THE MISSION OF
THE TJJD FAMILY
LIAISON PROGRAM IS

To increase family involvement in the rehabilitation of youth by developing, organizing, implementing, and overseeing family involvement activities at the TJJD facility.

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FAMILY SUPPORTS

PROMOTING THE FAMILY VOICE AND CHOICE IN YOUTH REHABILITATION

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How do Family Liaisons support families?

Family Liaisons are responsible for assisting families in identifying and accesing local information and resources for the successful re-integration of youth to their home communities.

Family Liaisons coach, educate, support and encourage family members to make informed choices so that their voices drive the plan of care that is recommended for their youth.

How do Family Liaisons assist with family visitation?

Family Liaison assist families in getting their visitor applications processed and in getting financial assistance for families that need help to go visit their child. Webcam visitation sessions are also available on a limited basis. Letters are also encouraged to keep connected to your child.

What are some family involvement activities at TJJD facilities?

FAMILY DAY…
is an event, held at our facilities on a quarterly basis, which provides an opportunity for family bonding by bringing family members together to participate in organized activities. Activities may range from outdoor barbecues, field sports events, youth marching contests, and other opportunities.

TRAINING SEMINARS…
are small group sessions to inform families on a variety of topics. Often speakers are provided to speak about the services their agencies offer to families back in their home communities.

SUPPORT GROUPS…
are meetings organized for the purpose of getting family network groups. The families share their stories and learn from the experiences of the entire group. The shared experiences lead to problem solving of the families' needs.

FAMILY ORIENTATION…
are informational meetings to inform family members of procedures on how and when to communicate with TJJD staff. These sessions answer frequently asked questions and also allow for the asking of information regarding policy on their youth's rehabilitation. These small group sessions are held on a monthly basis.

How can the Family Liaison assist you?

The *Family Liaison* will ensure that family and youth perspectives are considered as the process for their youth's treatment unfolds.

Family Liaisons can assist with:

- Questions related to academics, treatment, or corrections
- Interpretation of TJJD policies, procedures, and programs.
- Communication with service care providers in your community
- Records location and retrieval.
- Point of contact for all questions