

**Regionalization Task Force  
Handouts from  
November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

## TARGET POPULATION DEFINITION for TJJD SB1630 DIVERSION

The initial 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 juvenile probation department must demonstrate a prior effort to provide appropriate intervention with priority given to the treatment needs of 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 a developmental or intellectual disability,
- youth with non-violent offenses, and
- youth with low to moderate risk levels for re-offense.

DRAFT TJJJ 1630 Diversion Checklist

Youth Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Youth ID Number: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Youth DOB: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Region: [Click here to enter text.](#)

County Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

(Other??): [Click here to enter text.](#)

1. Risk: County Risk Assessment Tool

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

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

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

2. Needs Assessment

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

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

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

3. Prior Referrals:

3 or more (Enter Score Value): [Click here to enter text.](#)

2-3 (Enter Score Value): [Click here to enter text.](#)

0-1 (Enter Score Value): [Click here to enter text.](#)

4. Prior Adjudications:

3 or more (Enter Score Value): [Click here to enter text.](#)

2-3 (Enter Score Value): [Click here to enter text.](#)

0-1 (Enter Score Value): [Click here to enter text.](#)

5. Severity of Offense:

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

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

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

6. Prior Interventions:

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"/>							
Placement by CPS	<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

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

Psychological Evaluation       Common Application (?)

*DISCUSSION: Should there be others, or just made available upon request?*

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

[Click here to enter text.](#)

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

[Click here to enter text.](#)

10. I certify that if not for the Regionalization Diversion, it is highly likely this youth would be committed to TJJD.

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Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

11. TJJD Review & Comment

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Regional Administration

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Senior Director of Probation & Community Services

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Executive Director

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The following preliminary Regionalization funding protocols are based on feedback from the Regionalization Task Force, internal Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) discussions, conversations with stakeholders, and communication with leadership offices. TJJD reserves the right to change these protocols as the Regionalization planning process unfolds.

- **Total Funding Available:** Up to \$11,324,895 for Fiscal Years (FY) 2016 and 2017

Source	FY 2016	FY 2017	TOTAL
Budgetary Strategy A.1.8, Regional Diversion Alternatives	\$435,490	\$9,139,405	\$9,574,895
Other Sources <sup>1</sup>	Up to \$875,000	Up to \$875,000	Up to \$1,750,000
TOTAL	Up to \$1,310,490	Up to \$10,014,405	Up to \$11,324,895

- **Startup Funds:** Up to \$125,000 per region each year for four years
  - Each region's plan will identify a core programmatic, placement, or aftercare need with the goal of improving outcomes/achieving diversions for the Regionalization target population.
  - The region may consider needs for youth outside the Regionalization target population and/or not eligible for individual support (see "Remaining Funds") in its startup proposal, and such youth may benefit from programs or services created with startup funds.
  - TJJD will provide up to \$125,000 to each region to support its startup proposal. The amount of funds provided will consider statewide needs and impact to system outcomes.
  - Startup funds will be provided annually at least through FY 2019, contingent on continued appropriations and a positive review by TJJD staff prior to FY 2018 and FY 2019.
- **Remaining Funds:**
  - The use of remaining funds will be limited to youth meeting Regional Diversion<sup>2</sup> eligibility criteria.
  - Requests for funding will be based on the needs of individual youth and will include a specific plan for use of dollars,<sup>3</sup> and will include aftercare in cases involving residential placement.
  - Eligible youth will be prioritized using a check-list document<sup>4</sup> that will include narrative information and a certification that without Regional Diversion program funding the department's recommendation would be commitment to TJJD.
  - TJJD's regional coordinators will be available to provide assistance in completing applications. Applications will be reviewed by TJJD staff and a decision issued in no more than five business days unless a shorter timeframe is requested due to exigent circumstances.<sup>5</sup>
  - Approved requests will indicate a "not-to-exceed" (NTE) funding level based on the specific plan for use of dollars. Departments will continue to separately provide or contract for services and will request reimbursement against the NTE amount for expenditures under the approved plan.

<sup>1</sup> Primarily the Supplemental and Emergent Needs program.

<sup>2</sup> Note that "Regional Diversion" is distinct from the Commitment Diversion component of State Aid.

<sup>3</sup> E.g., placement for up to X months including Y services, and intensive supervision for Z months upon release.

<sup>4</sup> Currently being developed in consultation with the Regionalization Task Force and other field practitioners.

<sup>5</sup> Such as an impending court date.

