



# DELINQUENCY MODEL COURT TEAM GUIDE

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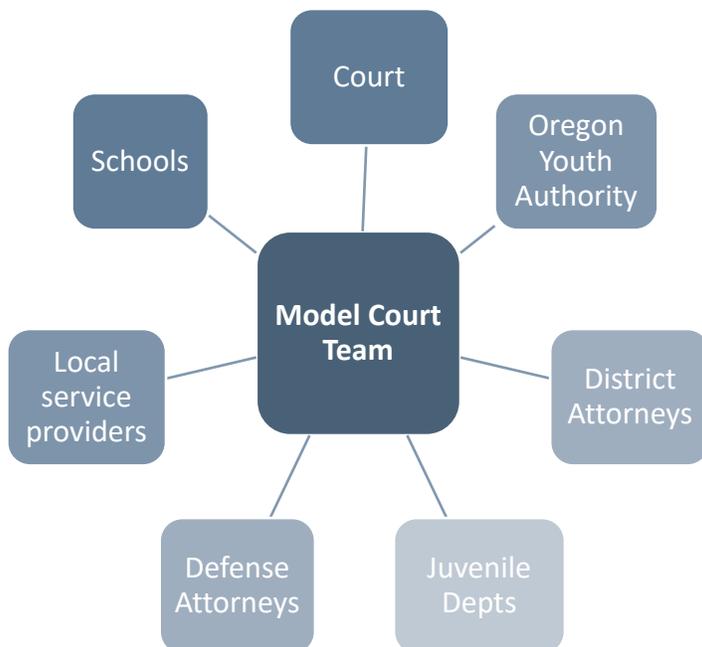
Representatives from local courts and juvenile justice system partners working together to assess local system needs and make improvements.

## PURPOSE

Provide a vehicle for locally directed, state supported efforts to improve the juvenile court's handling of delinquency cases. Efforts should be collaborative, inclusive, multidisciplinary, and consider system partners' roles and responsibilities in improving outcomes for justice-involved youth.

## RECOMMENDED TEAM MEMBERS

Delinquency Model Court Teams (MCTs) should include local system partners needed to effectively identify, prioritize, and implement system improvements. The team's membership may change depending upon the focus of its project(s).



MCTs understand their local issues and strengths and are best positioned to identify priorities and projects that will have an impact. JDIP can provide support and resources to achieve team goals.

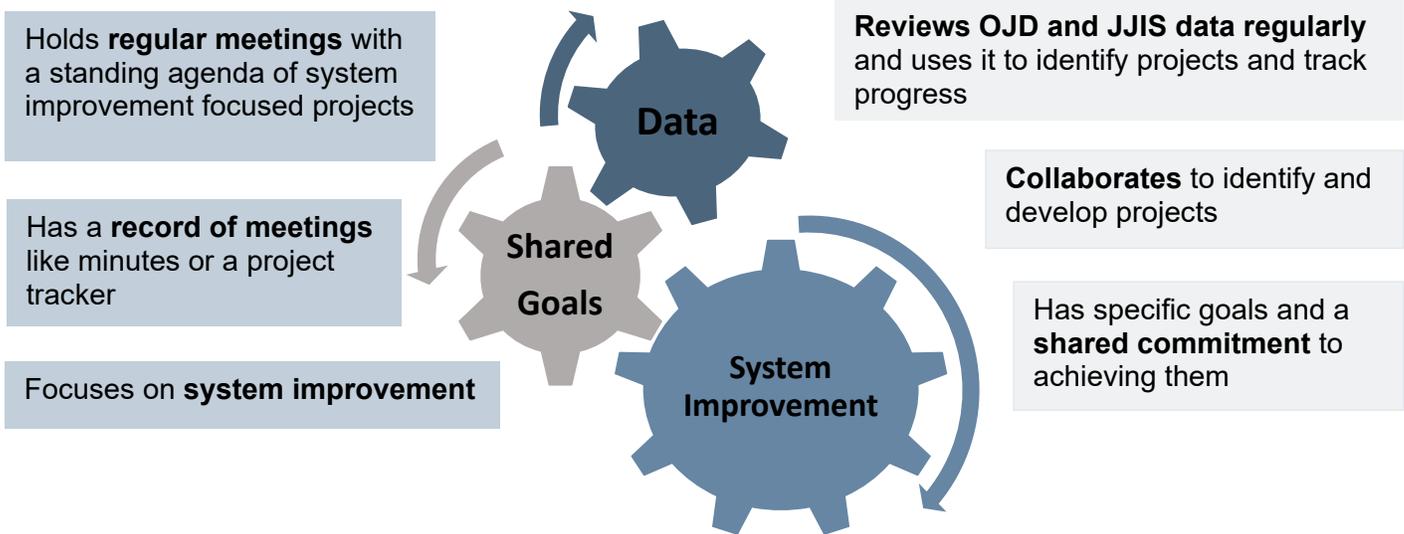
### Important Considerations for Effective Teams

- **Be intentional** about your team members
- **Seek diversity** in experience and thinking
- **Consider size** of team and its impact on functioning
- **Include right people @ right time** for the focus of the meeting
- **Identify team “managers”** to keep team on track, take notes, etc.
- **Be clear and specific** about member expectations
- **Be transparent** about roles and decisions.



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## AN EFFECTIVE MODEL COURT TEAM



### Getting Started

1. Outreach to potential members
2. Form your team (use JDIP's "Launching a Model Court Team")
3. Identify shared values and local needs
4. Choose a focus area and/or project

## JDIP RESOURCES

### MCT SharePoint/Website

JDIP is committed to supporting local efforts to improve delinquency practice. JDIP can help with team formation, identifying goals, and can provide technical and subject matter expertise through training & education on a range of best practices. Resources coming soon!

### MCT Project Guides

JDIP has MCT project guides on specific topics to help teams get started on local system improvement.

### Team Updates

We look forward to hearing from MCTs about your projects and achievements. Please share these with us and we will include on our website so teams can learn from each other.