

**TARGET POPULATION DEFINITION  
DRAFT**

**Group Suggestion:**

The target population of youth appropriate for diversion under SB1630 includes all youth who are eligible, and under consideration, for commitment to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department. In order to qualify, the referring juvenile probation department must demonstrate a prior effort to provide appropriate intervention and treatment to the youth; interventions should be commensurate with county resources. Youth who may be especially appropriate for diversion include:

- younger offenders (those between the ages of 10-12),
- youth with a serious mental illness,
- youth with an intellectual disability,
- youth with non-violent offenses, and
- youth with low to moderate risk levels for re-offense.

Factors to be considered should include at a minimum:

- the distance of the placement from meaningful familial connections
- success or failure of prior placements,
- validated risk assessments,
- placement availability,
- mental health and learning issues.

## 1630 Diversion Checklist

## 1. Risk: County Risk Assessment Tool

Low (Enter Score Value): Click here to enter text.

Moderate (Enter Score Value): Click here to enter text.

High (Enter Score Value): Click here to enter text.

## 2. Needs: Assessment Tool

Low (Enter Score Value): Click here to enter text.

Moderate (Enter Score Value): Click here to enter text.

High (Enter Score Value): Click here to enter text.

## 3. Prior Adjudications:

4 or more (Enter Score Value): Click here to enter text.

1-3 (Enter Score Value): Click here to enter text.

None (Enter Score Value): Click here to enter text.

## 4. Region Department Size\*:

Small

Large

Medium

\*please include thoughts on how department size and resources may be factored in:

## 5. Region

Central

South

North

Southeast

Northeast

West

Panhandle

Prior Interventions	SBT	AOD	MH/PS	MHC	AM/VO	FC	Success	Unsuccessful
Community Services	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Kinship Placement	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Residential Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Psychiatric Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/>							
DFPS Placement	<input type="checkbox"/>							
County Operated Post Adj. Facility	<input type="checkbox"/>							
TJJD State Operated Facility	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>							

SBT- Sexual Behavior      AOD- Alcohol/Other Drug      MH/PS- Mental Health/Psychiatric Services

MHC- Mental Health Counseling      AM/VO- Anger Management/Violent Offender      FC- Family Counseling

6. Supporting Documentation: Additional background information/documentation- indicate which is included:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Psychological Evaluation | <input type="checkbox"/> | Treatment Discharge Summary | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Psychiatric Evaluation   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Educational Records         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prior Treatment Records  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Common Application          | <input type="checkbox"/> |

7. Please provide information regarding the adjudication and the reason youth is under consideration for TJJD commitment:

8. Please explain why this youth is a candidate for diversion and may potentially benefit from diversion:

9. Please indicate the Juvenile Probation Department's request for assistance for the youth and the recommendation:

10. TJJD Review & Recommendation

## Texas Juvenile Justice Department Regional Plan Directions

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### Overview of Process

To comply with the requirements of Texas Human Resources Code 203.017 and 203.018, TJJD is partnering with the seven probation regions to develop the statewide Regionalization Plan. The development of this plan will require several steps, beginning with the local departments' resource inventories. These inventories will inform the regional discussion of resources and needs, which will in turn, inform the statewide regionalization plan.



Regional Association presidents should provide the requested information no later than **January 31, 2016**. Please email your plans to

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### Regional Resource Inventories

Using the information gathered in the *Juvenile Probation Department Resource Inventories*, please complete the *Regional Resource Inventory* for your region. The final product should be a comprehensive inventory of the resources available in your region and the specific gaps to be addressed in the efforts to divert youth from commitment to TJJD.

If your county has submitted information to us in response to our queries in the past few months, we have pre-filled your Inventories with the information you submitted. Please review these areas closely to ensure we have captured your information accurately and completely. If your form is blank, we did not receive a response from you and could not assist you by pre-filling the information.

Additionally, the document requests specific descriptions of the population of the youth targeted for diversion. Include the approximate number of youth by county in the target population, average age, offense histories, level of risk, and information related to specialized treatment needs. The final portion of the document provides an opportunity for each region to describe the array of community-based services, including evidence-based services, to be offered to meet the needs of youth who otherwise would be committed to TJJD secure facilities.



