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MONTGOMERY – Gov. Kay Ivey has awarded a \$65,475 grant to the Alabama Department of Youth Services in support of a future statewide Juvenile Justice Summit.

The summit will bring together about 300 justice personnel and community providers for an overview of issues facing youth and communities that rely on the juvenile justice system. The summit is aimed at increasing awareness of these issues and developing strategies to address areas of concern. The summit is tentatively scheduled for fall 2025. After the summit, the Department of Youth Services will provide a report to Gov. Kay Ivey and the state Legislature on the current juvenile justice system and recommendations for improvement.

“Our young people are a precious resource, and it is crucial that we guide those who have become involved in the justice system toward healthier and more productive lives,” Gov. Ivey said. “I am pleased to support this summit, which will help shape the future of juvenile justice in Alabama.”

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is administering the grant using funds made available by the U.S. Department of Justice.

“This summit will create an opportunity to identify solutions to some of the unique challenges facing the juvenile justice system,” ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said. “ADECA joins Gov. Ivey in support of this effort to improve the quality of the services these professionals provide.”

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