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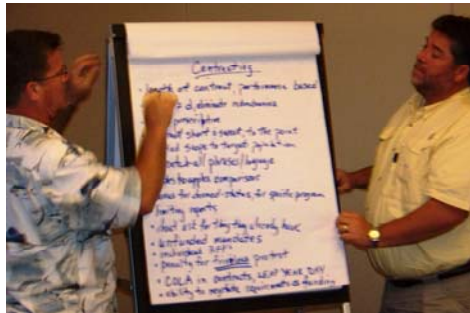
FLORIDA JUVENILE JUSTICE ASSOCIATION



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ABOUT FJJA

Founded in 1994, The Florida Juvenile Justice Association is a statewide organization that strongly supports a common sense approach to juvenile justice that treats young people fairly, holds them accountable for their actions and keeps our neighborhoods, schools and communities safe.



The Association brings together juvenile justice system professionals and agencies and private and non-profit corporations committed to improving Florida's juvenile justice system for children and families.

We work with and care about at-risk youth in Florida, and we are committed to improving citizens' confidence in and reliance on the effectiveness and integrity of Florida's system of justice for its young people.

FJJA is dedicated to improving the juvenile justice system of care by effectively representing our diverse member agencies who serve youth across the juvenile justice continuum.

OUR MISSION

The Florida Juvenile Justice Association promotes the availability and accessibility of comprehensive, high quality services to pre-delinquent and delinquent youth and their families.



OUR PURPOSE

The Florida Juvenile Justice Association strives to:

- Promote public awareness and education of juvenile justice issues
- Contribute to the development of public policy regarding juvenile justice issues
- Support evaluation and research of juvenile justice issues.
- Provide training, technical assistance and consultation to Association members and related parties.

OUR CODE OF ETHICS AND STANDARD OF CARE

- We will provide a safe and secure environment for the protection of the public, staff and youth.
- We believe in the uniqueness, dignity and inherent worth of every individual. Further, we are committed to assisting each youth in our care in achieving their individual dignity.
- We will enhance the opportunity for youth to use their potential to succeed in an environment conducive to promoting socially acceptable behavior.
- We are committed to truthfulness and integrity in all our actions.
- We will promote and enforce ethical conduct.
- We shall conduct ourselves in a manner that prevents all forms or appearances of impropriety, placement of self-interest above public interest, prejudice, partiality, threats, favoritism, or undue influence.
- We will hold the confidentiality and privacy of the youth and families we serve.
- We are committed to a culture of learning, personal and professional development and continuous improvement of services to the youth and public.
- We will promote partnership and cooperation in order to achieve our common goals.

OUR MEMBERS

Members of the Florida Juvenile Justice Association serve youth in the juvenile justice system through a continuum of care, with services ranging from early intervention, prevention, day treatment, gender specific services, detention screening, specialized residential, transitional aftercare, conditional release, mental health services, substance abuse services, vocational education, and career preparation.

Agency for Community Treatment Services (ACTS)
Serving youth since 1978
www.actssl.org

Bay Area Youth Services
Serving youth since 1982
www.baysflorida.org

Bridgeway Center, Inc.
Serving youth since 1972
www.bridgewaycenter.org

Broward County Sheriff's Office
Serving youth since 1915
www.sheriff.org

Capital City Youth Services
Serving youth since 1975
www.ccys.org

Center for Drug-Free Living
Serving youth since 1971
www.cfdfl.com

Crosswinds Youth Services, Inc.
Serving youth since 1974
www.crosswindsyouthservices.org

Daniel Memorial, Inc.
Serving youth since 1884
www.danielkids.org

DISC Village, Inc.
Serving youth since 1971
www.discvillage.com

According to the Annie E. Casey Foundation, people working with the at-risk youth population earn an average of \$30,000 per year. Studies indicate these workers, we think of them as champions, remain dedicated to this field because they want to help children get back on track and become successful.

