

### **Regional Youth Placement Continuum**

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## Agenda



- Background
- Regional Approach
- Regional Framework
- Legislative Policy and Funding Requests
- Dakota County Impact

# Headlines Minnesota struggles to treat young, violent offenders who have nowhere to go **Minnesota spends millions** sending troubled youth out-ofstate for treatment

Minnesota kids forced to cross the country for mental health help

Kids with complex needs have gone to Massachusetts, Texas and other states for care. Country officials say far-flung placements are costly and traumatic.

By Jessie Van Person State Tibuse
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Reducing juvenile crime in Minnesota will take more counselors, treatment options, panel tells lawmakers

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Minnesota kids with mental health needs cycle through juvenile justice system, often without options

Youth ruled incompetent to stand trial cannot legally be housed in juvenile detention centers, but they frequently can't find beds at residential treatment facilities.

**KARE 11 Investigates: Judge puts** Hennepin County on notice for illegally holding kids in jail

Judge Todd Fellman blasts Hennepin County for "insufficient urgency and effort" to solve the lack of mental health treatment for aggressive kids with mental illness.

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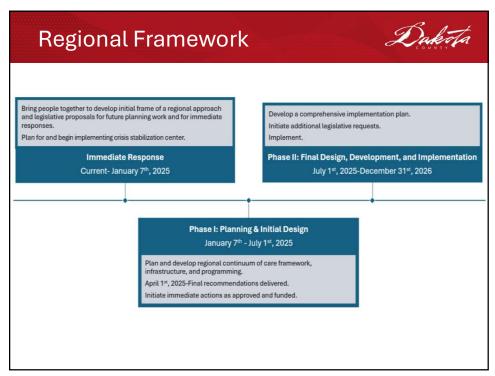
## Background



Involved in multiple systems

Working Group on Youth Interventions (Feb 2024) recommended regional system of care





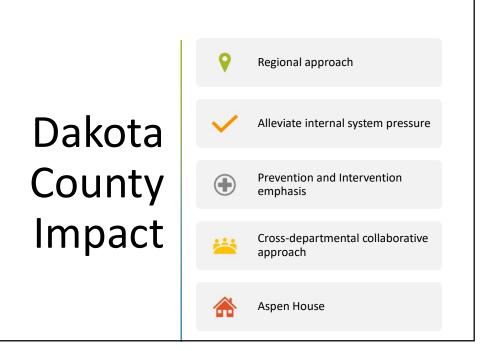
#### Legislative Policy and Funding Asks



- Legislative policy proposals in four areas:
  - o Licensing and certification
  - o Medicaid benefit policy
  - o Reimbursement rate structure
  - o Multi-disciplinary team
- Funding the Regional Continuum of Care

	2025	2026	2027	Total
Staffing stabilization	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000
Programming/services	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000
Facilities/providers	\$2,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$8,000,000
Buildout of regional framework	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$2,000,000
Total				\$20,000,000

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## **Dakota County Impact**



- From 2019 to date in 2024, Community Corrections placed four youth in out-of-state programs, with a total cost of \$132,873.91.
- From 2019 to date in 2024, Social Services placed two youth in out-of-state programs, with a total cost of over \$30,000

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### **Future**



- Youth Services Advisory Workgroup
- Development of regional facilities as well as other placement options

