



## HELLO JDAI! THE GREAT DIVIDE BEGINS!!

**Local Experience:**  
Stakeholders had different motivations for welcoming & participating in JDAI-  
Partially attributed to:  
✓ Initial Skepticism  
✓ Territorial Feelings/Defensive Reactions  
✓ Local Pride  
✓ Internal Finger Pointing



## *Enter Detention Specialists aka “Bridge Builders”*

- Detention Specialists:
  - ✓ Imperative to the process
  - ✓ Facilitate communication among local players and b/t local site & State\*
    - \*Local vs. State tension inherent in NJ
  - ✓ Function as cohesive agent; encourage collaboration within county, among counties & w/State.

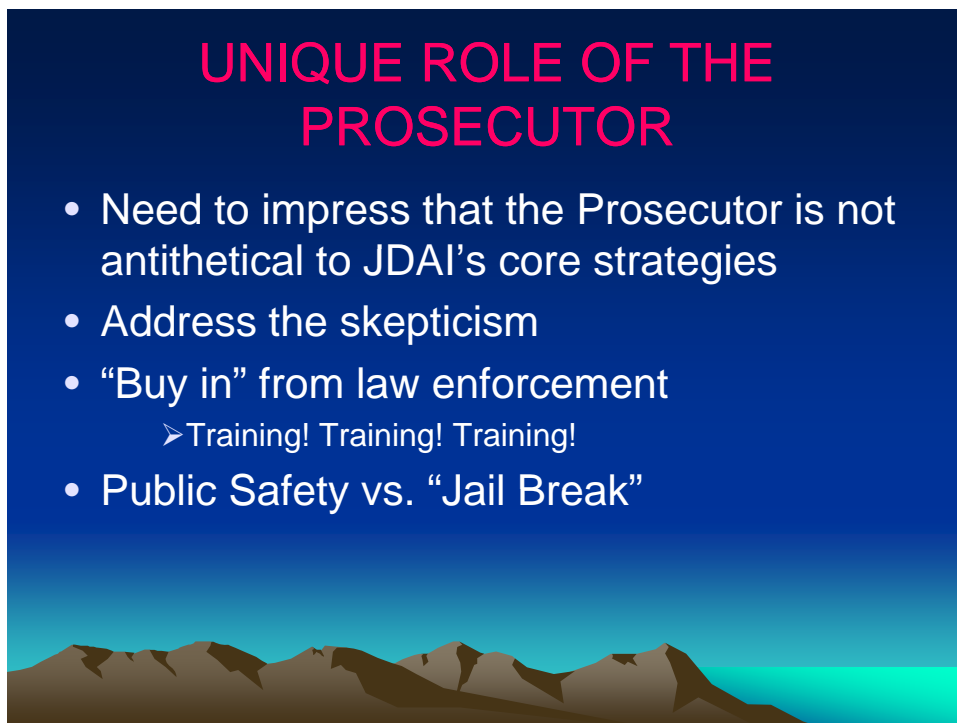




**HOW THE TIDE TURNED**

Cohesion/Collaboration/Changing the Mind Set:

- Awareness that State is there to support you
- State assistance/retain local nuances
- Detention Specialist dedicated to your county
- The “outsiders” ensure that every one’s voice *within* the county is heard
- Data! Data! Data!
- Contact with counterparts in existing JDAI sites/counties
- Unifying theme: What’s best for the juveniles



**UNIQUE ROLE OF THE PROSECUTOR**

- Need to impress that the Prosecutor is not antithetical to JDAI’s core strategies
- Address the skepticism
- “Buy in” from law enforcement
  - Training! Training! Training!
- Public Safety vs. “Jail Break”

## *State Support*



- Local sites are not alone
- State provides the tools to allow the locals to help themselves
- State & locals: Gained mutual respect