

## **ND Juvenile Justice Planning Work Group May 2022 Update**

The Services Planning working group is engaging in facilitated discussions on key service topics including coordination and use of risk and needs assessments across service systems, preventive services, addressing gaps in rural and tribal communities, and how to build the capacity of service providers and the necessary workforce for adolescent services. Key takeaways from these discussions will be synthesized and shared with the Commission on Juvenile Justice and Children's Cabinet. In addition, the juvenile court has developed an MOU with DHS to improve coordination around behavioral health assessments and more active efforts are underway to expand evidence-based practices such as Brief Strategic Family Therapy statewide.