

# Florida Juvenile Justice Association

## 2011 Board Retreat Update

June/July 2011

### FJJA Develops 2011-2012 Legislative Agenda

FJJA Board members spent three days reviewing activities and accomplishments, identifying priorities going forward and charting the direction for this coming year. With legislative session beginning two months earlier than usual due to redistricting, FJJA members finalized the 2011-2012 Legislative Agenda and identified activities to support our priorities.

### FJJA Activities to Support Efforts

1. Provide FJJA response for DJJ LBR consideration.
2. Appoint Legislative chairs and FJJA experts on specific issues.
3. Develop FJJA communication strategy to include talking points, briefing packets, key messages, data analysis, for FJJA members & lobbyists.
4. Organize local FJJA/FJJA Member local legislative events.
5. Schedule "FJJA Day" in Tallahassee to coincide with Children's Week/DJJ Youth Success Day during 2012 Legislative Session.
6. Establish workgroups to monitor issues and report back to FJJA members to include Medicaid reform, residential bed reductions, serving misdemeanants in the community, and others.

### Department of Juvenile Justice Presents Year End Report and Upcoming Priorities at Retreat

#### Current Agency Activities

- Working to set detention standards with counties who will be operating detention centers following passage of SB 2112.
- Implementing proviso to close state residential facilities; Dozier is now closed, Desoto will close by mid-August.
- Developing new guidelines for the new civil citation legislation, including data entry in JJIS prevention.
- Revising model for community control, with an improvement plan and implementation schedule out soon.

#### Agency Legislative Priorities for Upcoming Session

- Reform Bill/ Blueprint Bill- (Snyder/Evans)
- Detention Bill (New priority this year)
- Human Trafficking (New priority this year)
- Juvenile Justice Education (New priority this year)

#### Other DJJ areas of focus

- For the funds shifted to front end, (\$5.1 mil) DJJ is considering "fee for service" in communities based on needs instead of ITN or RFP.
- DJJ participating in Georgetown University Juvenile Justice System Improvement Project (JJSIP) in Pinellas - initiative will help to inform community based care delivery. Operation PAR is part of team.
- Procurement is a priority for department now, with plans for more use of ITN in future.
- Greater focus on data driven decision making, DJJ staffing up that department.

### FJJA 2011-2012 Legislative Agenda

#### NO CUTS TO JUVENILE JUSTICE

##### *Maintaining funding will:*

- Reduce crime, victimization and other related costs;
- Reduce the flow of youth into adult corrections and need for future prison construction.

#### INCREASE INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

##### *Increase funding for:*

- Prevention, early intervention and diversion programs;
- Community based residential services;
- Transition, reentry and aftercare services;
- Education, vocational training and job placement.

#### *Investing in Florida's Juvenile Justice System Ensures Public Safety*

##### *Key Points:*

- Last year, DJJ received the largest funding cut in public safety.
- Very few resources have been earmarked for reinvestment into community based services.
- Of the \$77 million cut, only \$5 million will be reinvested.

## FJJA Long Term Priorities

## FJJA Priorities for 2011- 2012

Develop Alternatives to Secure Detention	No Cuts to Juvenile Justice
Reduce Disproportionate Minority Contact	Increase Investment in Community Based Services
Enhance Gender Specific Programming	Improve Juvenile Justice Education and Career Education
Ensure Legal Representation for Youth	Maintain BHOS Services/Medicaid Managed Care

### FJJA Will Also Work To Keep Focus on the Following Issues:

- Quality Assurance
- Recidivism
- Contracting/Procurement
- Rulemaking
- Evidence based programming
- Diversion of misdemeanants from residential to be served in the community
- Maintaining proviso next year for state operated programs relative to any proposed cuts
- Cost avoidance and Cost savings messages in maintaining funding for DJJ

