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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.

Florida Juvenile Justice Association

About Us

Founded in 1994, FJJA 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. FJJA brings together juvenile justice system professionals and agencies, organizations, and private and non-profit corporations all committed to improving Florida's juvenile justice system for children and families. Through collaboration and cooperation, FJJA presents a unified voice on juvenile justice issues.

FJJA is recognized as a proactive leader in effectively serving and addressing issues raised by the diverse agencies involved in the juvenile justice system. FJJA serves as an expert consultant to state and community organizations; supports a balanced and responsive system; advocates for uniform standards, practices and procedures in juvenile care and promotes the need for adequate resources within Florida's juvenile justice system.

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.



2014 Legislative Agenda



Maintain a Focus on Prevention, Diversion and Intervention Services

- ◆ Support prevention, diversion and intervention programs that are evidenced-based and utilize Civil Citation, Juvenile Assessment Centers, juvenile diversion services, gender responsive and other programs.

Ask: Maintain investment of \$16.5M shifted to front end services during 2012-13 Legislative year.

Support the Passage of HB173 Juvenile Justice Education Bill

- ◆ This legislation and funding will provide DJJ youth with GED, post secondary and industry certification opportunities, increasing their success, lowering recidivism rates, and realizing a return on investment for Florida taxpayers.

Ask: Support funding of \$1.6M - in DOE Legislative Budget Request (LBR)



Support Funding for DJJ Youth Who Need Medical and Behavioral Health Services

- ◆ A shortfall of funding will impact the availability of non-routine medical and behavioral health services for youth in DJJ residential programs.
- ◆ Outcomes for DJJ youth who received BHOS services were considerably better than youth who did not receive BHOS services.* (indicators-SIPP Placement, Baker Act, re-involvement in JJ system)

Ask: Support funding of \$18.2M- in DJJ Legislative Budget Request (LBR)

Improve and Expand Reentry and Transition Services for DJJ Youth

- ◆ Comprehensive aftercare services are needed to help youth stay crime free and prevent return to juvenile justice system or adult system.
- ◆ 30% of current DJJ residential youth do not receive aftercare/re-entry services.**

Ask: Maintain investment of \$11.3M for transition and reentry services.

Ask: Support funding of \$3.75M for enhanced reentry services and to serve the 30% of DJJ residential youth who do not receive transition services.

Support Revisions to Juvenile Justice Statute 985

- ◆ Important revisions to the statute include expansion of prevention and intervention services, alternatives to detention, protection of juvenile records, enhanced career and technical education, and improved reentry system.

* Louis De LaParte Florida Mental Health Institute at USF/AHCA) Series 220-36 -June 2010

** 2010-2011 DJJ data: 5,160 youth completed residential, 3,563 youth (69.1%) received aftercare, 1,597 (30.9%) received no services at all.