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UPDATE ON IDJJ LEADERSHIP

ABOUT THE TRANSFORMATION PLAN

On February 1, 2024, Rob Vickery was appointed as interim director of IDJJ, and he was named acting director by Governor Pritzker on March 26, 2024. Director Vickery previously served as the Deputy Director of Programs at IDJJ, and he is committed to continuing the important progress of the 21st Century Transformation Plan. This report is an update on all aspects of the Transformation Plan as of March 2024. This report will cover the contents of that update.

IDJJ's Transformation Plan aims to:

- Establish close-to-home youth residential centers and community interventions for youth and families
- Provide dorm-like, youth-friendly, rehabilitative spaces
- Cultivate a welcoming, family-involved, community-integrated, vibrant, respectful, culturally responsive atmosphere
- Create a safe, peaceful, restorative, supportive, empowering, healthy climate for youth, families, and staff

The phases of IDJJ's 21st Century Transformation Plan are outlined below, along with completion dates or estimated dates of completion.

Phase 1

- Engage key stakeholders
- Initiating capital projects
- Ramping up community services

Completed December 2021

Phase 2

- Continue capital projects
- Implement community pilot diversions
- Begin transfer of adult-style facilities

Estimated completion:
December 2024

Phase 3

- Complete capital projects
- Complete transfer of adult-style facilities
- Expand community diversions

Estimated completion:
Late 2026

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IDJJ 21ST CENTURY TRANSFORMATION PLAN

Secure Custody Transformation Goals

1. Renovate existing properties to create new residential centers closer to youths' communities of origin
2. Create dorm-like, youth-friendly, rehabilitative spaces that are in a welcoming, vibrant, and culturally-responsive atmosphere, resulting in facilities that are safe, peaceful, restorative, supportive, and empowering for youth, families, and staff
3. Move out of adult-style prison-like facilities, which will be repurposed by IDOC

Secure Custody Transformation Progress

Goal: Renovate existing properties to create new residential centers closer to youths' communities of origin

IYC Lincoln- This new facility will be the primary service location for the 40%+ IDJJ youth from central Illinois. It will have a 30-bed capacity and trauma-informed design; and it is expected to be operational in early 2025.

IYC Warrenville & IYC Pere Marquette- Renovations & upgrades for these IDJJ facilities are in the design phase with the Capital Development Board.

IYC Chicago- IDJJ is exploring the potential of a much needed new location for IYC Chicago. A feasibility study in collaboration with the city of Chicago began in March 2024.

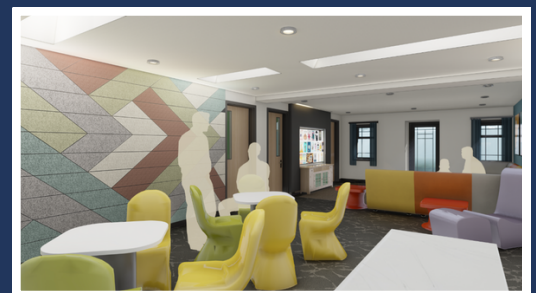
THE 21ST CENTURY TRANSFORMATION MODEL IMPACTS:

IDJJ'S SECURE CUSTODY FACILITIES

IDJJ'S COMMUNITY- BASED SERVICES



IYC Lincoln renderings



Secure Custody Transformation Progress Cont.

Goal: Welcoming, vibrant, and culturally-responsive atmosphere resulting in safe, peaceful, restorative facilities

Trust-Based Relational Intervention is in the process of being implemented throughout IDJJ. TBRI is an evidence-based model for serving youth that centers staff work as *caregivers* rather than correctional professionals.

Furniture and furnishings that are more dorm-like and trauma informed have been purchased for several facilities.

Clothing- New youth school uniforms and comfortable clothing are in the process of being purchased.

Goal: IDJJ transitions out of adult-style prison-like facilities, which will be repurposed

PEACE Center at St. Charles Phoenix Emerging Adults Career Education (PEACE) Center launched in January 2024 on the campus of the former IYC St. Charles. PEACE Center only serves young adults ages 17-20 who are high school graduates and eager for career & technical education. The campus has been downsized and repurposed.

IYC Harrisburg- Plans are underway to repurpose IYC Harrisburg for individuals ages 18-22 who are currently in IDOC and in need of high school education. This transition is expected to take place in the Spring of 2025.

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Community Based Services Transformation Goals

- 1.Reduce the use of secure custody by increasing the services available in the community
- 2.Mobile intake will more effectively match youth with the level of service they need
- 3.Services will have continuity from secure custody through the reentry process

Community Based Services Transformation Progress

Goal: Reduce the use of secure custody by increasing the services available in the community

Community Partnerships- IDJJ has added more than 20 community partners since 2022, and has increased contracts with community partners by over \$5,000,000 in the past three years. Some new community partners even offer work and internship opportunities for youth.

Mentoring- IDJJ has expanded mentoring services through Youth Advocate Programs (YAP), National Youth Advocate Program (NYAP), and DHS Office of Firearm Violence Prevention.

Behavioral Health- IDJJ has expanded transitional behavioral health services provided by IDJJ staff and community partners. One program delivered by community partners is Mutli-systemic Therapy. The goal of MST is to stabilize youth within the community through intensive multi-weekly treatment sessions. The clinical focus is on safety preservation, crisis management, establishing natural supports and increasing life skills to support the youth's transition into adulthood.

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Community Based Services Transformation Progress cont.

Goal: Mobile intake will more effectively match youth with the level of service they need

Mobile intake allows IDJJ to assess a youth's programming needs before they arrive at a secure IDJJ facility so their needs can be met more quickly.

Mobile Intake Unit- IDJJ's mobile intake unit has been successfully piloted in Kane County & Winnebago County Detention Centers. Expansion of the unit throughout northern Illinois is planned to roll out by the end of 2024.

YASI Risk Assessment Update- The Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) is used by IDJJ to assess risk, needs, and protective factors in at-risk and juvenile justice-involved youth. In July of 2024, an updated YASI tool is expected to roll out. It will allow IDJJ to identify lower risk youth for alternatives to incarceration.

Goal: Services will have continuity from secure custody through the reentry process

Increased Continuity of Services- IDJJ therapists, Aftercare Specialists, and staff from community partners are building relationships while youth are in custody and continuing to support them throughout reentry.

Community & Home Visits - Youth are able to safely re-engage with family before release through a new community and home visit program.

Family Engagement- Supports provided to families while youth are in custody are increasingly available once youth return to their home and community.

KEEPING UP TO DATE ON IDJJ

As IDJJ continues to make steady progress on the 21st Century Transformation Plan, we will continue to update stakeholders in a variety of ways. The best way to keep abreast of all that is happening with IDJJ is by regularly checking our website and social media!

Our website includes many different reports, resources, links to news articles and stories about juvenile justice and about IDJJ, information on secure facilities, educational and career & technical education opportunities, and more!

IDJJ's website url is <https://idjj.illinois.gov/> and the social media handles are listed below.

Thank you for taking the time to read about IDJJ's progress on the 21st Century Transformation in the first quarter of calendar year 2024!



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