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OUR MEMBERS CONTINUED

Eckerd Youth Alternatives
Serving youth since 1968
www.eckerd.org

Evidence-Based Associates
Serving youth since 2004
www.evidencebasedassociates.com

Gateway Community Services, Inc
Serving youth since 1978
www.gatewaycommunity.com

G4S Youth Services, LLC
Serving youth since 1997
www.g4s.com

Gulf Coast Youth Services
Serving youth since 1993
www.gulfcoastyouthservices.com

Home Builders Institute
Serving youth since 1947
www.hbi.org

Human Services Associates
Serving youth since 1993
www.hsainc.org

Kids N Care, A Jacksonville System Of Care Initiative
www.partnershipforchildhealth.org

Miami Bridge Youth & Family Services, Inc
Serving youth for more than 20 years
www.miamibrige.org

Miami-Dade Juvenile Services
Serving youth since 1997
www.miamidade.gov

Operation PAR, Inc.
Serving youth since 1970
www.operationpar.org

Outward Bound
Serving youth since 1941
www.outwardbound.org

PACE Center for Girls, Inc.
Serving youth since 1983
www.pacecenter.org

Prodigy Cultural Arts Program, A University Area Community Development Corporation
Serving youth since 2001
www.prodigyarts.org

PsyCare Juvenile Justice Services
Serving youth since 1994

Psychotherapeutic Juvenile Services
Serving youth since 1989
www.psychotherapeuticservices.com

Savannah Family Institute
www.gopll.com

Sequel Youth And Family Services
Serving youth since 1985
www.sequeltsi.com

The Children's Trust
Funding youth services 1988
www.thechildrenstrust.org

The Henry and Rilla White Youth Foundation, Inc.
Serving youth since 1988
www.hrwwhite.org

The Justice Research Center
www.thejrc.com

Twin Oaks Juvenile Development Center
Serving youth since 1998
www.tojd.org

WaveCREST, Children's Home Society
www.chsfl.org

Youth Crisis Center
Serving youth since 1974
www.youthcrisiscenter.org

Youth Services International, Inc.
Serving youth since 1991
www.ysii.com

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OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Balanced Continuum of Services

We believe that public safety is best served by promoting the development of a balanced continuum of juvenile justice services that include prevention, intervention, probation, commitment and aftercare.

Ethical and Professional Standards

We believe that all youth deserve services that are delivered in a manner that meets the highest professional and ethical standards.

The Right Services the First Time

We believe that all placement decisions should be individualized and based on the results of a comprehensive evaluation utilizing defined assessment protocols.

Policies and Services Research Based

We advocate for sound legislation and Department policies/procedures that are based on research and that contribute to and supports effective juvenile justice services.

Kids are Different than Adults

We recognize that the needs of children and adolescents are different than adults and we advocate for a responsive justice system that translate into effective policies, programs, and services.

Blend Public Safety and Treatment

We believe that programming is most effective when there is a balance between treatment and public safety considerations and we advocate for the least restrictive care to change lives and protect the public.

Access to Specialty Services

We believe that all youth in need of specialty services such as mental health and substance abuse must receive these services as part of the juvenile justice intervention.

Academic and Vocational Education are the Keys to Success

We understand that education is a key ingredient of a youth's success and advocate for dynamic and individualized educational and vocational services geared to the learning level of the youth served.

Adequate Funding for Quality Services

We understand that effective programming and successful public safety initiatives and the development of a professional workforce can only be achieved with adequate funding.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE: 1996-2011

System Improvements – 2006-2011

FJJA continues to identify cost saving solutions and systemic improvements to further strengthen the juvenile justice system. FJJA works in partnership with FLDJJ, the Florida Legislature, community stakeholders, partners and all providers.

Blueprint Commission –2006-2008

FJJA was one of three statewide organizations who advocated for a “Blueprint Commission” to review Florida’s juvenile justice system. Once the commission was convened, FJJA made recommendations for improvement and worked with FLDJJ and other stakeholders to staff the commission activities.

