

## **Regional Detention Support Services Summary**

The purpose of the Regional Detention Support Services (RDSS) is to provide alternatives to jail for juvenile offenders who have been arrested and who are awaiting a hearing and/or placement. Local court jurisdictions that use RDSS attendants recruit their own holdover and home detention workers, who then work under contract with the court.

There are no education or experience requirements for holdover or home detention workers. The basic requirements are interest and capability to work with troubled youth. Those that would be applying to be an RDSS attendant must be at least 18 years old, and should not plan to use this program for a steady income because these are "quasi-volunteer" programs and may not be used often enough. The times are often sporadic.

There are three major components that Isabella County utilizes. A Non-Secure Holdover site is located at the Isabella County Jail. The room is equipped with a fold-out couch, easy chairs, a TV with VCR for educational videos, and separate from adult sight and sound. Holdover sites are used in counties that do not have a juvenile detention facility. In general, youth who are arrested, and who cannot be returned home, may be held for up to 16 hours at a holdover site pending a placement plan and/or hearing.

A second component is the transportation of juveniles. Isabella County is without a secure juvenile detention facility, and must purchase bed space from one of the 19 secure juvenile detention centers in Michigan. RDSS attendants transport certain juveniles to these facilities.

Thirdly, Isabella County also uses In-Home Detention monitoring. This program offers daily home contact for a specific period of time, to juveniles placed on In-Home Detention. It is also used for juveniles that are placed on an electronic monitor (tether) in their home.

Although the RDSS programs are volunteer, a person is reimbursed for their time and mileage at the rate of \$5.00 per hour and mileage at the State rate, currently \$.34 per mile. Isabella County will pay an additional/supplemental rate of \$2.50 per hour. In-Home Detention is paid at the rate of \$10.00 per day plus mileage.

There is a training package for RDSS "Quasi-volunteers" that is required. The training provided is five days, and ALL meals and lodging are paid by RDSS. The first three days are basically an overview of the program, human development, listening, hearing, and responding workshop, suicide awareness and intervention, family systems and communication. The last two days are -training in juvenile court procedures, substance abuse, transportation and self-defense, and how to use handcuffs, etc., as well as de-escalation.

We request that a volunteer applicant plan for at least a one year commitment. Please complete an Application if interested.