

Arizona Code of Judicial Administration
Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Feedback
Section 6-302.01: Juvenile Intensive Probation Supervision Evidence-Based Practices

The Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department respectfully submits the below comments regarding proposed draft ACJA changes to Juvenile Intensive Probation Supervision Evidence-Based Practices.

Section:

A. Definitions

Comment: "Child," "youth" or "juvenile" definition should be updated to reflect new statutory language of extended jurisdiction.

Suggested Language:

"Child" "youth" or "juvenile" means "an individual who is under the age of eighteen years," as provided in A.R.S. § 8-201(6) OR UNTIL THE JUVENILE IS NINETEEN IF JURISDICTION IS RETAINED PURSUANT TO [A.R.S. § 8-202, SUBSECTION H](#).

B. Definitions

Comment: I(1)(b) Keep definition of out of home placement to reference continued supervision mandates for youth in group homes and shelter as active cases.

Suggested language:

"Out-of-home placement" means "the placing of a child in the custody of an individual or agency other than with the child's parent or legal guardian ..." as provided in A.R.S. § 8-501(8)(9). THIS CATEGORY INCLUDES FOSTER CARE, KINSHIP CARE, OR TEMPORARY SHELTER SERVICES.

C. K.1.b Active Cases

Comment: K(1)(b) Keep definition of out of home placement to reference continued supervision mandates for youth in group homes and shelter as active cases.

Suggested Language:

K.1.b. Juveniles in out-of-home ~~placement~~ care for less than thirty (30) days OR OUT OF HOME PLACEMENT;

D. K.2. Active Cases

Comment: K(2) Juveniles who are currently living out of county should be supervised by the receiving county through courtesy supervision or interstate transfer. Other inactive status' should include juveniles pending adult court action currently held in juvenile detention facilities.

Suggested Language:

K.2. A JIPS team's active caseload shall not include:

a. Juveniles on administrative status for one of the following reasons:

- (1) Juveniles traveling for more than 30 days out of state, COUNTY, or country with the approval of the juvenile probation department;
- (2) Juveniles direct filed to adult court and currently held in adult jail OR JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES pending the adult court action; or

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(3) Juveniles residing for more than 30 days out of state, COUNTY, or country, and the department has retained jurisdiction of the juvenile.

- b. Juveniles on warrant status for 90 days or more; and
- c. Juveniles not yet dispositioned to JIPS.

E. M.1(e) Program Operations

Comment: M.1(e) Code should allow a designee of the JIPS team which includes surveillance officers the ability to administer assessments. Persons other than the probation officer can be trained and certified to properly administer assessments.

Suggested Language:

M.1(e) Policies and procedures which require A DESIGNEE OF THE JIPS TEAM to administer a youth assessment for each adjudicated juvenile supervised, prior to disposition or within 30 days, if not completed during the pre-dispositional process. Officers shall consider assessment results, family feedback other agencies involved, as well and any other relevant information, when developing a case plan;

F. M.1(f) Program Operations

Comment: M.1(f) Code should allow a designee of THE JIPS TEAM which includes surveillance officers the ability to utilize the Recommendation Matrix and provide this information to the JPO for inclusion in the court report.

Suggested Language:

M.1(f) Policies and procedures which require A DESIGNEE OF THE JIPS TEAM to utilize the Recommendation Matrix;

G. M.1(g) Program Operations

Comment: M.1(g) Code should allow a designee of THE JIPS TEAM which includes surveillance officers the ability to help develop case plans.

Suggested Language:

M.1(g) Policies and procedures which require A DESIGNEE OF THE JIPS TEAM to develop a case plan within 30 days of disposition. The officer shall ensure the case plan includes objectives that are SPECIFIC AND measurable, INCLUDING signatures of the probation officer AND juvenile. ~~and~~ The CASE PLAN WILL INCLUDE INPUT FROM THE juvenile's parent or guardian;

H. M.1(h) Program Operations

Comment: M.1(h) Code should allow a designee of THE JIPS TEAM, which includes surveillance officers, the ability to administer assessments. Update referral to ADJUDICATION to align with other suggested Code changes.

