

## Members

ACTS, Inc.  
Bay Area Youth Services, Inc.  
BayCare Behavioral Health Services  
Bay Point Schools  
Bridgeway Center, Inc.  
Broward County Sheriff's Office  
Center for Drug Free Living  
Crosswinds Youth Services, Inc.  
Daniel Memorial, Inc.  
DISC Village  
Drug Screen Solutions  
Evidence-Based Associates, Inc.  
Gateway Community Services  
Girls Advocacy Project, Inc. (GAP)  
G4S Youth Services, LLC  
Global Youth Services  
Home Builders Institute  
Human Services Associates, Inc.  
Miami Dade Juvenile Services  
Operation PAR, Inc.  
Outward Bound Schools  
Premier Behavioral Solutions, Inc.  
Prodigy Cultural Arts Program of the University  
Area Community Development Corporation  
PACE Center for Girls, Inc.  
PsyCare Juvenile Justice  
Psychotherapeutic Services of Florida  
Savannah Family Institute  
Sutton Place Behavioral Services, Inc.  
The Children's Trust  
The Henry & Rilla White Youth Foundation, Inc.  
The Justice Research Center  
Three Springs, Inc.  
TROY Community Academy  
Twin Oaks Juvenile Development, Inc.  
VisionQuest National, Ltd.  
Youth Services International, Inc.

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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, 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.



## Who We Are

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.

## 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.

2009-2010

# Legislative Agenda

## Multi-Year FJJA Legislative Priorities

### ◆ *Balancing the Juvenile Justice Continuum*

**Actions to support** - FJJA will advocate to preserve front end services, aftercare services, and specialized residential treatment. FJJA will advocate for "no reductions" to current juvenile justice funding levels, with more wise investment in programming that provides a "return on investment" by closing the front door of the system and slowing down prison construction.

### ◆ *Enhancing Gender Specific Programming*

**Actions to support** - FJJA supports the efforts of the Children's Campaign/ NCCD National Center for Girls and Young Women *Justice for Girls Initiative* to spearhead systemic reform in the care and treatment of girls in Florida's juvenile justice system. FJJA supports recommendations made in the report *Justice For Girls: Blueprint for Action*.

### ◆ *Addressing Racial Disparity*

### ◆ *Ensuring Legal Representation*

### ◆ *Developing Alternatives to Secure Detention*

**Actions to Support** - FJJA supports legislation that reflects Blueprint Commission recommendations for systemic reform.

## 2009-2010 Specific Legislative Priorities

### ◆ *No Cuts to Direct Services*

**Actions to support** — FJJA advocates for no reductions to the DJJ budget for direct services. FJJA advocates that any funding reductions consider performance, utilization and maintaining a balanced continuum.

### ◆ *Improve Juvenile Justice Education Services*

**Actions to support** – FJJA supports legislation that addresses days of instruction, curriculum flexibility, improved funding formulas, vocational certification portability.

### ◆ *Maintain Funding for Juvenile Assessment Centers*

**Action to support** — FJJA supports maintaining current levels of funding with no reduction. FJJA will work with partners to communicate cost savings of this critical front end service.

### ◆ *Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services*

**Actions to support** — FJJA advocates for no reductions to behavioral health services for juvenile justice youth. Support rulemaking for BHOS to improve services and access.

