

IMPACT

In-Home Monitoring Placement and Community Tracking

IMPACT is an alternative to secure detention that allows youth to remain at home and in the community with the support of a tracking and monitoring system while being processed through the Juvenile Court system. They are able to return to or start school, maintain and improve relationships, and obtain necessary and needed services.

This program functions as a part of the Juvenile Central Intake (JCI) located at the Polk County Juvenile Detention facility (PCJDC). After the Juvenile Court Officer refers a potential youth to **IMPACT**, intake staff will interview the youth and the parent to determine program eligibility.

There are several reasons a youth would NOT be accepted onto **IMPACT**: behavior in detention is not appropriate, severity of charges, previously adjudicated, no phone in the home, parents unwilling to cooperate or don't want youth home, etc. Once a youth is accepted onto **IMPACT**, a court order will be signed by the Judge and will indicate if there are people or places the youth cannot associate with. The order will also state that the youth must provide, upon request, a urine analysis (UA) for drug testing. Failure to follow the rules and expectations of the **IMPACT** program can result in a return to detention.

A behavioral contract will be completed and signed by the **IMPACT** staff, the youth and the parent/guardian. The youth is required to read the various conditions and initial them. By initialing each condition and signing the contract, the youth indicates that they have read each condition; they understand what they have read and agree to follow the contract. The parent's signature indicates that they are willing to enforce the contract and agree to follow it also. The **IMPACT** staff will provide the court and Juvenile Court Officer with progress reports, incident reports and pertinent information regarding the youth's behavior while on the **IMPACT** program. Once the youth has progressed from level 1, the most restrictive level, to level 4, the least restrictive level, **IMPACT** staff will recommend their release from the program. In order for a youth to be released, a court order *MUST* be signed by the Judge indicating the courts agreement.

Youth are required to call the **IMPACT** tracker when they leave home and when they return, regardless of the level they are on. A minimum of 2 face to face contacts are made by the trackers each day. Advancement to the next level will not occur until the expectations of the current level are met.

LEVEL PRIVILEGES

LEVEL ONE

The youth is on **house arrest** and may only leave for one of the following reasons: school, church, Juvenile Court or legal appointments or in an emergency.

LEVEL TWO

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The youth has permission to leave with their parents, as long as **IMPACT** staff or trackers have approved the request. They are able to have friends at their home as long as parents are present and approve of the friends. The friends need to be gone by curfew time. Curfew for level two is:

Sunday – Thursday 8 a.m. – 7 p. m.

Friday - Saturday 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

LEVEL THREE

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The youth is able to leave and go places **without** a parent/guardian with permission from **IMPACT** and parent/guardian.. They are required to call the **IMPACT** tracker every two hours while they are gone and if they change locations. Curfew for level 3 is:

Sunday – Thursday 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday - Saturday 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.

LEVEL FOUR

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To obtain level 4 status, the youth must submit a written request that explains why they feel they have earned the privilege to be on the highest level of **IMPACT**. Once this level is obtained, the youth may submit a privilege request for the next week. This request will be evaluated on Wednesday of each week. This request can be approved or denied based on the youth's behavior that week.

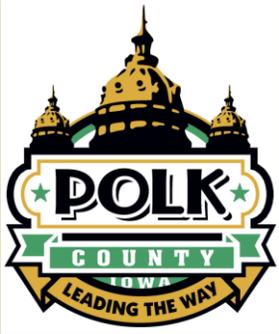
Curfew for level 4 is:

Sunday – Thursday 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday – Saturday 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.

If curfews need to be extended, **IMPACT** staff needs to approve *PRIOR* to the event. **IMPACT** staff reserves the right to deny curfew extensions. **Any youth requesting to leave the confines of POLK County MUST have PRIOR JUVENILE COURT approval.** **IMPACT** staff needs to be advised of the JCS approval before the youth will be allowed to leave the county.

The **IMPACT** program is able to maintain a maximum of 20 youth. The length of time a youth stays on the program varies with each youth. The average length of service is from 45-60 days.



IMPACT Program

Central Intake Center

Polk County Juvenile Detention Center

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Mission Statement

Centralized Intake Center will provide peace officers a single point of entry for at-risk juveniles to assess their legitimate needs and facilitate appropriate action.