**DANE COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION PROGRAMMING**

Each year, youth in Detention benefit from diverse programming facilitated by some local organizations and department staff. In addition to a full school day provided by the Madison Metropolitan School District, youth have participated in programs that teach life skills, coping mechanisms, job skills, physical health improvement and technical skills. The following are the programs that the youth have participated in last year:

**Staff Facilitated Psycho-Educational Groups**

Staff facilitate groups that allow youth to work on decision-making skills, healthy relationships, anger management, honesty, integrity and other character building activities. Youth participate in these groups on a daily basis.

**Yoga**

Volunteers lead this activity once per week.

**Madison Public Library**

Staff and volunteers from the Madison Public Library Bubbler program teach youth the art of personal branding and messaging by the use of technology including computers, IPads, etc. once per week. Youth have made podcasts, animated videos, created music and videos, created art, learned horticulture, painted murals in the facility, learned culinary skills and participated in numerous other creative activities.

**Lyrics and Leaders**

Youth study music lyrics to discover the art of storytelling and poetry.

**Dogs on Call**

Dogs on Call, through their membership in Pet Partners, are a community organization that provide health and therapy through interaction with dogs and occasionally cats. They provide services for residents in assisted living, UW students, hospitals and the Dane County Juvenile Detention Center four times per month. During each visit, youth and staff pet dogs and talk with their owners, which serves as a therapeutic tool for youth. Some youth have never been in contact with animals and therefore this serves as their first experience being around a pet of any kind.

**Community Connections and Church Services**

Every Tuesday evening, an ecumenical group of pastors facilitates a voluntary group session as well as individual meetings with youth. Each Sunday a pastor leads a church service for any youth who would like to attend.

**UW School of Psychology**

Psychology students provide weekly discussions with youth on a variety of topics including decision-making, conflict resolution, problem solving, and relationships.

**Cooking Class**

Every Thursday morning, a Detention staff member leads a cooking class in the Detention kitchen. Youth learn to prepare meals that they would be able to make on their own and all staff and youth are also able to eat what they prepare.

**UW Science Group**

One to two times per month, youth participate in a Science Group in which they learn about gravity, weight, volume, etc. through safe experiments facilitated by Master’s level science students.