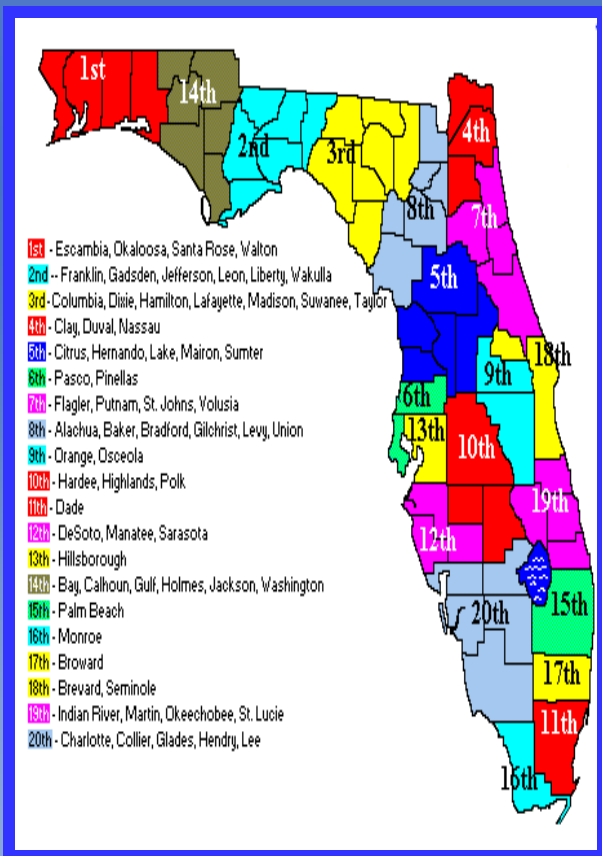


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OUR VISION

The children and families of Florida will live in safe, nurturing communities that provide for their needs, recognize their strengths and support their successes.

OUR MISSION

To increase public safety by reducing juvenile delinquency through effective prevention, intervention and treatment services that strengthen families and turn around the lives of troubled youth.

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PREVENTION SERVICES

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE



“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.”

-Phil Jackson

PREVENTION SERVICES

Prevention is the first element of the Department of Juvenile Justice continuum of services. We seek to provide services for youth who are having behavior or family issues and may be at risk of being arrested or re-arrested.

PRIORITIES

- Support innovative processes that can reach children before they get involved with the juvenile justice system.
- Address overrepresentation of minority youth in the juvenile justice system.
- Fund effective programs that work.

WHY PREVENTION?

- Early intervention decreases chance of arrest.
- Early intervention positively impacts children and families.
- Early intervention saves taxpayer money.



WARNING SIGNS

The warning signs are there long before the arrest:

- ✓ Anger management
- ✓ Difficulty with authority figures
- ✓ Family issues
- ✓ Drug experimentation
- ✓ Negative peer association
- ✓ Substance abuse
- ✓ Poor academic performance
- ✓ School attendance/truancy
- ✓ Disciplinary problems
- ✓ Running away
- ✓ Mental health issues
- ✓ Environmental stresses

PREVENTION PARTNERS

- Faith Community Network
- Schools & School Boards Statewide
- Law Enforcement Agencies
- Circuit Advisory Boards
- State Advisory Group
- Governmental Agencies
- Youth and Families
- Local and statewide providers
- Local and statewide organizations

PREVENTION SERVICES STATEWIDE & COMMUNITY BASED

Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Florida

- Mentoring services for youth
- Ages 5-17

Children In Need of Services/Families In Need of Services (CINS/FINS)

- Residential and non-residential services for run-away and troubled youth and families.
- Ages 10-17
www.floridanetwork.org

Community based Prevention Programs

- Mentoring, after-school, summer programs, life-skills and other services
- Ages 5-17
<http://www.djj.state.fl.us/services/prevention/youthprograms>

Florida Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs Inc.

- Gang and delinquency prevention, drug and alcohol use/abuse and conflict resolution.
- Ages 6-18

North Carolina Outward Bound School

- Outdoor education experiences
- Ages 12-24.
www.ncobs.org

Practical Academic Cultural Education Center for Girls, Inc. (PACE)

- Education and career readiness
- Ages 12-17
www.pacecenter.org

Prodigy Cultural Arts Program

- Prevention services through the arts
- Ages 7-17
www.transformingyounglives.org