## Juvenile Probation Department Resource Inventory

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Each local juvenile probation department is asked to complete an inventory which includes details related to probation services and programming, including referrals, dispositions, available resources, and departmental needs. These inventories will be forwarded, reviewed, and compiled at the Regional level and used in the development of a Regional Plan. **PRE-FILL HIGHLIGHTED FIELDS**

Probation Department Overview			
Juvenile Probation Department	Chief:	Telephone Number:	Date Submitted:
Counties Served	Number of Certified JPOs	Average Caseload	
Total Number of Referrals in FY 15			
Felony referrals in FY 15		Felony adjudications in FY 15	
Misdemeanor referrals in FY 15		Misdemeanor adjudications in FY 15	
CINS referrals in FY 15		CINS adjudications in FY 15	
TJJD Commitments in FY 15			

Probation Department Programming <i>(Use additional sheet if needed).</i>		
Program	Provider (Licensing/certifications)	# of Youth Served

Local Mental Health Authority Programming <i>(Use additional sheet if needed).</i>		
Programs Available to Youth (Ages 10-17)		
Name of Local Mental Health Authority	Executive Director:	Telephone Number:
Counties Served		
Programs Available	Available to JPD Youth?	# of JPD Youth Served FY 14
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	



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### Other Local Services Available to the Probation Department *(Use additional sheet if needed).*

Name of Provider/Agency	Program or Service	# of JPD Youth Served

### Out of County Placements *(List all out-of county placements used or considered in last 36 months)*

<b>Name of Provider/Agency</b>	<b>Program or Service</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b># of JPD Youth Served</b>

### Juvenile Probation Department Needs

Briefly describe your juvenile probation department's financial needs related to diversion of youth from TJJD secure facilities.

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Briefly describe your juvenile probation department's training/technical assistance needs related to diversion of youth from TJJD secure facilities.

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Briefly describe your juvenile probation department's programming needs related to diversion of youth from TJJD secure facilities.

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Briefly describe any staffing needs your juvenile probation department has related to diversion of youth from TJJD secure facilities.

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Briefly describe any other needs your juvenile probation department has related to diversion of youth from TJJD secure facilities.



## Regional Resource Inventory

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Each region is asked to complete an inventory which includes details related to probation services and programming, including referrals, dispositions, available resources, and needs across the region. These inventories will be forwarded, reviewed, and compiled at the state level and used in the development of the statewide regionalization plan.

I. Regional Overview <i>(Add rows or use additional sheets as necessary).</i>		
Juvenile Probation Department	Counties Served	
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Total Number of Certified JPOs in Region	Average Caseload	Total Number of Referrals in Region in FY 15
Number of felony referrals in Region in FY 15	Number of felony adjudications in Region in FY 15	
Number of misdemeanor referrals in Region in FY 15	Number of misdemeanor adjudications in Region in FY 15	
Number of CINS referrals in Region in FY 15	Number of CINS adjudications in Region in FY 15	
Number of TJJD Commitments from Region in FY 15		

II. Total County-Operated Post-Adjudication Capacity in Region <i>(Add rows or use additional sheets as necessary).</i>			
Name of Facility	Facility Capacity	Staffed Capacity	Type of Program

III. Total Private Contracting Capacity for Post-Adjudication Placements in Region <i>(Add rows or use additional sheets as necessary).</i>		
Name of Program	Facility Capacity	Type of Program



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**IV. Using the information provided in each department's Resource Inventory, summarize the mental health services available to juvenile probationers in the region. Include an analysis of what services are lacking in availability or accessibility.  
(Add rows or use additional sheets as necessary).**

