



# FLDJJ Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

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# Introduction

- Medical and Mental Health Services in DJJ are overseen by the Office of Health Services within the department.
- The Department of Juvenile Justice has established positions to provide oversight of medical and mental health services of youth committed to our custody and partner with our providers to ensure these services
- These positions provide clinical technical assistance and training to the contracted medical and mental health staff providing service to our youth.



# Treatment Services We Provide

- Mental Health and Substance Abuse (MHSA) services are offered throughout our continuum of care through prevention, detention, probation and residential services.
- Screening, Assessment, Evaluation, Individual Therapy, Group Therapy, Family Therapy, Crisis Intervention, Suicide Prevention and Supportive Services are provided.
- Psychiatric services are provided to youth as needed.



# Detention Treatment Services We Provide

- All detention centers are staffed with full-time mental health clinical staff who are on site daily.
- Based upon the individualized treatment needs of the youth, the youth in detention are provided mental health and substance abuse treatment services during their stay.
- Individual, group and family therapy as well as suicide prevention and crisis intervention are provided.
- Psychiatric services are provided to youth as needed.



# Probation Treatment Services

- To receive services through probation or residential commitment, the youth must be under the Department's jurisdiction as disposed by the court.
- Youth who are under supervision by Probation receive mental health and substance abuse treatment from outpatient DJJ Providers when an identified treatment need exists, or referrals to community providers.
- Individual, group and family therapy as well as suicide prevention and crisis intervention are provided.



# Probation Treatment Services

- Some examples of services offered through Probation providers include:
  - Juvenile Sexual Offender Therapy
  - Redirections
  - Outpatient MHSA services
- All youth receive a Comprehensive Evaluation completed by probation contracted providers for youth pending residential commitment. This allows youth to be placed in specialized Residential Programs to meet the individualized needs of each youth.



# Residential Treatment Services

- Mental health and substance abuse treatment services in Residential Commitment Programs range in intensity. All residential programs are staffed with full-time mental health clinical staff who are on site daily to provide mental health and substance abuse treatment services.
- Based upon the individualized treatment needs of the youth, the youth are provided appropriate identified services during their stay in our residential programs.
- Individual, group and family therapy as well as suicide prevention and crisis intervention are provided.



# Residential Treatment Services

- Residential Program types include the following treatment specializations:
  - Mental Health Overlay
  - Substance Abuse Overlay
  - Juvenile Sexual Offender
  - Developmental Disability and Borderline Intellectual Functioning
  - Intensive Mental Health
  - Comprehensive Co-occurring Disorders
- Therapist case loads range from 8 to 16 youth.
- Frequency of treatment depends upon program type and symptom severity.



# Cross-Agency Initiatives for Data Sharing and MOUs

- The Interagency Agreement to Coordinate Services for Children Served by More than One Agency:
  - Local, Regional and State Review Team participation and information sharing for the purpose of staffing cases for dually served youth and children
- Interagency Agreement between the DJJ and the DCF:
  - Coordinate with local stakeholders such as law enforcement, courts, school system, families, public defenders and state attorneys.
  - Ensure children are screened for mental health and substance use conditions and assessed/referred as appropriate.
  - DCF shall provide competency restoration when ordered by the court
  - Cost share for the operation and services for CINS/FINS shelters



# Cross-Agency Initiatives for Data Sharing and MOUs

- Interagency Agreement between DJJ and DCF:
  - Outlines data sharing guidelines between the two agencies, with a focus on aggregate data and research data “that will lead to improvements to current transactional systems.”
  - DJJ’s Office of Research, Data and Innovation is the primary unit responsible for data sharing from DJJ to DCF.

Many other interagency agreements and MOUs may be found on the DJJ website at the link below:

<https://www.djj.state.fl.us/partners-providers-staff/policies-resources/interagency-agreements-memoranda-of-understanding>



# DJJ Treatment Priorities

- The DJJ is working to complete the Electronic Health Record (EHR) to include the updated Mental Health forms, and we have initiated the e-scribe ability.
- The EHR will ensure continuity of care, quality of care, appropriateness of care, transitional community care and expand collaborative efforts with the Florida Department of Children and Families to care for dually served youth.
- An EHR will allow for the seamless transition of services throughout the program areas (Detention, Residential and Probation & Community Services).



# QUESTIONS?



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