

## **Sedgwick County, Kansas DMC Project Plans 2008**

Planned activities for CY 2008 include:

- Participate in the DMC Action Network to include development of a scope of work to sustain and expand the DMC initiative locally and statewide over the next three years with funding from the MacArthur Foundation.
- Development and implementation of community engagement strategies to reduce overrepresentation of minority youth at the point of arrest.
- WSU will complete a validation study of the detention risk screening tool and offer recommendations to address any necessary changes (the tool was implemented in 1997 and last validated in 2000).
- WSU will continue to evaluate differential success rates by race and ethnicity of prevention and intervention programs and offer technical assistance in areas where effectiveness and access should be improved.
- Expand use of objective assessment instruments to measure the risk to reoffend and provide training and assistance to providers in using cognitive-behavioral programming with youth who score at high or moderate risk.
- Locate funding and facilitate system improvement to allow continuity of legal representation by Kansas Legal Services for indigent youth served by the Detention Advocacy Service (DMC) program.
- Develop and begin implementation of Phase III diversity training in the Department of Corrections during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Continue delivery of Phase II training to ensure all employees have received the first two phases during their initial 24 months employment.
- Continue minority recruitment activities and measurement of hiring to maintain representative workplaces in department of corrections programs.
- Continue data collection, analysis, intervention, evaluation and reporting of system activity and performance at each decision point.
- Continue to involve and develop key leaders in the DMC initiative. Organize leadership teams to attend the DMC national meetings and conferences to build knowledge and motivation to invest in DMC reduction strategies.

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