**III. Other Services Available in the Region  
(Add rows or use additional sheets as necessary).**

Name of Provider/Agency	Program or Service	# of JPD Youth Served

**IV. Specialized Treatment Available in Region  
(Add rows or use additional sheets as necessary).**

<b>Treatment for Youth with Substance Use Disorders</b>	
Name of Provider/Program	Capacity
<b>Treatment for Youth with Intensive Mental Health Needs</b>	
Name of Provider/Program	Capacity
<b>Treatment for Youth with Sexual Behaviors</b>	
Name of Provider/Program	Capacity
<b>Treatment for Violent Offenders</b>	
Name of Provider/Program	Capacity
<b>Treatment for Female Offenders</b>	
Name of Provider/Program	Capacity



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<b>Treatment for Young Offenders</b>	
<b>Name of Provider/Program</b>	<b>Capacity</b>
<b>Treatment for Offenders with Intellectual Disabilities</b>	
<b>Name of Provider/Program</b>	<b>Capacity</b>

## V. Regional Needs

Comparing the resources/services available to divert youth in your region from state secure facilities and the needs of the youth targeted for diversion, please identify and describe current gaps in your region's ability to provide needed services, supports, and resources to divert youth from state secure facilities.

Briefly describe your region's financial needs related to diversion of youth from TJJD secure facilities.

Briefly describe your region's training/technical assistance needs related to diversion of youth from TJJD secure facilities.

Briefly describe your region's programming and treatment needs related to diversion of youth from TJJD secure facilities.

Briefly describe your region's staffing needs related to diversion of youth from TJJD secure facilities.

Briefly describe any other needs your region has related to diversion of youth from TJJD secure facilities.

## VI. Target Population for Diversion

Describe the youth targeted for diversion in your region. Please include the approximate number of youth by county in the target population, average age, offense histories, level of risk, and information related to specialized treatment needs.



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### VII. Diversion Strategies

**Describe how the region will ensure the provision of an array of services, including research-based services, to meet the needs of youth who otherwise would be committed to TJJD secure facilities.**

# **Post Adjudication Facility Inventory**

Capacity & Programs



# Purpose

## Facility Visits & Inventory\*

- Identify Post Adjudication capacity
- Begin to assess resources available and needed
- Identify potential partners in Regionalization
- Identify incentives for partners
- Begin process of registry clean-up

\*Private facilities not currently included in inventory process

# Outcomes

As a result, we anticipate the following outcomes:

- Initial capacity chart to include participating facilities
- Facility Program Inventory to detail current practices, programs, and services
- Better understanding of gaps which may be addressed in Regionalization plans



# SB 1630 Mandate

## **Section 4:** (Chapter 203, Human Resources Code Sections 203.017 and 203.018.)

- ▶ **Requires TJJD to develop, and the Board to adopt, a regionalization plan for keeping children closer to home in lieu of commitment to TJJD.**
- ▶ including the **identification of post-adjudication facility capacity** that may be dedicated to the support of the plan and **resources needed** to implement the plan.

# Regional Partners

Registry reports 35 Post facilities:

- ▶ 31 are operated by 27 local juvenile probation departments
- ▶ 19 facilities will contract with other counties
- ▶ 2 interested or may be interested
- ▶ 10 currently not interested



# **Panhandle Region- 3 Post Facilities**

- ▶ 2 County Operated Facilities willing to contract
- ▶ 1 Privately Operated Contract Facility



# **West Region- 3 Post Facilities**

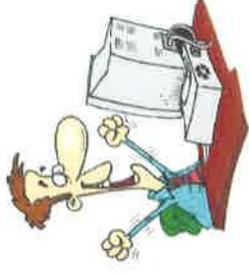
- ▶ 1 County Operated Facility willing to contract
- ▶ 1 Privately Operated Contract Facility
- ▶ 1 County Operated Facility Currently Not Interested



# North Region- 6 Post Facilities

- ▶ 3 County Operated Facilities willing to contract
  - ▶ 1 Privately Operated Contract Facility
  - ▶ 1 County Operated Facility May be Interested
  - ▶ 1 County Operated Facility Currently Not Interested
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# Northeast Region- 3 Post Facilities



