

May 14, 2013

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-6

**RESOLUTION BY THE HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT SYSTEM REFORM STRATEGIES WITHIN
THE RACINE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN
THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES
INITIATIVE**

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) is a national juvenile detention reform effort that has been implemented in over 150 jurisdictions in 32 states; and

WHEREAS, JDAI has successfully reduced the number of youth in confinement while maintaining or improving public safety in other states across the country; and

WHEREAS, Racine County was chosen by the Annie E. Casey Foundation to participate in JDAI as one of three Wisconsin counties, along with Manitowoc and Milwaukee Counties, as part of a statewide roll-out through the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance; and

WHEREAS, participation in JDAI will complement and enhance existing system improvement efforts; and

WHEREAS, Racine County will receive technical assistance from the Annie E. Casey Foundation designed to:

- Reduce reliance on confinement
- Improve public safety
- Utilize best practice programs
- Save taxpayers' dollars
- Reduce racial disparities & bias
- Stimulate overall juvenile justice reforms

WHEREAS, successful participation in JDAI requires the commitment of a broad range of system and community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, a local governance structure for JDAI will be established, to include an Advisory Board comprising key system and community stakeholders to guide the initiative, and sub-committees to study specific topics and make recommendations on system reform strategies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Racine County Board of Supervisors supports the overall principle of safely reducing reliance on confinement of youth while maintaining or improving public safety.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Racine County Board of Supervisors supports Racine County’s participation in the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative to receive technical assistance from the Annie E. Casey Foundation to implement system reform strategies.

Respectfully submitted,

1st Reading _____

**HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

2nd Reading _____

Pamela Zenner-Richards, Chairman

BOARD ACTION

Adopted _____
For _____
Against _____
Absent _____

Gilbert Bakke, Vice-Chairman

Robert N. Miller, Secretary

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

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The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:

Approved: _____

Vetoed: _____

Date: _____,

James A. Ladwig, County Executive