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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 champions 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, state agencies and private organizations committed to improving Florida's juvenile justice system for children and families.

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

Advocacy

Leading in the spirit of collaboration, FJJA plays a major leadership role, working with state agencies, advocacy groups and other statewide organizations in Florida to support juvenile justice advocacy. Our leadership is reflected in effectively serving and addressing issues raised by our diverse member agencies serving youth across the juvenile justice continuum of care.

Legislation

Each year, FJJA develops and promotes a legislative agenda based on improving the system of care for Florida's juvenile justice involved youth. FJJA promotes legislation and public policy and during the Florida Legislative session, provides a weekly legislative update to members.



Long Term FJJA Legislative Priorities

- ◆ *Balancing the Juvenile Justice Continuum*
- ◆ *Enhancing Gender Specific Programming*
- ◆ *Reduce Disproportionate Minority Contact*
- ◆ *Ensuring Legal Representation*
- ◆ *Developing Alternatives to Secure Detention*



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.

2010-2011 Key Messages

Florida's juvenile justice system is one of the most comprehensive in the country and is always improving.

- ◆ We have nationally recognized programs and services throughout the state which serve the needs of each local community.
- ◆ Florida is a leader in prevention, early intervention and diversion services helping to reduce the number of youth from penetrating 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 delivered locally ensure that the right service for the right youth at the right time occurs.
- ◆ Wise investments in the juvenile justice system pay off now and in the future and stop the flow of youth into the adult prison system.

Building on our successes saves dollars that won't be spent on prisons and will prevent future victims.

- ◆ Indicators point to the fact that today's adult prisoners are less likely to be in prison had they benefited from effective juvenile justice interventions at an early age.
- ◆ We can't afford to lose ground in these difficult economic times; we must build on what is working successfully.
- ◆ Invest now or pay more later.

2010-2011 Legislative Agenda

Maximize Florida's investment in a balanced juvenile justice system to ensure public safety to:

- ◆ Reduce crime.
- ◆ Reduce victimization and related costs.
- ◆ Reduce need for future prison construction.
- ◆ Reduce flow of juveniles into adult prison system.

