

INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT COVER SHEET

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**Interagency Agreement  
Between  
The Department of Juvenile Justice  
Circuit 19  
And  
The State Attorney's Office  
19th Judicial Circuit**

This agreement is entered into as of the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016 between the Department of Juvenile Justice, Circuit 19, hereinafter referred to as the "Department" and the State Attorney's Office, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, hereinafter referred to as the "State Attorney" in response to Chapter 985.145(1)(j), which states "The State Attorney and the Department of Juvenile Justice, on a district-by-district basis, may enter into interagency agreements denoting the cases that will require a recommendation and those for which a recommendation is unnecessary."

Therefore it has been determined that the Department shall submit a recommendation to the State Attorney in the following instances:

**Juvenile cases recommending referral to drug court or other diversion**

**Juvenile cases for youth that may be incompetent to proceed, developmentally delayed and juveniles in the custody of the Department of Children and Families**

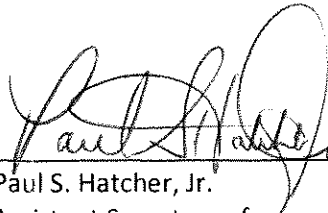
**Juveniles who qualify for diversion based upon prior history and offense, and have disqualifying factors such as truancy, ungovernable or runaway issues**

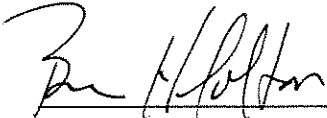
**Juvenile cases that the Department requests Direct Filing to the Adult Court**

The Department of Juvenile Justice, Circuit 19, agrees that recommendations in the above referenced situations will be provided to the state no later than twenty (20) days from the date of the juveniles arrest or of the St. Lucie County clerk's receipt of the juvenile complaint affidavit. In the above referenced situations, the report will be submitted within 24 hours after the child is placed in detention.

The Department of Juvenile Justice, Circuit 19, shall continue to screen, assess and comply with other Intake requirements and will provide the State Attorney with copies of Pre-Disposition Reports and other information as required by policy and statute.

This AGREEMENT shall remain in effect for five (5) years from the date of last execution, unless modified sooner. Modification of this agreement shall be made only by the consent of both parties. Any party may withdraw as a party to this agreement upon giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.

  
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19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit