



STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 27, 2009

TO: Chief Probation Officers
Regional Directors, Residential and Probation

FROM: Rex Uberman, Assistant Secretary Probation & Community Intervention
Darryl Olson, Assistant secretary Residential facilities

SUBJECT: Policy Clarification for Comprehensive Evaluations

Based upon required budget reductions the Probation and the Residential Branch have agreed upon the following changes to current policy regarding the provision of comprehensive evaluations.

- 1 A referral for a comprehensive evaluation will be made for any youth identified as needing commitment during the pre-staffing between the JPO and the JPO Supervisor. If the recommendation coming from the pre-staffing is for Probation, a comprehensive evaluation will not be requested prior to the commitment conference, even if the court requests/orders the commitment conference.
- 2 A referral for a comprehensive evaluation will be made for any youth recommended for commitment based on the recommendation from the commitment conference. Although the comprehensive evaluation may not be available for the disposition hearing, the information should be available for the placement decision.
- 3 A referral for a comprehensive evaluation will be made for all other youth actually committed at the time of disposition. We recognize that this delay in requesting the comprehensive evaluation may result in some delay in the placement decision and we will need to monitor the impact of this change. We see a certain number of these now, when youth are committed directly from court, without a staffing or PDR.

This change is effective immediately.

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