

## Education Outcomes Task Force: OJJDP Juvenile Reentry Project

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**Goal 1: Clarify and coordinate reentry policies and processes to ensure reentry planning includes input from the youth's family and reflects the youth's risk level and needs as determined through the Indiana Youth Assessment System (IYAS) and validated behavioral health screenings and assessments.**

- Recommendation 1: Establish key reentry checkpoints that include facility staff, community stakeholders, the youth and family, and ensure the Integrated Reentry Plan designates clear roles and responsibilities of staff to support youth in completing his/her goals.
- Recommendation 2: Establish treatment goals and initial length of stay based on risk level, as indicated by IYAS risk assessment, which could reduce LOS and ultimately facility census and save money.
- Recommendation 3: Develop a standardized case plan template and process to ensure youth get services matched to their key needs in the facility and community (this includes ensuring continuity of mental health/substance use treatment and the timely and effective placement of youth in appropriate educational/vocational settings).
- Recommendation 4: Increase meaningful family involvement through the use of technology and the development of clear agency policies and practices, and build in associated staff training and quality assurance measures to ensure high quality implementation and associated positive outcomes.

**Goal 2: Increase the availability and quality of services for youth in facilities and in the community.**

- Recommendation 1: Strengthen partnerships with other state agencies, community schools, organizations, and universities to expand evidence-based reentry services for all youth released from IDOC/DYS facilities.
- Recommendation 2: Develop opportunities for cross-agency training, collaboration, and information sharing to enhance the coordination of services and supports youth receive in facilities and in the community.
- Recommendation 3: Collect data on an ongoing basis to assess program and service quality in facilities and in the community, share data regularly, and hold staff and providers accountable for results.

**Goal 3: Establish statewide standards and practices for supervision/aftercare that focus on promoting positive youth behavior change.**

- Recommendation 1: Develop supervision guidelines to ensure that conditions of supervision are easily understood by the youth and family and are realistically achievable, and that when reflected in the youth's case plan, family, school, and service provider contacts are required by agency policy.
- Recommendation 2: Develop an agency-wide graduated sanctions matrix and standardized policies that are used to match youth with appropriate sanctions based on their risk level and severity of behaviors.
- Recommendation 3: Develop a more effective and consistent supervision practice model with the counties in order to ensure youth are successfully connected to aftercare services that support their reentry needs.