



21st Century Transformation

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT	FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	EMERGING ADULTS	FACILITY CULTURE
<p>ADDED PARTNERS DJJ has added more than 20 community partners since 2022.</p>	<p>FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL Monthly virtual meetings offer support and voice to caregivers of DJJ youth.</p>	<p>FOCUS ON DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS DJJ has invested time, effort, and training to tailor emerging adult programs to the developmental needs of this age group.</p>	<p>INCREASED FOCUS ON STAFF WELLNESS For the first time, 2025 budget allocates over \$30k in funding to host wellness events and to provide services to staff.</p>
<p>ADDED FUNDING DJJ has increased contracts with community partners more than \$5 million since 2021.</p>	<p>FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER DJJ now has a full time staff member dedicated to engaging families in the community.</p>	<p>EMERGING ADULT VOICES DJJ has offered Director's Office internships to emerging adults at DJJ. Internship work includes asking emerging adults to share information & ideas for improving programs and practices at DJJ.</p>	<p>CULTURAL RESPONSIVITY DJJ has increased the quality and frequency of cultural responsivity training for staff & increased programs & activities around cultural celebrations such as Black History Month.</p>
<p>ADDED MENTORING PROGRAMS DJJ has expanded mentoring services through Youth Advocate Programs (YAP), National Youth Advocate Program (NYAP), and DHS Office of Firearm Violence Prevention.</p>	<p>INCREASED FAMILY VISITS & EVENTS Community partners regularly provide transportation for families to visit their kids and participate in family engagement events.</p>	<p>PEACE CENTER IYC St. Charles became the PEACE Center, exclusively serving emerging adults with a focus on life skills and career readiness. A plethora of new programs are now available, & DJJ youth interns contributed to program planning. Currently, 7-8 career focused certifications are available.</p>	<p>TRAUMA-INFORMED FOCUS DJJ has updated many practices to reflect a trauma informed approach for both youth and staff. Examples include changes to staff training, search & restraint practices, and the design of the new Monarch Youth Center in Lincoln.</p>
<p>EXPANDED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES DJJ's Mutli-Systemic Therapy (MST) helps stabilize youth in the community through intensive multi-weekly treatment sessions. Focus is on safety, crisis management, and life skills to support youth's transition into adulthood.</p>	<p>RESTORATIVE INTERVENTIONS, SUPPORTS, SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT (RISSE) DJJ now has a full time staff member dedicated to survivor services. Services are provided to youth and families such as those impacted by gun violence.</p>	<p>LEGISLATION Senate Bill 426 recently passed, enabling DJJ to serve emerging adults ages 18-22 who are currently in an IDOC facility and in need of educational services. DJJ is piloting at 2 DOC facilities. IYC Harrisburg will be repurposed to exclusively serve this population as well.</p>	<p>TRUST-BASED RELATIONAL INTERVENTION (TBRI) Enhancing DJJ focus on trauma informed care, TBRI centers staff as caregivers rather than correctional professionals. Multiple DJJ staff are now certified TBRI trainers & TBRI is being introduced at 3 northern region facilities.</p>