



Quarterly Report to Steering Committee / Co-Chairs
April – June 2006

- A. **Special Needs Sub-Committee.** [April Corie, Facilitator] This Sub-Committee met on April 7, 2006 and June 22, 2006. The group continues to address disproportionate minority contacts, gender relevant programming, truancy, sex offenders, diversion, and special needs youth in the justice system.

A gender specific training, Helping You...Help Girls, was offered to the community on May 4, 2006. Twenty-five community members attended the training by Sandi Metcalf that focused on ways to address issues related to working with girls, while understanding their uniqueness and weaving a web of support.

The workgroup is coordinating with the Monroe Public Schools and the Monroe County Prosecutors Office to address truancy. Currently the group is identifying and evaluating best practice programs that have been successful at reducing/ eliminating truancy in other communities.

The Substance Abuse Coalition met on May 5th and July 12th to address the need for community awareness regarding methamphetamine production and use, as well as other local substance abuse issues. A methamphetamine awareness campaign will be launched midsummer, including plans to reach retailers, farmers, youth, and the community at large. April Corie will be attending a week long training in August regarding the development, implementation, and monitoring of effective substance abuse coalitions.

Representatives from the Youth Center, Juvenile Court, Intermediate School District and Community Mental Health continue to meet on a quarterly basis to enhance coordination of services for special needs youth in the justice system.