

# Data Coordinator Conference

September 29 – 30, 2009

# Welcome to Data Coordinators!

- Packets
  - Include all presentations
  - Agenda and session room locations
  - Training certificate (day one)
  - Conference evaluation
- Conference times
  - Sessions until 5:00 today, 12:00 tomorrow
  - Excel session is tomorrow from 1:00 - 4:00

# Plan for the Conference

- Break-out Sessions
  - Four sessions per time period
  - Choose session of interest
- Sessions provide a variety of topics with focus on
  - Data quality
  - Gathering and using information

# Plan for the Conference

- Encourage attendance at the following sessions:
  - Risk Assessment
  - JCMS
  - Legislative Update
  - New Data Reporting Requirements
- Support your colleagues by attending the department panel!

# Contribute Yours Ideas!

- Round Table Session
  - Topic will be “Measuring Success”
  - Thursday 1:30 in Omni A
  - Opportunity to share how you measure outcomes for juveniles under supervision and in programs
  - Informal way to exchange ideas

# Things to Know

Important Updates

# Yearly Data Verification

- We have not yet finished preparing the annual comprehensive data audit
  - Working to update and correct problems identified in last years audit
- Expect to have audit available for departments by the end of October
- Audit will include errors from 2006 forward
  - Remember to review last years audit so you won't duplicate your efforts

# Statistical Report

- The statistical report has been updated
  - Correct coding issues identified with last years audit
- Some of the updates include:
  - Correct calculation for “added to supervision”
  - Correct unsuccessful completion of supervision count
  - Revise referral table
- CW departments will receive the new statistical report in the next CW update

# Caseworker Updates

- Caseworker updates will be ready in October
- Updates are the result of
  - legislative changes
  - new reporting requirements
  - the need to update existing fields
  - the need to collect more detailed information

# Caseworker Updates

- CW updates include:
  - Adding “Funding Source” to behavioral health treatment screen
  - Revision of funding source options to reflect current grants
  - Updating DPS codes and adding new offense codes
    - Creation of new violation of court order codes that distinguish technical violations from violations due to a new offense

# Caseworker Updates

- Adding a field to identify the originating referral number for violation of a court order offenses
- Expansion of the options for “Level of Care” on the placement table
- Caseworker updates will be discussed in the “Placement Levels of Care and Other CW Changes” panel

# Legislative Changes You Should Know About

- During the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session new mandates were enacted that impact juvenile probation
- Mandates include:
  - Juvenile probation departments must complete a risk and needs assessment on all juveniles prior to disposition
  - Juvenile probation department performance must be measured against “performance targets” prior to award of grant funding

# Legislative Changes You Should Know About

- TJPC must collect detailed information on all programs and services offered by juvenile probation departments
  - Description of programs and services offered including a description of the components of each program or service
- TJPC must evaluate of the effectiveness of community-based programs
  - Including comparison of the cost of serving a juvenile in a community program versus TYC commitment

# Legislative Changes You Should Know About

- TJPC must report information quarterly on juveniles served by newly funded initiatives and develop an annual report with “detailed monitoring, tracking, utilization, and effectiveness information for funds appropriated”
  - Quarterly report will include information on intensive community-based programs (Grants U and X) and the commitment reduction program (Grant C)
  - Annual report will include information on all programs and services funded by the Commission

# Sunset Recommendations Focused on System Effectiveness

- Sunset Advisory Commission Report focused, in part, on improving the effectiveness and coordination of the juvenile justice system
  - Sunset legislation mandated enhanced system planning between TJPC and TYC including in-depth review of all system programs to determine effectiveness and cost, development of risk assessment instruments and implementation of data sharing and increased communication

# Commitment Reduction Program

- New funding received to divert juvenile offenders from TYC commitment
  - Funding to departments based on number of expected “diversions”
- Legislature mandated a “cap” on commitments to TYC
  - Commitments over the mandated cap will result in payments to TYC in the amount of \$51,100 per juvenile

# Commitment Reduction Program

- Departments accepting Commitment Reduction Program funds are required to submit an annual report containing:
  - Number of juveniles served and the percent completing the program, service or placement;
  - Number of juveniles committed to TYC and certified as adults;
  - One, two and three year recidivism rates; and
  - The cost per youth participating

# Addition of Levels of Care for Secure Placements

- TJPC has implemented Levels of Care for TJPC secure registered facilities
- Levels are based on the needs of the juvenile and the services they will receive while in placement
  - Basic Correctional - \$95.00
  - Specialized Correctional - \$127.00
  - Intensive Correctional- \$225.00

# New Reporting and Increased JJ Focus Make Data Very Important

- Juvenile probation data is Good **BUT** juvenile probation data is NOT error free
- It is essential that :
  - Juveniles served by new initiative grants be clearly identified
  - Program participation and outcomes be entered
  - TYC dispositions reflect juveniles admitted to TYC

# Things to Know

Update on Research Projects

# Risk and Needs Assessment Instrument

- Risk and needs assessment instrument has been developed by TJPC
- Instrument is currently being piloted by nine departments throughout the state
- Instrument will be available statewide by February of next year

# Program “Registry”

- House Bill 3856 mandates the collection of detailed information on juvenile probation programs and services
- TJPC will begin collecting information in January of next year
- Departments will be required to complete a data “form” for each program offered

# Cognitive Behavioral Program Evaluation

- Looking at the use and effectiveness of juvenile probation cognitive behavioral programs
  - Why Try
  - Project Aspect
- Report will be available in early 2010

# Recidivism for Juveniles in Placements and Programs

- Looking at the recidivism rate of juveniles participating in placements and programs
  - First step in determining what is “effective”
- Recidivism is based on one and two year re-referral/re-arrest and incarceration rates

# Report on Intensive Community Based Programs

- Focus on Intensive Community-Based Program pilots
- Look at the programs, their goals and their target population
- Determine characteristics of juveniles served and their outcomes

# Begin Work on After-Care Assessment

- By mid-year we will begin working on a study to gather data with the goal of developing an after-care assessment for juveniles leaving residential placement
- Anticipate a data collection similar to that done for the Risk Assessment project
- Focus on the needs of kids in residential placements and how best to transition from facility to supervision and services in the community

# RATS Reminder

- Remember that all research being conducted on or about juveniles needs to be entered into the Research and Analytical Testing System (RATS)
  - Research conducted by persons outside the department
  - Use of data files by an outside person for research should also be entered

# Kudos to You!!

- As always, thanks for all the work you do to provide us with great information
- We couldn't do what we do with the information you provide!!

THANKS!

Sessions begin at 9:45

# Program “Registry”

- House Bill 3856
- (f) A juvenile probation department must, before the disposition of a child's case and using a validated risk and needs assessment instrument or process provided or approved by the commission, complete a risk and needs assessment for each child under the jurisdiction of the juvenile probation department.

# Recidivism for Juveniles in Placements and Programs

- ) The commission shall consider the past performance of a juvenile board when contracting with the juvenile board for local probation services other than basic probation services. In addition to the contract standards described by Subsection (a), a contract with a juvenile board for probation services other than basic probation services must:
- (1) include specific performance targets for the juvenile board based on the juvenile board's historic performance of the services; and