft)

This document provides a comparative analysis and detailed annotations tracking the structural and strategic updates made between the 2023 Strategic Plan and the 2026 Draft Strategic Plan for the District 7 Juvenile Justice Council.

1. Section-by-Section Comparison

Section / Core Area	2023 Strategic Plan	2026 Strategic Plan (Draft)
Prevention	Goal 1: Prevent youth from entering the juvenile justice system. • Obj 1: Sustain referral levels to JAC for screening/diversion on non-felony cases. • Obj 2: Encourage youth courts/restorative practices and virtual teen training. • Obj 3: Ensure partner awareness and triage to zero intercept points.	Goal: Prevent youth from entering the Juvenile Justice System. • Obj 1: Sustain and support JAC referrals, crisis diversion, and non-felony escalation prevention. • Obj 2: Use collaborative partnerships to promote regional training for youth. • Obj 3: <i>[New]</i> Promote the expansion of the Handle with Care Program.
Collaboration and Referral	Goal 2: Bring awareness to youth-serving organizations on diversion, intercept points, and best practices. • Obj 1: Support EBP for youth development, decision-making, resilience, and culturally/linguistically appropriate services. • Obj 2: Advertise regional partners on Find Help Idaho and 211. • Obj 3: Review juvenile laws, ensure compliance, make policy recommendations, and follow JJDP Act rules. • Obj 4: Overall better engagement with guardians.	Goal: Review data on various intercept points to understand where most referrals originate. • Obj 1: Increase evidence-based training supporting youth development, decision-making, and resilience skills. • Obj 2: Create QR codes for resource access (Help Idaho and 211). • Obj 3: Review laws/regulations, ensure local jurisdiction compliance, review Valid Court Orders (VCOs), and follow JJDP rules. • Obj 4: Promote stronger community and guardian engagement.
Reintegration	Goal 3: Ensure youth offenders have a strong reintegration plan prior to leaving custody and utilize lowest level of care.	Goal: Reduce Recidivism among youth. • Obj 1: Review recidivism rates and promote effective reintegration strategies through proper training.

Section / Core Area	2023 Strategic Plan	2026 Strategic Plan (Draft)
	• Obj 1: Ensure smooth transition and follow-through to proper services upon custody exit. • Obj 2: Ensure professionals understand community resources and how to use them (utilize Case Managers).	• Obj 2: <i>[New]</i> Research and share Positive Child Experiences (PCEs).

2. Key Annotations and Strategic Shifts

- **Shift Toward Data-Driven Interventions in Collaboration:** While the 2023 plan broadly focused on bringing general awareness to youth-serving organizations, the 2026 draft shifts the core goal explicitly to reviewing data on intercept points to track referral origins.
- **Modernized Accessibility (QR Codes):** Under Collaboration and Referral (Objective 2), the 2023 plan focused on traditional directory listings, whereas the 2026 draft introduces modern implementation tools via QR codes for resources like Help Idaho and 211.
- **Regulatory Specifics (VCOs):** Collaboration and Referral Objective 3 now explicitly highlights the review of Valid Court Orders (VCOs) alongside broader compliance with the JJDP Act.
- **New Programmatic Additions:**
 - Prevention Objective 3 introduces the *Handle with Care Program* expansion.
 - Reintegration Objective 2 introduces a focus on researching and sharing *Positive Child Experiences (PCEs)*, shifting the tone toward proactive wellness metrics.
- **Outcome-Oriented Reintegration Goal:** The Reintegration goal has been refocused from a process-oriented statement ("Ensure that youth offenders have a strong reintegration plan...") to a direct outcome metric ("Reduce Recidivism among youth").

Document compiled for review by the District 7 Juvenile Justice Council.

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