



REDIRECTION

Florida's commitment to helping at-risk youth

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CELEBRATING 7 YEARS, 7,000 YOUTH SERVED

As of October 1, Redirection officially entered its seventh year of redirecting high-risk youth from residential placement to evidence-based, community-based treatments. Since 2004, Redirection has served nearly 7,000 youth in their homes using Blueprints for Violence Prevention-certified programs. Thanks to the Department of Juvenile Justice's (DJJ) leadership and commitment to providing gold-standard programs to Florida's youth, we can confidently say that Redirection has helped thousands of families and saved the state millions of dollars over the past seven years.

As with any anniversary, you often take time to reflect on where you've been and at the same time plan for the future. It seems like just yesterday we held our collective breath as the first few youth and families entered this new pilot project. At the time, no one knew this novice project would evolve into an award-winning, system-reform project that has now caught the eyes and ears of juvenile justice leaders across the country, and most recently members of Parliament in the United Kingdom.

Additionally, as I prepared this issue's letter, I received an e-mail with the most recent report by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. *No Place for Kids: The Case for Reducing Juvenile Incarceration* states that the Redirection project offers "the most favorable real-world outcomes" as it applies to providing Multisystemic Therapy (MST) and Functional Family Therapy (FFT) as alternatives to incarceration or other residential placements. The report goes on to highlight the cost savings to taxpayers of \$41.6 million (through Dec. 31, 2009) along with improved outcomes for arrest and adjudications.

With references in reports, acknowledgements in published books and requests from the United Kingdom to learn more, we have come a long way and have many dedicated providers, the Legislature and DJJ to thank for that. However, we still have a lot of work ahead of us. We've only scratched the surface as it pertains to ensuring evidence-based programs serve more youth.

We are thankful as we look ahead that the removal of any exclusionary criteria by the 2011 Legislature enables us to serve any youth who would

be facing a potential residential commitment placement. This change caused the number of eligible youth to more than double in July. We still have big challenges ahead!

In closing, I would like to point out that the Casey Report noted, "No state has 'scaled up' the evidence-based models to serve all or nearly all the youth who could benefit." So on our anniversary, it is fair to say that we have come a long way, but there is more work to be done to ensure that all at-risk youth in Florida have access to evidence-based programs. On behalf of everyone at EBA, I can truly say we look forward to the coming years as we work together to "scale up" evidence-based services in Florida.

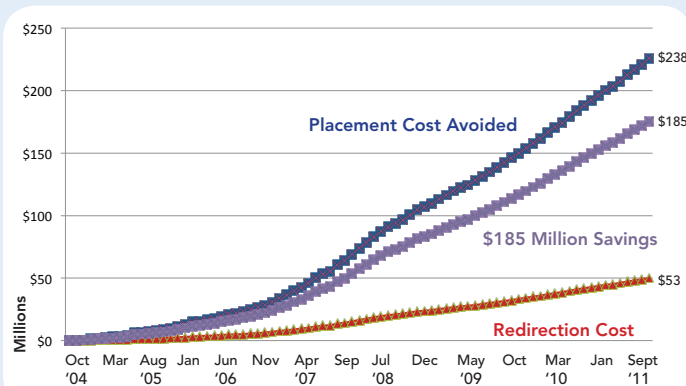


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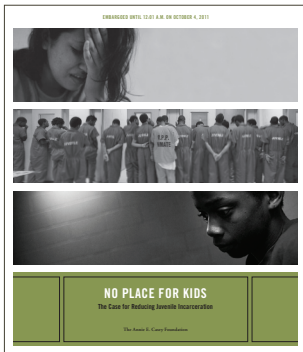
Redirection Project Manager

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Redirection Project Savings



October 2004 – September 2011

Redirection Featured in Annie E. Casey Foundation Report



The Annie E. Casey Foundation recently published a report that assembles a vast array of evidence to demonstrate that incarcerating kids doesn't work: Youth prisons do not reduce future offending, they waste taxpayer dollars, and they frequently expose youth to

dangerous and abusive conditions. The report documents four decades of scandals and lawsuits over abusive conditions in juvenile institutions and reinforces the growing consensus among experts that the current incarceration model provides little public safety benefit. The report also highlights successful reform efforts from several states and provides recommendations for how states can reduce juvenile incarceration rates and redesign their juvenile correction systems to better serve young people and the public. Pages 17 and 18 of the *No Place for Kids: The Case for Reducing Juvenile Incarceration* report, showcase results from the Redirection project and highlight a 2010 report from the Office of Policy Program Analysis & Government Accountability (OPPAGA).

To read the full report, visit the Reports section under News & Insight at www.evidencebasedassociates.com.

REDIRECTION QUICK FACTS

Youth served since 2004: 6,834

Males served: 71%

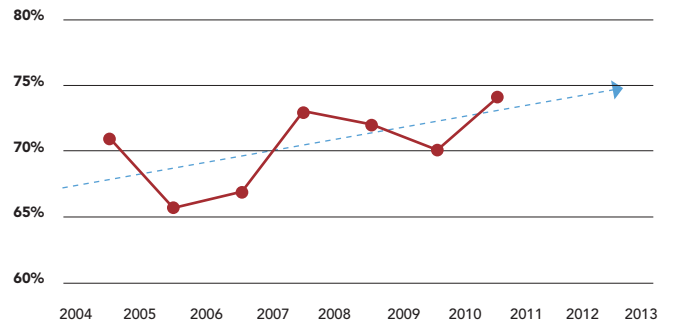
Females served: 29%

Capacity: Funding allows 372 slots annually (approx. 1,250 youth per year).