3 County Operated Facilities- All willing to contract



# Central Region- 11 Post Facilities

- ▶ 6 County Operated Facilities willing to contract
  - ▶ 1 Privately Operated Contract Facility
  - ▶ 4 County Operated Facilities Currently Not Interested
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# **Southeast Region- 4 Post Facilities**

- ▶ 1 County Operated Facility willing to contract
- ▶ 1 County Operated Facility Interested
- ▶ 2 County Operated Facility Currently Not Interested



# South Region- 4 Post Facilities

- ▶ 3 County Operated Facilities willing to contract
- ▶ 1 County Operated Facility Currently Not Interested



# Facility Inventory

- ▶ Completed jointly between facility designee (i.e., facility administrators, clinical staff) and TJJD staff
  - ▶ Will provide information regarding staff resources, programmatic information, practices
  - ▶ Designed in alignment with RNR and core principles
  - ▶ Identified as a baseline inventory- not as a rating
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# Facility Inventory- Variables

- ▶ **Positions filled/number of contract hours/employed staff:** Addresses issue of resources, availability of MHP's, medical staff, required trained staff
- ▶ **Validated Assessments:** Addresses issues mentioned in Core Principle 1- are validated risk and needs assessments used to make decisions about services and resource allocation, to determine appropriateness for placement? Note that even if so, many times offense type and severity are a primary factor in placement decisions
- ▶ **Type (of Assessment):** Informational- who uses what kinds of assessments
- ▶ **Program Type:** Informational- who offers what "specialized" treatment programs- Alcohol and Other Drug, Anger Management, Mental Health, Sexual Behavior, etc.
- ▶ **Curriculum Type:** Is information provided to indicate that the curriculum meets minimum standards for research/evidence based? I.e., CBT and/or Family/Community-Centric approaches; in alignment with Core Principle 2.

# Facility Inventory- Variables

- ▶ **Supervision/Program Oversight:** A best -practices approach has some system in place to ensure that professionals have access to supervision and some form of feedback/oversight regarding services delivered. This is not a monitoring/auditing service, but a clinical or administrative function. Example: the clinical director or facility administrator periodically monitor groups and provide feedback to the service providers.
  - ▶ **Fidelity:** Does the program articulate a methodology by which they ensure fidelity to the program as designed?
  - ▶ **Duration:** estimated length of the program
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# Facility Inventory- Variables

- ▶ **Special Training for Staff:** Best practices indicate that direct care staff has training to support the treatment programs offered- are staff familiar with program components? Ex- in a sexual behavior treatment program, do direct care staff understand basics of sex offender behavior (grooming, thinking errors, offense cycle, etc.) and can that support that in the social milieu?
- ▶ **Program Framework:** Does the program have a written manual that outlines the target population, eligibility criteria, program goals, program components, desired outcomes, completion criteria, etc. We are looking to see that there is something more than the basic program rules and sanctions for rule violations.
- ▶ **Other Systems Incorporated:** Core principal 3- Is there a coordinated approach across systems to address youth needs? Are other service systems involved as needed? Ex: DFPS involvement for dual custody youth, education, links to aftercare services and involvement with other systems during the transition/reintegration process.
- ▶ **Family Involvement:** Designed to address Core Principal 4- Are system policies, programs, and supervision tailored to reflect the distinct developmental needs of adolescents? As a measure of this core principal (and recommendation A) we ask if families are actively encouraged to participate in the treatment process through family therapy, participation in treatment planning, etc. Something in addition to visitation.

# Facility Inventory- Variables

## Behavior Modification/Privilege System:

- ▶ Designed to address Core Principal 4- Are system policies, programs, and supervision tailored to reflect the distinct developmental needs of adolescents?
- ▶ As a measure of this core principal (and Recommendation B- focus on promoting positive behavior change and using a graduated response to violations) we look to see if the program has a clearly articulated behavior modification plan in plan and/or privilege system which the youth understands, and is the system effectively used to *promote skills attainment, improvements in behavioral health, social/family functioning, communication skills.*
- ▶ Better responses will reflect an awareness of promoting positive youth outcomes rather than just behavior compliance/control.