

New Trends in Diversion Programs

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Prevailing Issues

- Learning Disabilities
- Mental Health Issues
- Substance Use
- Families in Crisis
- History of Trauma
- Disproportionality

Diversion Intercept Points

- Create a flow chart
- Identify points of entry into the system
 - Efforts made to divert children at points of entry
- Identify points of transition within the system where child can exit or become further involved
 - Efforts made to provide least restrictive environment

Diversion Intercept Points

- Divert children at points of entry
 - Refer children who present with mental health/substance use issues
 - Identify children who are involved with multiple agencies
- Divert children from further involvement
 - Support victims of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking
 - Formalize risk assessments to reduce disproportionate minority contact

Children's Crisis Intervention Training

- High Rate of Referrals from School District Resource/Police Officers
- Traditional law enforcement response can escalate situation
 - Arrest
 - Detention
 - Continuation of detention

Children's Crisis Intervention Training

- Based on CIT curriculum
- 40 hour program including role playing
- Curriculum includes:
 - Developmental Delays
 - Learning Disabilities
 - Childhood Mental Health Issues
 - Understanding Parents Perspective

Children's Crisis Intervention Training

- Verbal De-escalation
- Introduction and referral to community resources
- Roleplay with young actors
- End of week written and roleplay exams

Children's Crisis Intervention Training

- Practical Issues
 - Training can only occur in summer
 - Staffing needs of school campus
 - Availability of child "actors"
 - Its best to provide meals for participants
 - Utilized community agencies/providers to teach curriculum

Detention Transition Coordinator

- Resources invested, and required, to address detained children
- Challenges faced when children return to community:
 - Coordination with involved agencies
 - Communication of child/family's needs
 - Follow through
 - Treatment engagement

Detention Transition Coordinator

- Identifies children with transition needs
- Identifies & coordinates with other child-serving agencies
- Clarifies treatment needs to family and providers
- Works to arrange follow up appointments
- Confirms follow up or identifies barriers

Front End Diversion Initiative

- Target Population
 - Young Offenders – 10-14 years of age
 - First Time Offenders eligible for Deferred Prosecution
 - Family Willingness to Participate

Front End Diversion Initiative

- Program Components
 - 3-6 months
 - Intensive Home/School/Treatment services
 - Wraparound team
 - Child
 - Family
 - Family Partner
 - Mental Health Worker
 - Probation Officer

Front End Diversion

- Program Components
 - 2-3 Face-to-Face contacts per week
 - Monthly Case Plan/Reviews
 - Child/Family Identified Goals/Objectives
 - Uniform Data Collection

Girls Mental Health Court

- Target Population
 - Females
 - 10-14 years of age
 - History of Trauma
 - Previous Deferred Prosecution
- Mental Health Court Model
- Community Involvement

Girls Mental Health Court

- Unique Elements of Juvenile MH Court
 - Involves parents/guardians
 - Reports child abuse – coordinates with CPS
 - Works with schools
 - Identifies and responds to developmental and learning issues

Girls Mental Health Court

➤ Program Components

- Automatic Referral
- Standardized Assessment
- Intensive In-Home Services
- Focus on Transition to Community Agencies

Girls Mental Health Court

➤ Program Components

- Communities in Schools Support
- Mental Health Authority Tracking
- Specialized Probation Caseload
- Uniform Data Collection

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