Rate Study – 2006-2007

FJJA partnered with the FLDJJ in two comprehensive rate studies to define the true costs of intensive delinquency diversion services, conditional release, day treatment, and residential services.

Rate Enhancement Campaign – 2005-2006

FJJA developed and implemented a planned strategy to secure from the legislature the resources necessary to effectively serve youth in provider care and to build and retain a competent workforce. FJJA was successful in securing resources, \$5.5 million in 2005 and \$21 million in 2006, to enhance funding across the juvenile justice continuum.

Certification for Provider Staff – 2006

FJJA was selected by the Governor to co-chair a legislative task force designed to determine the feasibility of developing a certification system for provider staff. The taskforce defined the classes to be included in a certification system and the mechanics of how such a system could be implemented based on funding.

Sexual Offender Review – 2006

FJJA advocated for the Florida Legislature to review how

juveniles who commit sexual offenses were handled in the juvenile justice system. FJJA chaired the task force that made recommendations to the legislature on how to classify, assess and serve juveniles who commit a sexual offense.

Protective Action Response (PAR) – 2004

FJJA pursued changes in PAR to reduce injury to youth and staff. Results include elimination of backward and forward roll; elimination of hammer, wrist/shoulder lock; PAR testing on-site; expanded test time and more opportunities to take the test; course broken down into sections by need to know; and a menu of techniques allowing provider choice.

Hurricane Relief – 2004 & 2005

FJJA assisted providers and the FLDJJ in their efforts to seek financial relief from the costs incurred by the four storms. FJJA coordinated application efforts with FEMA and documented the fiscal impact of the four storms on the provider community.

Rate Adjustments – 2002-2004

FJJA was successful in advocating for modest rate adjustments to address the ever-rising costs of service delivery. Adjustments included \$5.7 million for residential services (\$1.2 million in 2002, \$900,000 in 2003, \$3.6 million in 2004) and \$400,000 for IDDS in 2004.

Juvenile Justice Education – 1999, 2000, 2004, 2006

FJJA played a leadership role in making the legislature aware of inequities in education for juvenile justice students. Three pieces of legislation were promoted and passed in 1999, 2000, and 2004 that resulted in more funding in the classroom, qualified teachers, district accountability, GED exit option, comprehensive assessment protocols, and the legislative defining of the basic parameters of juvenile justice education.

Preserved the Continuum – 2001-2003

FJJA aggressively fought to prevent cuts to front-end

services (CINS/FINS, PACE, Day Treatment) during the 2001, 2002 and 2003 legislative sessions. As a result of FJJA efforts, all three services were preserved as part of the juvenile justice continuum.

Defining Specialty Care – 2002

FJJA worked with the FLDJJ to define levels of specialty care and ensuring effective programming. As a result, youth are provided in-depth mental health, substance abuse and sex offender services as their clinical diagnoses dictate.

Quality Assurance Challenge Process – 2002

FJJA initiated discussion with the FLDJJ on the need for a Quality Assurance challenge process. Such a process was implemented in 2002.

Rate Study – 2001

FJJA partnered with the FLDJJ on a comprehensive rate study defining the true cost of residential services was conducted. This study established a model rate for service delivery across all levels of residential care and all specialty services.

Behavioral Health Overlay Services - (BHOS) 1997

FJJA was one of the primary authors of this unique financing program for substance abuse and mental health overlay services in FLDJJ juvenile justice residential programs. Presently, 1,800 BHOS overlay slots are available serving 4,200 youth annually.

Specialty Services – 1996

FJJA advocated and lobbied for specialized funding to offer mental health, sex offender and substance abuse services to youth in state custody. Although no such beds were requested by the agency, the Association was able to secure funding for 233 specialty beds in 1997. Today, the majority of residential beds are specialized.