



2010-2011 Briefing

SUPPORT A BALANCED JUVENILE JUSTICE CONTINUUM

Juvenile Assessment Centers

Maintain Current Funding Levels

- Early identification of youth in trouble, cost efficient for law enforcement, provides diversion and treatment alternatives.
- Provides cost savings/avoidance to multiple state systems, including DJJ, DCF and Judiciary.
- Without JAC centers, law enforcement spends 5.7 hours to process youth; w/JAC centers, processing time is 23 minutes.

Cost effective – LAW ENFORCEMENT STATEWIDE COST SAVINGS – \$16 MILLION SAVED (2009 ESTIMATE)

Civil Citation Services

Maintain Current Funding Levels

- Provide youth with swift consequences, community service, restorative justice and other interventions within two months of a youth offense, allowing law enforcement to remain on the streets for more serious and/or violent crimes.
- Civil Citation reduces the disproportionate number of minorities and females involved with the juvenile justice system

Cost effective– \$386.00 COST OF CIVIL CITATION VS. \$5,000 COST OF ARREST – (STATEWIDE AVERAGES)

CINS/FINS Services

Maintain Current Funding Levels

- 94% of youth exiting non-residential services were successfully diverted.
- 85% of youth exiting shelters were successfully diverted and 89% of youth remained with their families.

Cost effective and research-based – \$1500 PER YOUTH - OVERALL SUCCESS RATE OF 90% (AVERAGE 4.5 MONTHS COUNSELING/11.8 DAYS IN SHELTER)

PACE/Gender Responsive Prevention & Intervention Services

Maintain Current Funding Levels

- 40% of girls had charges prior to coming to PACE.
- 95% of girls have no involvement with crime 1 year after leaving PACE.
- 95% of girls improve academically with 79% advancing a full grade. 5-year DJJ study– 12% recidivism for this service.

Cost effective and research-based – \$50.30/DAY PER GIRL FOR COMPREHENSIVE SOCIAL SERVICES, VOCATIONAL EXPLORATION AND 3 YEARS OF FOLLOW UP WITH A HIGH RETURN ON INVESTMENT (1/3 COST OF COMMITMENT)

IDDS/Intensive Delinquency Diversion Services

Maintain Current Funding Levels

- Target first/second time offenders at high risk of reoffending, 53% are 14 and under.
- High statewide completion rate (90%) and high statewide success rate (85%).
- Diverts 3,000-4,000 youth annually resulting in substantial savings to the juvenile and criminal justice systems.
- Provides individualized services based on assessed needs (more intensive than probation & evidence based practices)

Cost effective - \$13.39/DAY (YOUTH & FAMILY) WITH A HIGH RETURN ON INVESTMENT (1/10 COST OF COMMITMENT)

Prodigy Cultural Arts Program

Maintain Current Funding Levels

- Enhanced diversion program targeting first and second time offenders through performing or visual arts (average age 15)
- High success rate of 88% and low recidivism rate of 10%

Cost effective and research-based- AVERAGE COST \$733 per youth 1500 youth served in 33 sites (FY 09-10)

Mental Health Services/Behavior Management

Maintain Current Funding Levels

- Referred by DJJ, behavior management programs provide individual, family, group counseling to youth/families for a minimum of three to six months.
- Offered to youth and parents/guardians to address family issues, education, employment, substance abuse, others.

Cost effective – AVERAGE COST: \$2287 – \$2536 PER YOUTH/FAMILY – STATEWIDE 2009 SUCCESS RATES 74%-84%.



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Florida's Redirection Program

Maintain Current Funding Levels

- Redirects troubled youth from residential placements into family-focused, evidence-based treatment options.
- For a matched sample from Residential to Redirection: Recidivism – (*Felony*) - 21% Residential vs. 16% Redirection, (*Felony re-arrest*) 33% Residential- vs. 29% Redirection (*commitment, adult probation or adult prison*) – Residential 29% vs. 23% Redirection, overall completion success rate 72% FY 2009-2010.

Cost effective and research-based – \$51.2 MILLION IN COST SAVINGS FOR REDIRECTION INSTEAD OF RESIDENTIAL COMMITMENT SINCE ITS INCEPTION 10/2004 THROUGH 12/31/2009.

Specialized Residential Programming

Maintain Current Funding Levels

- 95% of residential beds are specialized for youth needing substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, sex offender treatment and gender responsive services.
- Current bed utilization rate is 98%.
- Specialized residential treatment ensures public safety.
- Recent findings indicate that youth not receiving Behavioral Health Overlay Services (BHOS) in DJJ programs were 62 times more likely to be placed in Statewide Inpatient Psychiatric Program (SIPP) programs.
- Outcomes for youth who received BHOS were considerably better for those not receiving BHOS services while in DJJ.

Cost effective and research-based – SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT WILL SLOWDOWN THE DJJ TO DOC PIPELINE. PRELIMINARY DATA FROM DOC AND DJJ INDICATES THAT MANY ADULT INMATES HAVE JUVENILE RECORDS.

Post Commitment - Conditional Release/Community-Based Intervention Services (CBIS)

Maintain Current Funding Levels

- 6,200 youth are served annually by contract providers, assisting with transitioning youth back into their homes, schools and communities.
- Providers serve a higher number of cases and a higher proportion of minority youth than state-operated programs (6,238 vs. 2814 and 60% vs. 55%).
- Community-Based Intervention Services handle the most difficult public safety cases according to PACT assessments.
- Without Conditional Release (CR) or CBIS, these youth would be in extended stays in more costly residential programs.

Cost effective and research-based – COST \$14-\$25 PER DAY AVERAGE, 66% OF MOST DIFFICULT CASES COMPLETE THE PROGRAM AND STAY CRIME FREE (AVERAGE 6 MONTHS IN THE COMMUNITY)

Vocational Education/Industry Certification Programs

Maintain Current Funding Levels

- Home Builders Institute provides industry recognized construction related certificates, job placement transition and follow-up.
- Last year, HBI Project CRAFT awarded juvenile justice youth 180 Pre-apprenticeship certificates in 8 FI programs, 18 HS diplomas, 37 GED's.
- 77% of students placed in jobs, school, or military with average wage of \$8.35 hour.
- Completed 26,284 community service hours - \$ 403,596 total savings.

Cost effective and research-based – COST IS \$57.58 PER DAY/\$7,197.50 PER STUDENT FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING, JOB PLACEMENT AND 6 MONTHS OF FOLLOW-UP, AN INVESTMENT OF \$19.72 PER DAY PER STUDENT WITH FOLLOW-UP.

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