

Title II Addendum

- The Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) uses a validated risk and needs assessment tool with all youth that come into contact with the DJJ system. DJJ bases all treatment and interventions on the results of these assessment tools. Additionally, DJJ evaluates programming that is provided through the use of pre and post testing as well as the examination of other sources of information, e.g. behavioral incidents. DJJ staff receive specialized training and have access to programs which focus on adolescent development as well as general behavioral strategies that are specific to adolescents.
- The Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice utilizes a variety of alternatives to detention, which are designed to limit entry and progress through the juvenile justice system, including home incarceration and home supervision. All youth are assessed with an instrument that helps to identify those that have experienced commercial sexual exploitation/human trafficking, and additional targeted services are included in the treatment plan for those that are identified. Additionally, the DJJ piloted the Center for Youth Justice and Services in a high school located in Henderson County, Kentucky. The goal of this program is to reduce the amount of youth for whom the school system files a petition. Referrals are accepted from multiple stakeholders, e.g. parents, community organizations, etc., and treatment is specific to the needs of the youth as identified by a psychosocial assessment.
- As above, DJJ uses assessment tools to identify the criminogenic risk and needs of all youth that come into contact with the juvenile justice system. Individual youth are placed in the least restrictive environment possible, including DJJ facilities with specialized programming and/or community-based treatment for dually diagnosed youth.
- DJJ attempts to engage supportive family members in treatment planning. The agency is also beginning the process of implementing Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and identifying ways to increase family engagement. Many of the youth and families that come into contact with DJJ have

extensive involvement with the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), so there is also an attempt to recognize the importance of these experiences during case planning and family interactions.

- DJJ convenes monthly stakeholder meetings with community partners