Wait List: Current wait list for Redirection averages 165 youth.

Redirection Providers Improve Completion Rates Consistently Throughout the Life of the Project

Successful Completion Rates in Redirections (Since Project Inception)



See back page for a complete list of Redirection providers.



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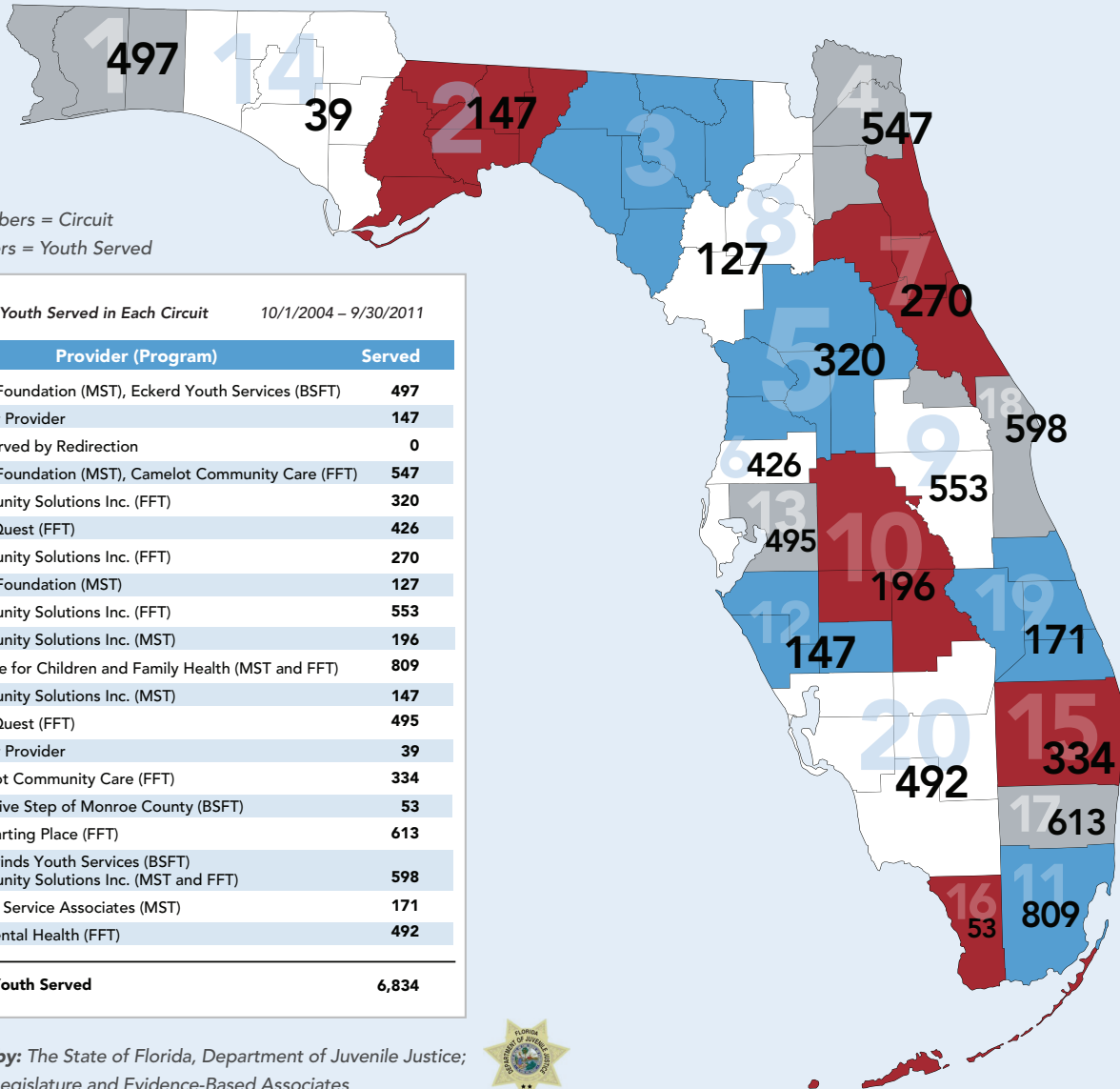
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REDIRECTION SNAPSHOT: Florida Juvenile Justice Circuits

Redirection represents a network of providers around the state. This image showcases each provider and the number of youth served by circuit. A complete list of Redirection providers can be found on the last page of this report.



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Redirection Testimonial from Circuit 6

I just wanted to let you know that many of my parents that you work with are very pleased with your knowledge and ability. They are very pleased with your professionalism, communication skills and your ability to get the children to open up and work with you. The reason I am writing is because of one children in particular. She and her mother can be very difficult to work with, but her mother praised you and is very impressed with the role you are playing between her daughter and her sister so that they may learn to communicate better. I have had other parents who have said wonderful things about your professionalism as well. I just wanted to say thank you for your hard work just in case you don't hear it enough.

- This testimonial was an e-mail sent to a VisionQuest therapist from a Circuit 6 juvenile probation officer.

Career Opportunity: *MST Supervisor*

Location: Gainesville, FL

If you are a leader, able to receive and give feedback constructively, resilient, organized, a logical thinker, and can own accountability for outcomes, we want you on our team to supervise a team of three therapists who provide in-home and community-based Multisystemic Therapy for youth and their families referred by Florida DJJ.

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In 2004, the Florida Legislature voted to initiate the Department of Juvenile Justice's Redirection project to address the growing number of juvenile offenders who were being committed to residential facilities for non-law violations of probation. The Redirection project was designed to divert, or redirect, these youth from residential placement to highly effective, evidence-based, community-based treatments.

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