Suggested Language:

M.1(h) Policies and procedures which require A DESIGNEE OF THE JIPS TEAM to update the

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youth assessment, upon each subsequent ADJUDICATION EXCLUDING VIOLATIONS OF PROBATION and once every six months, at a minimum. Upon each re-administration, juvenile officers shall review the previous case plan evaluating and updating noted strategies to reflect identified risk and needs;

I. M.1(i) Program Operations

Comment: M.1(i) Every opportunity by Department staff should be used to reinforce desired thinking, choices, and behavior. Code should allow a designee of THE JIPS TEAM which includes surveillance officers the ability to administer graduated incentives and responses.

Suggested Language:

M.1(i) Policies and procedures that require A DESIGNEE OF THE JIPS TEAM to utilize graduated responses to promote positive behavioral change through incentives, consequences, and supervision to address violations;

J. O.3(a) Minimum Supervision Requirements

Comment: O.3(a) Juveniles who are detained, hospitalized or in out of home care under 30 days are in a safe and supervised environment. Regardless of the Supervision Level, JIPS youth that are detained, hospitalized, or in out of home care are in need of regular contact however it should not be based upon their supervision level. This is also a critical time for further relationship rapport development and continued reentry planning for those juveniles who are detained or in out of home care under 30 days. Departments should be expected to determine their own contact standards not to be less than one visual contact per week.

Suggested Language:

a. Visual contacts. The JIPS team shall have a minimum of four visual contacts with each juvenile per week. Home contacts are required on a random and varied basis. Mandatory visual contact may be made by other probation or surveillance officers when authorized by the director. Visual contacts shall be varied and unscheduled, and include evenings, weekends, and holidays. DEPARTMENTS SHALL DEVELOP CONTACT STANDARDS FOR JUVENILE DETAINED, HOSPITALIZED, OR IN OUT OF HOME CARE UNDER 30 DAYS THAT MINIMALLY REQUIRE AT LEAST ONE VISUAL CONTACT PER WEEK. ~~Visual contacts with the juvenile shall continue when in out of home placement care or detention;~~

K. O.4(a) Minimum Supervision Requirements

Comment: O(4)(a) Juveniles who are detained, hospitalized or in out of home care under 30 days are in a safe and supervised environment. Regardless of the Supervision Level, JIPS youth that are detained, hospitalized, or in out of home care are in need of regular contact however it should not be based upon their supervision level. This is also a critical time for further relationship rapport development and continued reentry planning for those juveniles who are detained or in out of home care under 30 days. Departments should be expected to determine their own contact standards not to be less than one visual contact per week.

Suggested Language:

Visual contacts. The JIPS team shall have a minimum of two visual contacts with each juvenile

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per week, with at least at least one contact occurring at the juvenile's residence. Mandatory visual contact may be made by other probation or surveillance officers when authorized by the director. Visual contact shall be varied and unscheduled, and include evenings, weekends, and holidays. DEPARTMENTS SHALL DEVELOP CONTACT STANDARDS FOR JUVENILE DETAINED, HOSPITALIZED, OR IN OUT OF HOME CARE UNDER 30 DAYS THAT MINIMALLY REQUIRE AT LEAST ONE VISUAL CONTACT PER WEEK. ~~Visual contacts with the juvenile shall continue when in out of home placement care or detention;~~ and

L. O.5(a) Minimum Supervision Requirements

Comment: O(5)(a) Juveniles who are detained, hospitalized or in out of home care under 30 days are in a safe and supervised environment. Regardless of the Supervision Level, JIPS youth that are detained, hospitalized, or in out of home care are in need of regular contact however it should not be based upon their supervision level. This is also a critical time for further relationship rapport development and continued reentry planning for those juveniles who are detained or in out of home care under 30 days. Departments should be expected to determine their own contact standards not to be less than one visual contact per week.

Suggested Language:

Visual contacts. The JIPS team shall have a minimum of one visual contact with each juvenile per week, with at least one visit occurring at the juvenile's residence every other week. Mandatory visual contact may be made by other probation or surveillance officers when authorized by the director. Visual contact shall be varied and unscheduled, and include evenings, weekends, and holidays. DEPARTMENTS SHALL DEVELOP CONTACT STANDARDS FOR JUVENILE DETAINED, HOSPITALIZED, OR IN OUT OF HOME CARE UNDER 30 DAYS THAT MINIMALLY REQUIRE AT LEAST ONE VISUAL CONTACT PER WEEK. ~~Visual contacts with the juvenile shall continue when in out of home placement care or detention.~~