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Efforts to Reduce Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) in Michigan's Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems

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MICHIGAN RACE EQUITY COALITION



Coalition Charge

1. Establish and convene a state-wide coordinating body to oversee efforts to reduce racial disparities in Michigan's child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Completed.
2. Participate in race equity training. Completed.
3. Review previously issued Michigan specific reports on child welfare race equity. In process.
4. Identify key decision points in the child welfare and juvenile justice system that contribute to disparities. Completed for child welfare; working on barriers in juvenile justice.



Coalition Charge

5. Create systems to collect state and local data at every decision point of contact that children and youth may have with the child welfare system to identify where disparities exist and the causes of those disparities. Create a better data collection method for dual wards who have contact with both child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Review juvenile justice data currently being collected by the Michigan Committee on Juvenile Justice. In process; juvenile justice data needs to be completed to establish dual ward data.



Coalition Charge

6. Based on the previously issued Michigan reports, develop and implement plans to address racial disparities that include measureable objectives for policy or practice change. Pending (April – July 2013).
7. Review the evaluation results to determine the impact of implemented actions to reduce disparities in the child welfare and juvenile justice system. Pending; will begin after interventions are developed.



Coalition Charge

8. Monitor and annually report findings and progress on efforts to reduce disparities. Pending; will begin after interventions are developed.
9. Identify possible private and public funding sources to create sustainable efforts. In process; funding workgroup and planning committee working on ideas.



Disproportionate

A *rate* of contact with the juvenile justice/child welfare system among juveniles of a specific minority group that is significantly different from the *rate* of contact for whites (i.e., non-Hispanic Caucasians) *or* for other minority groups.

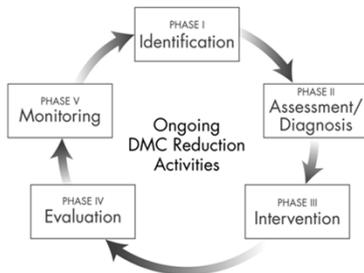


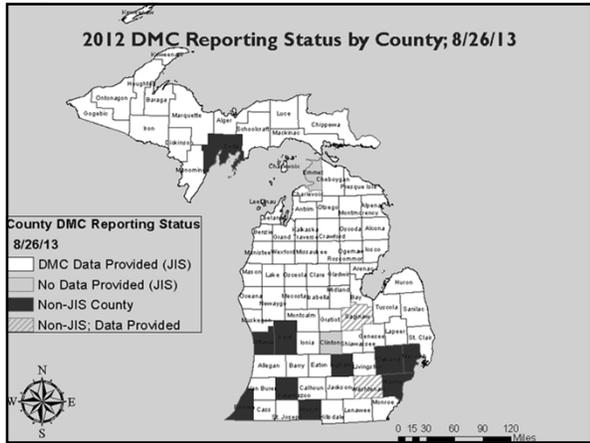
Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)

The purpose of the DMC Core Requirement is to ensure equal and fair treatment for every youth in the juvenile justice/child welfare system, regardless of race and ethnicity.



The DMC Reduction Process





MICHIGAN JUVENILE CRIME TRENDS



MICHIGAN DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT (DMC)



**RECOMMENDATIONS TO
REDUCE DMC**



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS





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