### FJJA Members Form Workgroups to Support Priorities

<u>Workgroups/Committees/Members</u>	<u>Work Scope</u>	<u>Meetings to Date</u>	<u>Materials presented</u>
<b><u>Medicaid Reform/Managed Care</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jeanette Jackson, Universal</li> <li>▪ Peter Plant, G4S</li> <li>▪ Chris Perkins, Sequel</li> <li>▪ Dale Thompson, Pyscare</li> <li>▪ Sean Golder, Twin Oaks</li> <li>▪ Howland Ellis, Gulf Coast</li> </ul>	<b>Scope:</b> <i>To monitor current Medicaid reform and stay current on managed care implementation with focus on maintaining BHOS.</i> <b>Chair</b> Frank Alarcon	Mid July	
<b><u>Education/Career Education</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jerry Neely, G4S</li> <li>▪ Peter Plant, G4S</li> <li>▪ Mary Marx, PACE</li> <li>▪ Debbie Moroney, PACE</li> <li>▪ Adrianna Sekula, PACE</li> <li>▪ Jon Howard Outward Bound</li> <li>▪ Jeff McSpaddin, Twin Oaks</li> <li>▪ Tom Olk, DISC Village</li> <li>▪ John Wilson, DISC Village</li> <li>▪ Tadar Muhammad, HBI</li> <li>▪ Christina Kuhn, HBI</li> </ul>	<b>Scope:</b> <i>To work with and assist the legislature in the development of legislation to improve DJJ educational services.</i> <b>Chair</b> Donnie Read	June 21, 2011  July 7, 2011	Briefing paper to Senate Juvenile Justice Education Workgroup  Suggest draft legislation by end of July  <a href="#">Click here for Paper</a>
<b><u>Legislative</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adrianna Sekula, PACE</li> <li>▪ Diana Ragbeer, Children's Trust</li> <li>▪ Woodie Harper, YSI</li> <li>▪ Jim Hill, G4S Youth</li> <li>▪ Tadar Muhammad, HBI</li> <li>▪ Jon Howard, Outward Bound</li> <li>▪ Frank Alarcon, White</li> <li>▪ Jody Grutza, Eckerd</li> </ul>	<b>Scope:</b> <i>To plan for upcoming Legislative Session and develop activities to support FJJA's Legislative Agenda</i>  <b>Co-Chairs</b> Todd Dixon, CFDFL Donnie Read, Twin Oaks	Mid July	
<b><u>Local Legislative Events:</u></b>	<b>Scope:</b> <i>Working with the FJJA</i>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Patricia Snow, Psychotherapeutic</li> <li>▪ Pam Alvarez, BAYS</li> <li>▪ Christina Kuhn, HBI</li> <li>▪ Tom Olk, DISC Village</li> <li>▪ Tom Camp, OP PAR</li> <li>▪ Jody Grutza, Eckerd</li> <li>▪ Stephanie Bell, Daniel</li> <li>▪ Barbara Dyck, Psychotherapeutic</li> <li>▪ Holland Ellis, Gulf Coast</li> <li>▪ Thad Lowery, OP PAR</li> </ul>	<p><i>Legislative Team, assist members to showcase the local juvenile justice continuum and educate legislators, county commissioners, local leaders at community events.</i></p> <p><b>Co-Chairs</b> Debbie Moroney, Adrianna Sekula, PACE Nicole Janer, EBA</p>	Mid July	
<p><b><u>Diverting Misdemeanants:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ John Wilson, DISC Village</li> <li>▪ Debbie Moroney, PACE</li> <li>▪ Pam Alvarez, BAYS</li> <li>▪ Frank Alarcon, White</li> <li>▪ Jon Howard, Outward Bound</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Interim Senate Project</i></b> Civil Citation and Misdemeanant Legislation</p>	<p><b>Scope:</b> <i>To monitor the success of diverting misdemeanants to the services within the community and the implementation plan to ensure availability of services.</i></p> <p><b>Chair</b> Nicole Janer, EBA</p>	Mid July	
<p><b><u>Adolescent Conference:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Frank Alarcon (representative from White Foundation)</li> <li>▪ Lori Britt-Tomlin, HSA</li> <li>▪ Pam Alvarez (representative from Prodigy)</li> <li>▪ Tadar Muhammad, HBI</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scope:</b> <i>To develop activities in support of improving our annual conference both in overall quality and in revenue generation.</i></p> <p><b>Co-Chairs</b> Tom Camp, Operation PAR Dale Thompson, Psycare</p>	Mid July	
<p><b><u>Residential:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Frank Alarcon, White</li> <li>▪ Jim Hill, G4S Youth</li> <li>▪ Woodie Harper, YSI</li> <li>▪ Babette Hankey, CFDFL</li> <li>▪ Todd Dixon, CFDFL</li> <li>▪ Donnie Read, Twin Oaks</li> <li>▪ Charlie Chervanik, Twin Oaks</li> <li>▪ Chris Perkins, Sequel</li> <li>▪ Jim Slattery, YSI</li> <li>▪ Bennie Haimovitz, Bay Care</li> <li>▪ Jon Howard, Outward Bound</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Interim Senate Project</i></b> Reduction of residential beds</p>	<p><b>Scope:</b> <i>To monitor activities surrounding residential issues, examples, implementation of closing state facilities, psychotropic medications and other issues.</i></p> <p><b>Chair</b> Jeff Kaplan, Gulf Coast</p>	June 22, 2011	<p>Letter to Secretary in response to psychotropic medication survey</p> <p><a href="#">Click here for letter</a></p> <p>Meeting with Secretary following survey</p>
<p><b><u>Administrative:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Peter Plant, G4S Youth</li> <li>▪ Jeff Kaplan, Gulf Coast</li> <li>▪ Chris Perkins, Sequel</li> <li>▪ Jim Slattery, YSI</li> <li>▪ Babette Hankey, CFDFL</li> <li>▪ Todd Dixon, CFDFL</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scope:</b> <i>To monitor administrative activities to include rulemaking, contracting/procurement, QA and other policy related activities.</i></p> <p><b>Co-Chairs</b> Frank Alarcon, White Peter Plant, G4S</p>	Mid July	
<p><b><u>Resource Development:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ John Wilson, DISC Village</li> <li>▪ Lawanda Ravoira, NCCD</li> <li>▪ Todd Dixon, CFDFL</li> <li>▪ Jeff McSpaddin, Twin Oaks</li> <li>▪ Adam Bazini, Sequel</li> <li>▪ Jon Howard, Outward Bound</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scope:</b> <i>To identify available resources and grants for FJJA to deliver technical assistance, conference training, and to expand partnerships and collaborations to support the juvenile justice system.</i></p> <p><b>Chair</b> Julie Blankenship, JRC</p>	Mid July	

