



How it Works

When a juvenile is arrested and taken to the Juvenile Assessment Center, they undergo a screening process to determine eligibility for detention. If a youth meets detention criteria, during the court hearing, the presiding judge will determine the best path available, which may include being detained in jail for a maximum of 21-days, released on home detention or electronic monitoring device, placed in the JPS program, or a combination of them all.

During the court hearing, if a youth meets program criteria, JPS staff will advocate for his/her release. JPS staff work collaboratively with Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, community partners, and parents to keep youth safely at home and engaged in individualized services to maximize success.



* Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) was launched by the Annie E. Casey Foundation for the purpose of demonstrating that jurisdictions can establish more effective and efficient systems to accomplish the purposes of juvenile detention without jeopardizing community safety. JDAI is a process, not a conventional program, with a goal to make sure that locked detention is used only when necessary.

Act Now

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Juvenile Predisposition Services Program

An Alternative to Youth Incarceration while Keeping Youth Safe at Home



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Juvenile Detention in Broward County

Broward County spends nearly \$300 per day incarcerating juveniles. On average, a youth arrested in Broward County will spend eight days in jail. More than 70 percent of the impacted youth are children of color.

Very few programs in Broward County serve our most marginalized youth. However, research has shown prevention and early intervention programs consistently deliver the greatest long-term economic impact. As a result, these individuals are treated as a valuable part of their family and communities, and they become productive citizens.



A New Perspective

The Juvenile Predisposition Services (JPS) program was established under the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative* in partnership with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. The program offers a strategic alternative to youth incarceration that increases the juvenile's likelihood of future success and productivity.

JPS advocates to keep these youth at home safely by providing them with holistic, coordinated and accessible services that are intensive, individualized and family focused. Participants can receive services that include home-based mental health and/or substance abuse treatment, alternative education programs, job training and placement, recreation and cultural activities, youth leadership, and parent support programs. Offering this high level of in-home support and

community engagement will help reduce juvenile justice system costs, crime and incidence of relapse.

“JPS helped my daughter make better decisions about what's right and wrong.”



“JPS is there to support you every step of the way. They not only helped my son, but the entire family.”

“Going to jail would have destroyed my child. JPS gave us hope and a second chance.”

