

**421—31.2(216A,232) Purpose and goals.**

**31.2(1)** The purpose of the juvenile justice and youth development program is to assist the state in the establishment and operation of juvenile crime prevention programs; provide for greater accountability in the juvenile justice system; promote positive youth development; and comply with the JJDP core requirements regarding the deinstitutionalization of status offenders, sight and sound separation of adults and juveniles in secure facilities, prohibitions on the use of adult jails to hold juveniles, and the disproportionate confinement of minority youth.

**31.2(2)** The primary goal of the coordinated juvenile justice and prevention program is to promote positive youth development by helping communities provide their children, families, neighborhoods, and institutions with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities necessary to foster healthy and nurturing environments that support the growth and development of productive and responsible citizens. Other specific goals of this program are to reduce youth violence, truancy, involvement in criminal gangs, substance abuse and other delinquent behavior.

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