

**Iowa Girls Justice Initiative**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**March 4, 2016**  
**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**



**Polk County River Place – Room 2**  
**2309 Euclid Ave.**  
**Des Moines, IA**

**Working Group Members**

Ashley Artzer, *Juvenile Court Services*

Terri Bailey, *Achieving Maximum Potential Facilitator*

Linda Bisgaard, *Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa*

Jim Chesnik, *Iowa Department of Human Services, Division of Adult, Children, & Family Services*

Kristin Corey, *Iowa Department of Human Rights*

Steve Crew, *Iowa Department of Education*

LaTasha DeLoach, *Johnson County Social Services*

Kim Denning, *Juvenile Court Services*

Rita Ferneau

Evelyn Garrison, *Achieving Maximum Potential Facilitator*

Jasmine Garrison, *Achieving Maximum Potential Member*

Nicole Hart, *Achieving Maximum Potential Member*

Jeremy Kaiser, *Scott County Juvenile Detention*

Nathan Kirstein, *Disability Rights Iowa*

Steve Michael, *Iowa Department of Human Rights, Div. of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning*

Kristie Oliver, *The Coalition*

Lori Rinehart, *Polk County Juvenile Court*

Tom Southard, *Juvenile Court Services*

Monica Stone, *Iowa Department of Human Rights*

Jennifer Tibbetts, *ITFYW Chair and Catherine McAuley Center*

Julie Walton, *Scott County Attorney's Office*

**Guests**

Danah Zepeda

**Staff**

Gracie Brandsgard, *SPPG*

Arlinda McKeen, *SPPG*

Kathy Nesteby, *Iowa Department of Human Rights, Div. of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning*

## **Welcome and Overview of the Day**

McKeen convened the meeting at 10:13 am. McKeen reviewed the structure of the small group work ahead for the day.

## **Small Group**

Working group members worked in small groups to discuss specific strategies for girls in the deep end of the juvenile court system that focused on systemic and service-related changes.

## **Large Group Debrief**

McKeen facilitated a short discussion with working group members as they debriefed their small group conversations and shared key takeaways.

## **Closing Comments**

McKeen thanked the working group for their thoughtful discussion and thanked the guests for attending. The meeting ended at 1:57 pm. The next meeting will be held at the Iowa Correctional Facility for Women and allow group members to learn from experiences of women incarcerated at the facility.

**Text Iowa Girls Justice Initiative Working Group meeting is April 1, 2016, at the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women in Mitchellville.**