

**Measuring Improvements**  
**DISPROPORTIONATE CONTACT IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM**

**Focus area**

What has your community decided to focus on over the next six years?

*Disproportionate minority contact in the juvenile justice system*

**Goal Area**

What is the goal area for your focus?

Children

Youth

Families

Community

*Youth*

**High Level Outcome**

Most closely associated high level outcome?

*Decrease juvenile arrests*

**Action statement**

What action will occur because of the community focus?

*There will be a reduction in the disproportionate minority contact in the juvenile justice system for African American youth*

**Strategic Approach (1st approach)**

What kind of strategic approach or approaches will your community use to take action? The community may use one, two or all three approaches. For each type of approach, additional information will be required.

*Choose one or more types.*

**System Change**

Community Mobilization

Service Delivery Improvement

*System Change*

**Strategy Type**

What kind of strategy will your community use to change the system?

*Choose one type*

Improving coordination

Improving the continuum

Integrating services

Multiple agency networking

**System-wide training**

Overall quality improvement

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*System-wide training*

## Strategy Description

Describe the strategy

*Training for law enforcement, juvenile department staff, juvenile court judges and staff, and community based organizations on: impacts of overrepresentation in the service system; how to determine disproportionality at the points of contact; how to calculate relative index rates of contact; and strategies for reducing overrepresentation.*

## Baseline

What is the current data that you will be using to determine change?

If you do not currently have baseline information, how will you establish that data?

*Agencies will determine the rates of contact at each point of contact within their service delivery system. Example: African American youth are referred to juvenile courts at a rate of 2 times higher than white youth for similar offences and at 4 times higher than their representation in general population*

## Data Source

Who keeps the data related to the baseline that has or will be developed?

*JJIS (Juvenile Justice Information System) and PSU population center for data on minorities in the general population*

## Target

What is the target for improvement over the next six years?

*at least 50% reduction*

## Outcome Statement and Elements

The outcome statement can be broken down into these elements

Who is being targeted for a change?	What is the measurable change? % or #	What is going to happen for the target population?	By when?
<i>African American youth</i>	<i>at least 50 percent</i>	<i>Reduction in referrals to juvenile court</i>	<i>By 2014, and beginning July 2008</i>

