



# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Rick Scott, Governor

Wansley Walters, Secretary

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May 4, 2012

Dear County Representative:

With the onset of a new fiscal year just around the corner, the Department has reviewed its 2012-13 budget figures and calculated the amounts due from each county for their estimated share of the pre-dispositional detention costs for the 2012-13 fiscal year. A summary of the logic used to develop these amounts is outlined below.

## **Budget**

Enclosed you will find a breakdown of DJJ's 2012-13 detention budget, including the Shared County/State Juvenile Detention Trust Fund. The total shared trust fund budget amount is \$74,009,403. At this time DJJ does not anticipate any other increases to the 2012-13 budget. Counties should therefore be able to adequately appropriate the necessary funds to cover their obligations. Please note that with the passing last year of Senate Bill 2112, a county that opts to provide pre-dispositional detention services to youth is exempt from statutory requirements to contribute funding to the State for the operation of DJJ detention centers. To date, Marion, Polk and Seminole Counties are operating their own detention centers. Accordingly those counties are not included in the calculation for the allocation of the 2012-13 budget. In addition, Hardee and Highlands Counties also send their youth to a county-operated facility for pre-disposition days. As a result funding for those two fiscally constrained counties was not appropriated to DJJ and they are also excluded from calculations for FY 2012-13.

## **Utilization**

A copy of the 2012-13 Secure Detention Cost Sharing Estimate spreadsheet is attached. In an effort to assess counties an amount based on their most recent utilization, the Department is using information from the automated reconciliation system to generate amounts by county. The data utilized is for the months of July 2011 through March 2012. That information has been reviewed by the counties and the Department during the monthly reconciliation process. In previous years the Department would use the most recently reconciled annual information (in this case fiscal year 10-11) to calculate estimated costs. Using more recent information reflects more current utilization trends by county.

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## Calculation

The combined total number of pre-dispositional utilization days for all counties is compared to each individual county's pre-dispositional days to derive a percentage. A county's percentage is then multiplied by the total Shared County/State Juvenile Detention Trust Fund budget (\$74,009,403) to determine that county's share of the overall budget.

The individual county's share of the budget is then divided by twelve to come up with the monthly billable amount for that county. The enclosed 2012-13 Secure Detention Cost Sharing Estimate spreadsheet takes the counties' yearly estimated costs and calculates a monthly invoice amount.

Your July 2012 invoice sent out at the end of May will reflect the new monthly amount for your county indicated on the enclosed spreadsheet. Any outstanding debits or credits will be reflected in your account balance. Invoice amounts are due and payable on the first of each month for that month's service. If you are interested in setting up payment through electronic transfer, please contact Libby Grimes at 850-921-2045 or by email at [libby.grimes@djj.state.fl.us](mailto:libby.grimes@djj.state.fl.us) and we can provide you with the necessary documentation.

If you have any questions regarding your 2012-13 billing estimates please contact me at 850-414-8818 or by e-mail at [beth.davis@djj.state.fl.us](mailto:beth.davis@djj.state.fl.us).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures