**Guidance 11**

**Juvenile Incompetent to Proceed (JITP)**

**Contract Reference:** *Sections A-1.1 and C-1.3.2*

**Authority:**  *Section 985.19, F.S.*

**Frequency:** *Ongoing*

**Due Date:** *Ongoing*

**Discussion:**

For JITP, the statewide coordinator and contract manager are at the central office for the Department. Pursuant to *s. 985.19(1)(g), F.S.*, referrals are submitted directly to the Department by the clerk of court. The statewide JITP competency restoration service provider is Twin Oaks Juvenile Development, Inc. (Twin Oaks), which includes Twin Oaks Forensic Outpatient Services (TOFOS) and Apalachicola Forrest Youth Camp (AFYC).

In situations where a youth who has been found ITP due to mental illness and is not currently receiving mental health services, the managing entity is responsible for coordinating the mental health care of the youth. This will require the designation of a JITP point of contact at each managing entity. The JITP Statewide Coordinator, upon receiving a complete referral packet from a clerk of court, will copy the referral packet to the Managing Entity JITP point of contact. The JITP point of contact will review the packet and refer the youth for services needed other than competency training. The JITP contact will be notified by Twin Oaks of each client, and coordination of care shall include working with Twin Oaks and the Department of Juvenile Justice.

The managing entity shall, pursuant to *s. 985.19(5)(b), F.S.*, provide a discharge plan and submit it to the court for JITP youth determined to be non-restorable. The plan shall be developed in coordination with Twin Oaks, and will take into consideration the service recommendations made by the JITP provider to promote continuity of care. This requirement may be delegated to a contracted network service provider on a case-by-case basis.