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SUBJECT: Juvenile Risk Intervention Service Coordination (JRISC) 2008-2010 Annual Summary Report

The NYS DCJS Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives (OPCA) is pleased to share the 2008-2010 outcome data for the seven funded Juvenile Risk Intervention Service Coordination (JRISC) Initiatives in New York State.

As you may recall, data from the former Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program (JISP) indicated the program was not targeting the high risk population intended and was not successful in reducing Violations of Probation, especially for technical non-compliance. The NYS experience with JISP mirrored the national research – for both adults and juveniles—that intensive supervision without effective interventions does not work to reduce recidivism. As a result of these findings OPCA defunded the JISP in 2007.

In 2008, OPCA began the JRISC initiative, incorporating both risk management (enhanced supervision) and risk reduction (evidence based programs), to both manage youth and address their risk and need areas, while remaining in the community. OPCA developed a competitive Request for Proposals and was able to fund 7 of the 15 applications submitted by counties.

The goal of JRISC is to measurably reduce recidivism among high risk PINS and JD youth at either the diversion or probation stage. JRISC counties use the juvenile YASI risk and need assessment to identify high risk youth and engage them in evidence based programs funded with JRISC dollars. Probation departments conduct quarterly YASI reassessments to measure progress in reducing risk and/or increasing protective factors. Through use of the ten YASI domains and specific items within each of these domains, probation is able to identify specific target areas for intervention. The goal is to decrease the risk areas through enhanced supervision and evidence based programs--to achieve long term reductions in negative behaviors, delinquency and crime, detention, placement, and incarceration.

JRISC Counties include:

1. Dutchess, providing Functional Family Therapy
2. Monroe, providing Functional Family Therapy and Multi-Systemic Therapy
3. Niagara, providing Brief Strategic Family Therapy and Multi-Systemic Therapy
4. Onondaga, providing Multi-Systemic Therapy
5. Orange, providing Strengthening Families and Aggression Replacement Therapy
6. Oswego, providing Functional Family Therapy and Adolescent Transitions Program
7. Schenectady, providing Functional Family Therapy and Aggression Replacement Therapy

With OCFS placements estimated at \$200,000+ per youth per year, the JRISC model offers counties an opportunity to serve youth in their community while addressing their high risk and high needs.

Please find attached the 2008-2010 JRISC Program Summary for your review. For more information please contact Patti Donohue at 518-485-5160 or Patricia.Donohue@DCJS.state.ny.us .

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