## Timeline for the Development of Regional and Statewide Plans

Present components of regional plans at October task force meeting.	Tracy Levins	10/20/2015
Present final elements of county plans at November task force meeting.	James/Lori	11/15/2015
Distribute Department Resource Inventories to local probation departments for completion.	Presidents/Chiefs Assoc.	11/23/15
Department Resource Inventories due to regional presidents for inclusion in the regional plans.	JPD/Presidents of Chiefs Assoc.	12/21/15
Facilitate the development of regional plans.	Regional Administrators or James/Lori	1/31/2016
Presidents submit regional plans to TJJD	Regional Administrators or James/Lori	2/1/2016
Review regional plans	James/Lori	2/28/2016
Finalize Statewide Regionalization Plan	James/Lori; TJJD staff as designated	4/30/2016
Present statewide plan to TJJD Board for adoption.	David/Chelsea	5/31/2016



# JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT RESOURCE INVENTORY

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Each local juvenile probation department is asked to complete an inventory that includes details related to probation services and programming, 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. Please contact the president of your regional association or TJJD staff if you need assistance completing this form. For general information, contact James Williams at (512) 490-7991 or [james.williams@tjjd.texas.gov](mailto:james.williams@tjjd.texas.gov). For information regarding referrals, contact Amanda Zamarron at (512) 490-7244 or [amanda.zamarron@tjjd.texas.gov](mailto:amanda.zamarron@tjjd.texas.gov).

<b>I. PROBATION DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW</b>			
<i>Juvenile Probation Department</i>	<i>Chief</i>	<i>Phone #</i>	<i>Date Submitted to Regional Association</i>
<i>Counties Served</i>	<i>Number of Certified JPOs</i>	<i>Average Caseload</i>	<i>Total # of Referrals in Fiscal Year (FY) 15</i>
<i>Felony Referrals in FY 15</i>	<i>Felony Adjudications in FY 15</i>	<i>Misdemeanor Referrals in FY 15</i>	<i>Misdemeanor Adjudications in FY 15</i>
<i>CINS Referrals in FY 15</i>	<i>CINS Adjudications in FY 15</i>	<i>TJJJ Commitments in FY 15</i>	

<b>II. PROBATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAMMING</b>		
<i>Include services provided by both probation department staff and contracted providers. (Use additional sheet if needed.)</i>		
<i>Program</i>	<i>Provider (Licensing/Certifications)</i>	<i># of Youth Served in FY 15</i>

<b>III. LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY PROGRAMMING</b>		
<i>Programs available to youth ages 10-17 (Use additional sheet if needed.)</i>		
<i>Name of Local Mental Health Authority</i>	<i>Executive Director</i>	<i>Phone #</i>
<i>Counties Served</i>		
<i>Programs Available</i>	<i>Available to JPD Youth?</i> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<i># of JPD Youth Served FY 15</i>
	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 <input type="checkbox"/>	

<b>IV. COMMUNITY RESOURCES / OTHER LOCAL SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT</b>		
<i>(Use additional sheet if needed.)</i>		
<i>Name of Provider/Agency</i>	<i>Program or Service</i>	<i># of JPD Youth Served FY 15</i>

**V. COUNTY PLACEMENT**

List all county placements used or contracted with in the last 36 months. Include placements to the department's post-adjudication program, as applicable, and out-of-county placements. (Use additional sheet if needed.)

Name of Provider/Agency	Program or Service	Location	# of JPD Youth Placed FY 15

**VI. AFTERCARE SERVICES**

Include services provided by both probation department staff and contracted providers. (Use additional sheet if needed.)

Name of Provider/Agency	Program or Service	Location	# of JPD Youth Served FY 15

**VII. JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT NEEDS**

List needs in the order of priority for the areas below.

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

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

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

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

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

**VIII. TARGET POPULATION FOR DIVERSION**

Based on the responses provided above, describe which youth within the target population may be best served given the current availability of resources. 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. (Use additional sheets as necessary).

Identify which additional portion of youth within the target population the region could serve next if provided additional resources within this biennium and future biennia. (Use additional sheets as necessary).



# REGIONAL RESOURCE INVENTORY AND PLAN

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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.

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

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

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



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<b>IV. Specialized Treatment Available in Region</b> <i>(add rows or use additional sheets as necessary)</i>	
Name of Provider/Program	Capacity
<b>Treatment for Youth with Substance Use Disorders</b>	
<b>Treatment for Youth with Intensive Mental Health Needs</b>	
<b>Treatment for Youth with Sexual Behavior Problems</b>	
<b>Treatment for Violent Offenders</b>	
<b>Treatment for Female Offenders</b>	
<b>Treatment for Young Offenders</b>	
<b>Treatment for Offenders with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities</b>	

**V. Using the information provided in each department's Resource Inventory, summarize the mental health services available to juvenile probationers in the region not previously addressed.**



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**VI. Summarize any additional services available in the region that are not already included on the Juvenile Probation Department Resource Inventory**  
*(add rows or use additional sheets as necessary)*

Name of Provider/Agency	Program or Service	# of JPD Youth Served in FY 15

**VII. Regional Needs -- 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.



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## VIII. Target Population for Diversion

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## IX. Funds

*Describe how the region proposes to use the start-up funds for the current biennium.*

*What additional funding does the region need to successfully divert additional youth within the target population?*

*What additional funding does the region need to increase local/community services?*

## X. Regional Plan for Diversion

*Describe how the region will ensure the provision of services, including research-based services, to meet the needs of youth who otherwise would be committed to TJJD secure facilities. Please include your timeline for diversion readiness.*