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JUVENILE JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT

Administrative Directive #2 FY 2023

To: TJJJ Employees and Juvenile Probation Departments

From: Shandra Carter, Interim Executive Director

Subject: Minimum Length of Stay Adjustment

Date: September 1, 2022

As explained in Administrative Directive #1, FY 2023, TJJJ has begun a pilot program to start rehabilitative programming with youth who are in detention pending admission to TJJJ. As part of this pilot program, youth with an indeterminate sentence will receive an adjustment of their minimum length of stay assigned under GAP.380.8525 for the number of days spent in detention between the date of commitment to TJJJ and the date of admission to TJJJ.

To ensure that youth who were admitted to TJJJ prior to this pilot program receive the same treatment as those admitted after, all youth currently in a TJJJ facility or TJJJ-contract facility who have not completed their initial minimum lengths of stay will also receive an adjustment of the minimum length of stay for days spent in detention between the date of commitment to TJJJ and the date of admission to TJJJ. I am instructing the intake department to calculate this time and make these adjustments.

As a reminder, the minimum length of stay is not a sentence and completing it does not guarantee a youth will be released on parole. Completing the minimum length of stay is only one piece of program completion criteria given in GAP.380.8555. A youth earns release on parole when all of the criteria in GAP.380.8555 have been met, which includes completion of the TJJJ rehabilitation program, participation in or completion of assigned specialized treatment programs, participation in or completion of statutorily required rehabilitation programming, and refraining from engaging in major rule violations. All youth with an indeterminate commitment who do not meet release criteria prior to the adjusted minimum length of stay date will be reviewed by TJJJ's Release Review Panel in accordance with existing policy.