



Support a Balanced Juvenile Justice Continuum

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Prevention Services

- During FY 2010-11, DJJ funded community prevention programs served 24, 015 at risk youth needing services.
- Of those youth, 17,651 completed programs, including PACE, CINS/FINS, Outward Bound, and Prodigy programs.

Juvenile Assessment Centers

- 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

- 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

- 94% of youth exiting non-residential services were successfully diverted.
- 90% of youth exiting shelters were successfully diverted and 89% of youth remained with their families.

Cost effective and research-based – \$2043 PER YOUTH - OVERALL SUCCESS RATE OF 90% (AVERAGE 3.6 MONTHS COUNSELING/12.5 DAYS IN SHELTER)

PACE/Gender Responsive Prevention & Intervention Services

- 41% of girls had charges prior to coming to PACE.
- 95% of girls have no involvement with crime 1 year after leaving PACE- a statewide one-year 5% recidivism rate.
- 96% of girls improve academically with 85% advancing a full grade.

Cost effective and research-based – \$50.30/DAY PER GIRL FOR COMPREHENSIVE SOCIAL SERVICES AND ACADEMIC SERVICES WITH A HIGH RETURN ON INVESTMENT. PACE AVERTS THE AVERAGE \$180/DAY COST OF COMMITMENT, SAVING FLORIDA OVER \$67 MILLION A YEAR.

IDDS/Intensive Delinquency Diversion Services

- 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

- Early prevention, intervention and diversion program designed to improve the life chances of at-risk youth ages 7-17 in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Polk, Manatee, Sarasota and Orange counties.
- High success rate - 89% of youth did not commit a crime in 12 months.

Cost effective and research-based- AVERAGE COST \$1,628 per youth 3,746 youth served in 33 sites (FY 2010-11)

Florida's Redirection Program

- Redirects troubled youth from residential placements into family-focused, evidence-based treatment options.
- For a matched sample from Residential to Redirection: Recidivism – (Felony) - 26% Residential vs. 18% Redirection, (Felony re-arrest) 35% Residential- vs. 28% Redirection (commitment, adult probation or adult prison) – Residential 33% vs. 26% Redirection, overall completion success rate 75% FY 2010-11.

Cost effective and research-based – \$34.7 MILLION IN COST SAVINGS FOR REDIRECTION INSTEAD OF RESIDENTIAL COMMITMENT FOR THE YOUTH WHO WERE SERVED IN 2010-2011.



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Day Treatment Programming

- Community based programming which serves 14-18 year old youth.
- Personal growth model incorporating alternative education and behavior modification.
- Provides additional services, such as anger management, social skills building, and substance abuse education.

Cost Effective: COST \$45.58 PER DAY AVERAGE

Specialized Residential Programming

- 95% of residential beds are specialized for youth needing substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, sex offender treatment and gender responsive services.
- Specialized residential treatment ensures public safety; Current bed utilization rate is 98%.

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.

Behavioral Health Services Overlay (BHOS)

- Recent findings indicate that youth not receiving Behavioral Health Overlay Services (BHOS) in DJJ treatment programs were 62 times more likely to be placed in more expensive Statewide Inpatient Psychiatric Program (SIPP) programs.

Cost effective and research-based - OUTCOMES FOR YOUTH WHO RECEIVED BHOS WERE CONSIDERABLY BETTER FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING BHOS SERVICES WHILE IN DJJ.

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

- 6,200 youth are served annually by community providers, assisting with transitioning youth back into their homes, schools and communities.
- Community providers serve a higher number of cases and a higher proportion of minority youth than state-operated programs (6,238 vs. 2,814 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

- DJJ providers such as Home Builder's Institute, G4S Youth Services and Twin Oaks Juvenile Development provide industry recognized certificates, occupational completion points, transition, job placement and follow-up to DJJ youth.
- Occupational Completion Points (OCP) enable youth to return to communities to attain gainful employment and/or enroll in a corresponding post secondary program.
- Last year, G4S Youth Services awarded 210 industry recognized certificates, 167 Florida Ready to Work Certificates, and 620 (OCP).
- Last year, Twin Oaks Juvenile Development awarded 159 (OCP) and/or industry recognized certificates in 4 programs, in areas ranging from culinary operations, welding, business systems, landscaping and auto mechanics.
- Last year, Home Builders Institute's Project CRAFT awarded 265 industry recognized pre-apprenticeship certificates in 8 FI programs.
- 84% of HBI students were placed in jobs, school, or military with average wage of \$8.21 hour, and completed 32,410 community service hours - \$786,591 total savings.
- HBI costs \$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.

Cost effective: RESEARCH SHOWS THAT EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND/OR JOB PLACEMENT IS A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN REDUCING RECIDIVISM RATES.

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