

# SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PRE-CONFERENCE

Location: Hilton Appleton Paper Valley  
333 W. College Ave  
Appleton, WI 54911

Date: Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Time: 1:00PM- 5:00PM

Facilitators: Matt Allord and Jess Reindl, WI DOJ

## AGENDA

### Start Time – End Time   Agenda Item and Description

**1:00PM – 1:50PM**   **Wisconsin Department of Justice – Juvenile Justice Programs Unit**

**(10 minutes for Q&A)**

#### **Deflection at the Local Level**

Deflection programs give law enforcement and school staff the opportunity to alter the trajectory of youth before an arrest occurs. These programs ease the burden placed on law enforcement and courts, help youth avoid the collateral consequences of a criminal record, connect youth with appropriate community resources via an upstream approach, and more.

WI DOJ staff will share youth arrest data, present information on best practices in deflection, discuss sample programs across Wisconsin, and identify potential grant funding sources.

**1:55 PM – 2:50 PM**   **Wisconsin Department of Children and Families and  
Department of Public Instruction**

**(10 minutes for Q&A)**

#### **Truancy: Wisconsin Statutes and Best Practice Approaches**

Increasing school attendance starts with improvements to policy and practice at the systems level. Collaboration is essential between students, families, school staff, youth justice, child welfare, the courts, district attorneys, and community partners. Effective solutions draw on a continuum of supports that are matched to identified needs and use a trauma sensitive, youth-centered, non-punitive approach.

After this session you will:

- Have an understanding of Wisconsin data and current research on truancy
- Be familiar with important information from Wisconsin Statutes
- Have strategies to support next steps towards a more collaborative approach to truancy reduction

3:05 PM – 4:00 PM  
(10 minutes for Q&A)

**La Crosse County**

**Youth System of Care: Investing in Early Intervention Services**

The La Crosse Youth System of Care was designed to ensure youth remain in school, ready to learn through an integrated system of support designed to keep them out of the criminal justice system, mentally healthy, and safe from abuse and neglect. The overall goal is to provide school and law enforcement with a greater continuum of interventions and engagement responses for chronic absenteeism and delinquent acts in lieu of tickets and arrest.

After this session you will:

- Understand how to create a comprehensive system of care (early intervention program)
- Learn how a successful system of care works
- Gain knowledge on impactful engagement and intervention strategies

4:05 PM – 5:00 PM  
(10 minutes for Q&A)

**WI DOJ - Office of School Safety**

**Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) In Action:  
School Threat Assessment Coalition of Kenosha**

What happens when schools, law enforcement, district attorneys, juvenile court, mental health, and youth justice finally get on the same page? In our community, it led to a proactive, united front against targeted school violence—and it made all the difference when a real threat emerged. In this session, you'll hear the inside story of how we built a coalition from the ground up, created shared language and understanding across disciplines, and used scenario-based planning to clarify roles and close gaps. We'll share key lessons, practical tools, and the moment our work was put to the test. If you're looking to strengthen school safety through real collaboration, this session will show you what's possible.

Please register for this pre-conference using the following link or QR code by 6/1/26.

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