



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

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Youth Success Day

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

DJJ Youth Success Day celebrates the accomplishments of juvenile justice-involved youth as they turn their lives around. It is important to encourage and support the success of our children as they work hard to achieve positive outcomes.

The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice is *putting Florida families first* by implementing the Roadmap to System Excellence. The Roadmap codifies DJJ's commitment to providing the right service in the right place at the right time.

To reinforce that commitment, The Governor's Florida Families First Budget, supported by preliminary budgets released by both the House and Senate, redirects savings from under-utilized residential beds into front-end services such as:

Expansion of CINS/FINS services to prevent and divert more youth from entering the juvenile justice system; and

Expansion of educational services for at-risk girls in Miami-Dade (PACE).

2013 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Grand Jury Recommendation (Sen. Evers CS/SB678/ Rep. Harrell CS/HB353) *On House Floor-Thank You for your support*

The proposal will create protections for juveniles and young adults under DJJ custody or supervision by closing loopholes in the law and creating criminal penalties for malicious battery, inhuman treatment or neglect at the hands of staff in DJJ operated or contracted programs regardless of the juvenile offenders age.

Juvenile Justice Boards and Councils (Sen. Evers CS/SB676/ Rep. Pilon CS/CS/HB617) *On House Floor-Thank You for your support*

DJJ proposes streamlining this system into 20 Circuit Advisory Boards representing each judicial circuit and county in the state. Currently, not all existing boards and councils are able to comply with the statutory requirements of membership; therefore, key community members have not been afforded the opportunity for a voice in juvenile justice related issues.

Repeal Youth Custody Officer and Jail Tours (Sen. Evers CS/SB672/ Rep. Harrell CS/HB4019) *Passed House-Thank You for your support*

F.S.985.105 is an obsolete statute as Youth Custody Officers (YCO) were eliminated from the budget effective July 1, 2010.

F.S. 945.75 allows the state and each county to develop a program by which a judge may order a juvenile to tour a state correctional facility or county jail. Punitive jail tours violate the Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, which can result in DJJ losing two-thirds of its federal funding. The funding at stake is used to fund community-based prevention programs, which are typically a high return on investment.

DJJ CONTINUUM OF SERVICES AT A GLANCE

Prevention 100 % Private Providers, Community-based

Prevention and early intervention of delinquency is the first step toward a safer community. DJJ provides a number of prevention services designed to be community-based and keep at-risk youth out of the juvenile justice system:

- CINS/FINS (Children/Families in Need of Services)
- PACE Center for Girls
- Juvenile Boards and Councils
- Delinquency Prevention Grants
- Faith and Community Network Programs

Probation and Community Corrections State Operated and Private

Every youth under the age of 18 charged with a crime in Florida is referred to the department. Probation is responsible for conducting assessments and screenings, preparing pre-disposition reports for the court, making referrals to diversion services, and providing follow-up services, supervision of youth and case plan for services.

Probation program types include:

- Juvenile Assessment Centers (JAC)
- Day Treatment (AMI Kids)
- Aftercare
- Conditional Release
- Evidence-Based Programming
- Intensive Delinquency Diversion Services (IDDS)
- Re-direction

Detention State Operated and Private (Marion, Seminole and Polk Counties for Pre-dispositional Youth Only)

Detention services provide short-term, physically secure facilities for youth who have been assessed as risks to public safety and must remain in a physically secure detention center while awaiting court. While in secure detention, youth receive:

- Medical Screening
- Mental Health Services
- Crisis Intervention and Stabilization
- Substance Abuse
- Educational Assessment and Services

Residential State and Private Operated

Residential Services provides a continuum of care for youth committed to the care and custody of the department. Once the youth is committed, the department provides programming and security to address the supervision, custody, care, and treatment needs of the youth. Specialized treatment services are based upon the individual need of the youth and include:

- Intensive Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- Sex Offender
- Gender-Specific Programming
- Vocational Training
- Educational Services