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**Hennepin County earns national achievement award(s) for the Adult Detention Initiative**

**WASHINGTON – The Adult Detention Initiative** has been recognized with an Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The awards honor innovative, effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents.

NACo recognized the **Adult Detention Initiative (ADI) in the category of Criminal Justice and Public Safety.** NACo will recognize award-winning counties at its 2018 Annual Conference and Exposition July 13-16 in Nashville/Davidson County, Tennessee. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee Director will accept this award at the Annual NACO Conference in July 2018 on behalf of the ADI Leadership Team and Co-Chairs.

NACo President Roy Charles Brooks said, “Counties seize opportunities to deliver services more efficiently and build stronger communities every day. Achievement Award-winning programs are examples for counties that are determined to enhance services for our residents.”

Nationally, awards are given in 18 different categories that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties provide. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice, county administration, information technology, health, civic engagement and many more.

Started in 1970, NACo’s annual Achievement Awards program is designed to recognize county government innovations. Each nominee is judged on its own merits and not against other applications received.

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