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Materials for 4/9/13 Meeting

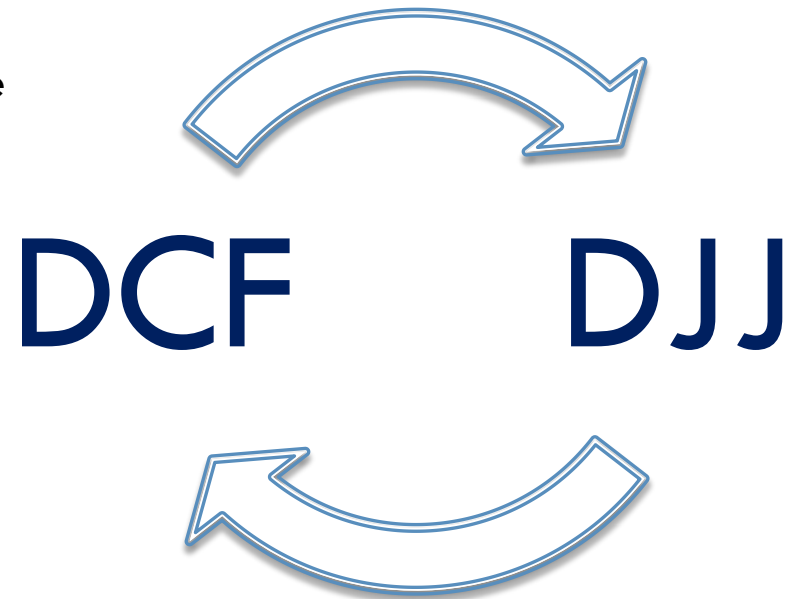
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- Ongoing & Proposed Activities for 2013 document.
 - Summarizes the in-operation work plan.
 - Specifically outlines:
 - Who Crossover youth are;
 - Existing structure by judicial circuit;
 - Ongoing activities;
 - Proposed activities for 2013;
 - Data; and
 - Pilot Project: HB 7103 & SB 1834.

Who Are Crossover Youth?

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- Youth under the care of the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) are arrested and crossover into the juvenile justice system.
- Youth under the care of DCF who are in some form of out-of-home placement (i.e. foster care, group home care) and are arrested and then enter into the delinquency system.
- Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) involved youth who crossover into the dependency system as the result of a parent or guardian not able or willing to accept them at home following the release from any DJJ program area to include Residential, Detention, Probation or Prevention; or an abusive or neglectful home environment that is inappropriate for a child to either continue to live in or return to.



By The Numbers

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- “It is estimated that monthly, between 600 and 800 youth are in both the DCF and DJJ systems of care at the same time.”
- “A subset of this population during 2012, was analyzed which included 120 children who were released from DJJ residential commitment and placed with DCF in out of home care.”

(See Florida House of Representatives staff analysis for HB 7103)

Overall

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- By Judicial Circuit, each Circuit has their own interagency group that is made up of different agency staff involving crossover youth. If a Circuit Group has a case they need help with, it is referred to a regional group. If it is not resolved there, it is presented to the Statewide Interagency Workgroup.

Ongoing Activities

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- Coordination between DCF and DJJ-Detention is well established at the local and statewide level.
- Interagency agreement revisions to 2005 MOU, regarding dually served youth; especially regarding reported abuse cases.
- Crossover Youth Practice Model (Georgetown).

Proposed 2013 Activities

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- Formalize DJJ-DCF data access at the statewide level.
- Clarification is needed regarding authorization and delivery of services.
- Develop a protocol for effective case management.
- Develop procedures for transition planning.
- Initial discussions have taken place between DJJ and DCF to address issues/sub-issues that could be addressed in 2013, as outlined on pages 5-6 of the Ongoing & Proposed Activities for 2013 document.

Pilot Project

- **HB 7103 & SB 1834**, by Representative Harrell & Senator Sobel, are moving through the 2013 legislative session.
 - ▣ Legislation would create a pilot project authorizing DJJ-DCF to demonstrate a more effective and collaborative service model to serve youth under the common care of DCF & DJJ.
 - ▣ Project limited to one county mutually agreed to by DJJ & DCF that has a high rate of crossover youth.
 - ▣ Youth in pilot would be under the DJJ probation status.