

Chapter: Agency Management and Operations Subchapter: Interaction with the Public <b>Rule: Decentralization</b>  ACA: N/A Statutes: <a href="#">Local Gov't Code §391.0091</a>	<b>Effective Date: 10/1/16</b>  Page: 1 of 1  Replaces: GAP.385.8163, 12/18/03
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**RULE**

(a) **Purpose.**

This rule provides for Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) interaction with regional planning commissions when TJJD decentralizes a service to a multi-county region.

(b) **Use of State Planning Region.**

- (1) When a service or program is decentralized to a multi-county region, TJJD must use the services of a state planning region or combination of regions for the decentralization.
  - (2) In planning for decentralization of a service or program in a region, TJJD must consider using a regional planning commission for the purposes described in [Local Government Code §391.0091](#), related to achieving efficiencies through shared costs, coordinating the location of services, increasing accountability, and improving financial oversight.
  - (3) The rule, order, or guide relating to decentralization of a service or program must state that TJJD complied with Local Government Code §391.0091 in the issuance of the rule, order, or guide.
  - (4) This rule does not apply to a service or program that continues to be operated by TJJD through a regional or district office or to a service or program whose location in a single county or adjacent counties of the state is determined more appropriate than decentralization as a matter of law or agency policy.
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