

# Community-Based Programs

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# Community-Based Program Panel

- What to expect:
  - What is a community-based program
  - How should kids in programs be reported
  - How do programs in CW relate to the new program/service registry

# What is a program?

- A program is defined as:
  - “A non-residential, department operated or contracted/purchased service delivery that is conducted for a least one day”
- A program must have a measurable or reportable objective and outcome

# Characteristics of a Program

- Community-based
  - Non-residential
  - Last at least one day (4 or more hours)
  - Involve a plan or curriculum
  - Have outcomes or expectations for completion
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- A program may involve a single or multiple components

# Can a Program Operate in a Residential Facility?

- A residential facility can have programs **BUT** these are not considered community-based programs
  - Indicate a juvenile's participation in a specialized residential program by selecting the appropriate service type in the placement screen/table
- **DO NOT** include residential programs in the program screen!

# Is Community Service Restitution a Program?

- Technically, community service restitution is NOT a program
  - CSR is statutorily required for all adjudicated juveniles
  - CSR does not involve a curriculum or outcome
- CSR was historically considered a program and so may be recorded in the program screen

# And Then There is ISP

- Intensive Supervision Probation (ISP) participation should be recorded as a community-based program
  - Although a supervision, ISP has historically been recorded on the program screen

# A Program is Not...

- Offered in a residential facility
- A class or one time service
- A community referral
  - Juveniles required to attend a program offered in the community would be considered participating a program

# Programs and Payment

- A department does not have to operate and/or pay for a program for it to be considered a “community-based program”
  - Departments may contract for a program
  - Contracts involve an agreement to provide a program/service but do not have to involve money
- Programs may be operated in the community at no cost to the department

# Specialized and/or Grant Funded Programs

- Specialized and grant funded programs should be considered community-based programs and recorded in the program screen
  - Special Needs Diversionary Program = Yes
  - Drug Courts = Yes
  - Border Children's Project = Yes
  - Why Try and Project Aspect = Yes
  - Mental Health Specialized Caseloads = Yes
- Exception is JJAEP

# Community-Based Programs

How to Record Program  
Participation

# Enter Information on Juveniles Participating in Programs

- All juveniles participating in a community-based program should be entered in the program screen of CW or your department's data system
- The department does not have to pay for the program for participation to be recorded
  - If program is required by department/court participation should be recorded

# Program Participation Must be Tied to a Supervision

- In order to participate in a program a juvenile **MUST** be on some type of supervision
  - Probation, deferred, conditional release or temporary
- Programs provided to juveniles **NOT** under the jurisdiction of the department/juvenile court can be tracked by using an administrative referral type (OA)

# A Program May Include Various Components

- A program may have a single or multiple components or elements

“Any program may use a number of practices, and any particular practice can be combined with others to make up a program.”

*Promising Practices Network. Glossary*

# Program Components

## Single Component

### Drug treatment

- Drug treatment counseling

## Multiple Components

### Drug Court

- drug treatment
- counseling
- anger management
- cognitive behavioral treatment

- Multiple program components should NOT be reported as separate programs!!

# Component versus Separate Program

- How to tell when you are dealing with a component of a program rather than a separate program
- A component if:
  - All juveniles (or majority) are required to participate
  - Part of the program description
  - Included as a program activity and/or part of the curriculum

# And Again the Exception is ISP

- ISP generally involves various requirements for the juveniles on the caseload
  - Drug testing
  - Electronic monitoring
  - Attendance in intensive day programs
- Count non-surveillance program involvement separately even though it may be required of all juveniles on ISP

# Perfect World versus Reality

- CW does not allow for the tracking of program components on the program screen
  - Departments enter components as separate programs so can track entry, exit and outcomes
- From TJPC perspective, leads to over counting program activity and program participation
- Ideas for solutions???

