

# FWSN States Survey



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# Differences in Status Offender Handling

- In San Joaquin County CA, runaways cannot be put on probation
- In Atlantic County NJ, no status offenders are handled by probation
- In Maine, there is little government involvement with status offenders

# Safe Alternative Programs

- Staff secure facilities
- Non-secure rehabilitation centers
- Foster homes
- Respite care/temporary shelters
- Day reporting centers
- Electronic monitoring
- House arrest

# Other Approaches

- Montgomery County Ohio
  - Increased access to juveniles probation officers (24/7 availability)
  - Created an Intervention Center
  - Developed an “Under 10” prevention program
- Westmoreland County PA
  - Developed a Youth Commission diversionary program in each school district
- Iowa
  - Kids in the Juvenile Justice system can access the same services as DCF kids

# Keeping Kids in School

- Iowa - created School Liaison Officer positions
- Ohio - increased involvement by probation officers in school
- San Joaquin County CA - developed probation assistant position responsible for reducing truancy
- St Paul-Minneapolis - created a 4-phase intervention system

# Lessons

- Services should address the entire family
- Program schedules are more effective when flexible
- FWSN system must be streamlined
- FWSN services must be fully funded