## FJJA Elects 2011-2012 Executive Officers

As we get ready to begin our new year, we are pleased to announce the election of new FJJA Executive Committee members.

The FJJA Executive Committee works as a team and makes every attempt to leverage each member's individual area of expertise to maximize our success. This is very important given the diverse organizations that make up FJJA. Effective July 1, 2011:

### FJJA Executive Officers

**President:** Jon Howard, Outward Bound, Inc.  
**President Elect:** Donnie Read, Twin Oaks Juvenile Development  
**Past President:** Jeff Kaplan, Gulf Coast Youth Services  
**Treasurer:** Tadar Muhammad, Home Builder's Institute  
**Secretary:** Chris Perkins, Sequel Youth and Family

**At-Large:** Lori Britt Tomlin, Human Services Associates  
Tom Camp, Operation PAR  
Pam Alvarez, Bay Area Youth Services  
Debbie Moroney, PACE Center for Girls  
Babette Hankey, Center for Drug Free Living  
Frank Alarcon, Henry & Rilla White Foundation  
Jim Hill, G4S Youth Services, LLC

### FJJA Day™ at the Capital during Children's Week and DJJ Youth Success Week

Children's Week Jan 29-Feb 3, 2012  
DJJ Youth Success Day Jan 31, 2012

More information on FJJA Day at the Capital is coming soon!

### Mark Your Calendar! September FJJA Board Meeting

Thursday, Sept 15, 2011  
9:00- 4:00 pm  
Operation PAR  
Largo, Florida

### FJJA 2011-2012 Key Messages

**Florida's juvenile justice system is one of the most comprehensive in the nation.**

- We have nationally recognized programs and services which serve the needs of local communities.
- Florida is a leader in prevention, early intervention and diversion services which are reducing the number of youth entering the system.

**A responsive and balanced juvenile justice continuum is good for Florida and good for the youth who need services.**

- Public safety is the most important goal, and a variety of services ensure the right service for the right youth at the right time.
- Investing in the juvenile justice system pays off now in cost savings and in the future in cost avoidance.

**Building on what works saves dollars that won't be spent on prisons and will prevent future victims of crime.**

- Indicators show us that today's adult prisoners are less likely to be in prison had they benefited from effective juvenile justice interventions at an early age.