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Collaborating with Courts to Reduce and Eliminate Disparities

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Collaboration- Getting Started

- Working at working together for 20 years
- Loving Spoon-full Committee to working collaboratively to problem solve
- Created environment for working together on issues large and small
- Relationships



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Collaboration- Getting Specific

- Governor's Executive Order, 2009
- Statewide Equity Task Force
- Three Branches of Government Workgroup
- Safe & Equitable Foster Care Agreement
- Bold Goals
- Benchcard



Action Items

- DHS policy changes
- Data-based decision making
- Community engagement & capacity building
- Workforce Development Plan
- Legislative agenda
- Accountability structures



Action Items, cont.

- Changing the first court experience
- Juvenile Court Conference
- Expanding training
- Collaboration with Tribal Communities
- Statewide efforts



Future Activities

- Start where we have control, but expand to engage other systems
- Examine data from school system
- Expand wrap-around
- Next level of community engagement:
Mobilizing communities



Benefits of Collaboration

- Accountability
- Shared risk, shared rewards
- Change happens faster with collaboration
- System-level examination of barriers



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Questions?

