Juvenile Justice Transfer Changes to Service Continuum



Goals of Juvenile Justice System

General Statutes § 46b-121h

- Intent: provide individualized supervision, care, accountability, and treatment in a manner consistent with public safety.
- (2) provision of secure and therapeutic confinement to those juveniles who present a danger to the community.
- (11) Create and maintain programs for juveniles that are (A) developmentally appropriate, trauma informed, and gender responsive, and (b) incorporate restorative principles and practices.



Enhancing Community Services

- Linking Youth to their Natural Communities (LYNC)
- Educational Support Services (ESS)
- Treatment Foster Care Oregon (TFCO)
- Fostering Responsibility, Education and Employment (FREE)
- >MST TAY (MST for Transition Age Youth)
- > MST Family Integrated Treatment (MST FIT: community re-integration)

Expanding Residential Services

> HAMILTON (6 beds) – Available Now

A two (2) week clinically-driven assessment and brief intervention residential program for boys located in Bridgeport. Boys under probation supervision at risk of entering detention or violating probation.

> REGIONS Staff-Secure Residential Treatment (26 beds) – Late Fall

A six (6) month treatment program for boys with cases disposed to 'probation supervision with residential placement.' Program designed to reduce delinquency risk factors and support a successful reintegration back into the community.

> REGIONS Secure Residential Treatment (24 beds for boys & 12 beds for girls) – July 1

Program will operate out of the juvenile detention centers effective July 1st. Length of stay approximately 3 months with the goal of preparing a boy to transition to a staff-secure REGIONS program. Girls will be treated at Journey House.

Per Diem Beds – July 1

Level of Care Determinations

- Clinical Coordinator Consults to gain clarification, determine level of care, and level of security.
- Case Review Teams for complex cases, multi-system involvement, risk of placement, or multi-disciplinary perspectives.
- Residential treatment may be accessed while on Probation Supervision with or without a disposition for Residential Placement
 - 1. Probation Supervision: HAMILTON, TRAC, Intermediate Residential, Per Diem Beds
 - 2. Probation Supervision with Residential Placement: REGIONS staff-secure, REGIONS secure & Journey House, Per Diem Beds

'Probation Supervision with Residential Placement'

- Need at least 6 weeks post-adjudication for assessment process
- Pre-Dispositional Study (PDS) required
- PrediCT Risk Assessment administered by Juvenile Probation Officer to identify risk relevant factors and determine likelihood of reoffending
 - Residential services considered for Tiers 3 through 5
 - Probation Supervision with Residential Placement considered for Tiers 4 & 5
 - Diversionary and community programs considered for Tiers 1 & 2
- Probation Supervision with Residential Placement only if "such placement is indicated by the child's clinical and behavioral needs or the level of risk the child poses to public safety cannot be managed in a less restrictive setting."

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Forensic Clinical Assessment (JD-JM-46b)

- Clinical Coordinator assesses and prioritizes critical risk relevant factors in conjunction with PrediCT outcomes
- SAVRY and GAIN-SS utilized as part of the assessment
- Recommendations for secure or staff-secure setting, including specialized treatment beds
 - Address clinical and behavioral needs and relevant risk factors
 - Address concerns for public safety in least restrictive setting
 - Secure residential placement based on imminent violence, aggression risk, and AWOL history

Absconders

- Order to Detain may be issued upon finding of probable cause that a child has absconded, escaped or run away from a residential facility in which such child has been placed by court order. Authorized officers may return the child to juvenile detention pending a court hearing the next business day.
- > Do not need to determine if meet grounds for detention.
 - 1. Probation seek TIC during business hours.
 - 2. Police seek Order to Detain after hours.

Family and Community Reintegration

- Length of stay dependent on treatment progress and attainment of goals
 - START-AV: Short-term Assessment of Risk and Treatability-Adolescent Version
- Specific services to support re-integration to family and re-entry into community
 - > MST FIT
 - Reintegration Mentors and Operation New Hope
- Focus on building skills, changing thinking, education and vocational opportunities, as well as building positive community connections and relationships

