

## **Alternatives to Detention Planning Committee February 2022 Update**

The working group has shifted fully to focus on the creation of new policies and procedures. Over the last few months, sub groups have been working to develop outlines on a variety of topics, with a full day meeting scheduled in February to walk through these outlines and finalize draft of the policy. These policy areas include:

- A review of the detention screening tool;
- Reworking the process for the completion of the detention screening tool to improve accuracy and data collection;
- Establishing a kinship care policy;
- Establishing a decision tree matrix in the determination of alternatives to detention;
- Establishing guidelines to support identification and placement in cases involving behavioral health issues.

Following the completion of these policies, they will be shared with key stakeholders for feedback and work will begin on the development of an implementation and communications plan. Throughout this process the working group has focused on both the development of immediate policies as well as the identification of gaps in services and policies that may require longer term solutions and will continue to develop plans to highlight and address those needs. Overall, the project remains on track to meet its goals within the timeframe identified in the original project plan.