

Program Category

Program categories will be a useful tool in the program evaluation process. This field will allow TJJJ to distinguish between programs with the same program type to compare programs with similar goals. For instance, a substance abuse treatment program designed for a first-time offender with a low-level possession charge will likely have a lower recidivism rate than a program designed for a long-term substance abuser who is also a chronic offender. Because these programs seek to serve different populations through different activities, it would be inaccurate to compare their recidivism rates.

Program categories assist TJJJ in grouping programs based on numerous variables, including, but not limited to: the intended population, the overall goal of the program, the activities associated with the program, and the program's length of stay. The five program categories are outlined on the below:

Program Category	Intended Population			Goals	Activities	Length of Stay in Days	Provider/Instructor
	Risk Level	Offense Level/Type	Supervision Level				
Awareness	Most juveniles	Not offense level/ offense type specific	Deferred	Provide juvenile with new information	Watch a video, listen to a speaker; limited juvenile interaction	1 day - 30 days	None/few special qualifications needed
Education	Most juveniles	Not offense level/ offense type specific	Deferred	Provide juvenile with new information	Watch a video, listen to a speaker; complete an activity to demonstrate knowledge	1 day - 30 days	None/few special qualifications needed
Prevention	medium-high risk, medium-high needs	Often offense type/ offense level specific w/ certain offenses considered indicators of risk	Deferred/ Probation	Prevent future involvement in juvenile probation by providing the juvenile with tools to identify and alter negative behaviors	Day/after-school programming; mentoring; tutoring	30 days - 180 days	Juvenile probation officer; contractor
Intervention	medium-high risk, medium-high needs	Often offense type/ offense level specific	Probation	Provide an intervention to alter a juvenile's negative behaviors	Day/after-school programming; mentorship; ongoing group/individual counseling	30 days - 270+ days	Juvenile probation officer; trained counselors; contractor
Treatment	high risk, high needs	Often offense type/ offense level specific	Probation	Provide an intensive intervention with the intention of altering a juvenile's negative behaviors or addressing underlying needs	Group/individual counseling by a trained/certified professional; medical	90 days+	Licensed/certified therapists; specialized counselors; medical professionals
Surveillance	high risk, high needs	Often offense type/ offense level specific	Temp, Conditions, Deferred, Probation	Provide ongoing surveillance of juveniles at risk of re-offense	Surveillance or intensive supervision; no structured curriculum; <i>Specifically for electronic monitoring, home detention, and ISP</i>	1 day - 90 days+	Juvenile probation officers