# Choosing the Correct Program Type

- TJPC has 38 different types of programs
  - Anger management to Vocational/employment
- Choose the program type that represents the **PRIMARY** purpose or goal of the program
- Choose “Other” only if there is no existing program type that matches the program’s goals

# What Program Type am I??

- Primary purpose of the program is to assist juveniles to develop critical thinking and decision-making skills
- Program involves:
  - Cognitive behavioral therapy
  - Anger management
  - Experiential skills
  - Life skills
  - Counseling services

# What Program Type am I??

- The primary purpose of the program is to keep kids in school and increase their chances of graduating from high school
- Program involves:
  - Tutoring
  - Mentoring
  - Life skills
  - Counseling

# Consistently Report Program Type

- Always report participation in a program using the same program type
  - All juveniles participating in a program should ALWAYS have the same program type entered into the program screen
- This is essential in order to know the kids served by a program and the program's impact

# Real World Example

- Department “X” was operating a youth advocacy program. The program involved many components
- Kids in the program were coded as participating in various program types including:
  - Mentoring
  - Counseling
  - Education
  - Mental Health

# Real World Example

- TJPC asked to determine the number of kids served by the program and the outcomes of those kids under supervision
- Looked like very few kids were served and their outcomes were worse than similar kids participating in other programs
- When able to identify all served the number served and outcomes changed significantly

# Legislative Changes have put Focus on Programs

- TJPC Sunset legislation included
  - Development and implementation of the program registry and requirement to evaluate program outcomes
  - Requirement to tie state grant funding to department outcomes
- Push to determine “what works”

# Focus on Programs

- TJPC already looks at the outcomes of juveniles participating in programs
- Will be looking to see what is “working” for different departments
  - Information from the program registry will help determine similar programs and/or the impact of specific program components

# Community-Based Programs

Programs – Program/Service  
Registry versus Programs in  
CW/Extract

# TJPC Program / Service Registry

- The registry is designed to collect information on all programs and services used by juvenile probation departments in the state
- The registry is program/service based, not juvenile based
  - No individual juvenile information should be entered into the Program/Service Registry

# Entry of Programs in the Registry

- Departments should complete one program entry for each program they operate, contract for and/or to which they refer juveniles or the family members of juveniles under their jurisdiction
  - Community programs to which juveniles and their family members may be referred to but are not required to attend do not need to be included in the registry

# Services Section of the Registry

- Departments should indicate all services offered to juveniles and/or the family members of juveniles under their jurisdiction
- **Services are not provided as part of a program**
- Services are one time events, not associated with a program, that provide help, assistance or support to a juvenile or their family

# Cross Referencing Program Information

- All programs in CW/ extract data should be entered into the Registry
  - Not all programs entered in the Registry will be entered in CW/extract data
- Services recorded in the non-residential service, drug testing and behavioral health screens should be entered into the Registry
  - Possible that not all available services will be found in the CW/extract data

# Gentle Reminder

- All entry of program and service information should now be complete
  - Deadline for entry – September 15<sup>th</sup>
- TJPC will be reviewing registry entries and contacting departments with questions and for clarification

# Program Entries to Date

- As of September 20<sup>th</sup>, 119 departments had entered at least one program in the registry
  - 49 departments have not yet entered any program information
- To date have 1,148 programs entered
  - 83% of entries are complete
  - 81% of entries are registered

# Program Entries to Date

- TJPC has a deadline for reporting program and service information to the legislature
  - Have to report no later than January 1, 2011
- Essential that departments work to complete their program and service entries and to make any needed corrections in a timely manner
  - TJPC will issue NCCR's to departments that do not respond and may ultimately hold funding

# Most Common Registry Questions

- Is ISP a program?
- Is CSR a program?
- Should I report programs operated in residential facilities in the program/services registry?
- What is the difference between a community referral and a program operating in the community?

# Program Registry VS Programs

## Program Registry

- Program based
- Include programs for family members and juveniles not under JDP jurisdiction
- Includes complete program descriptions
- Includes services

## Programs in CW/Extract

- Kid based
- Include only participation by kids under supervision
- Services reported on other screens

- Both the Registry and CW/Extract data involve on-going data entry!

# Registry Updates and Fixes

- Adding the following fields
  - County - for use by multi-jurisdiction departments
  - Program timing – seasonal versus year round
  - Year to services section
- Also adding reports so all department can pull information by juvenile characteristic
- Finally, fixing “bugs” as they appear

# Program Registry Uses

- By November there will be an interface to the Program/Services Registry on the TJPC website
- Interface will allow departments and the public to query the statewide database for information
  - Able to search by program type, juvenile characteristic and/or for programs operating during specific time periods
  - Hope departments will use as a resource when considering adding new programs/services

Questions??

Comments??

Thanks!!