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Interagency Protocols Supporting Foster Student Success

Department of Children and Families (DCF) staff, contract providers, and the Orange County School Board established foster care designees in each school and created a technical assistance manual concerning foster children. The team provided joint training to all designees and created a full time school court liaison position, housed in the juvenile courthouse, as a support to the school district, DCF and the judiciary. For more information, please contact Barbara Dirienzo at (407) 245-0530 or barbara_dirienzo@dcf.state.fl.us. 2007 DCF-051

Forensic Competency Restoration Program

Working closely with a circuit court judge and forensic attorney, Department of Children and Families staff in Gainesville developed a competency restoration program to divert forensic clients found incompetent to stand trial according to Chapter 916, Florida Statutes, to the community in lieu of referring them to a state treatment facility. This program saved \$1.8 million and reduced the wait list by 30 people in 2005-06. For more information, please contact Lisa Cue at (352) 955-5045 or Lisa_Cue@dcf.state.fl.us. 2007 DCF-074

Case Management Database

A case management database for misdemeanor probation and pre-trial release programs collects and tracks information electronically, enabling probation officers to provide up-to-date reports and information to judges and law enforcement on individual cases or an entire caseload. For more information, please contact Wendy Schlesinger at (850) 718-0027 or schlesingerw@jud14.flcourts.org. 2007 SCS-001

Streamlined Violation of Probation Processes

Streamlining first appearance and arraignment processes for violation of probation contributed to approximately 10% lower average daily inmate populations and a cost avoidance projected at nearly \$500,000 annually. For more information, please contact Anne Weeks at (863) 534-4571 or aweeks@jud10.flcourts.org. 2007 SCS-002

Reduced Child Support Case Backlog

The Sixth Judicial Circuit in Pinellas County collaborated with the Department of Revenue and the Attorney General's Office to restructure calendars and hear more cases in a manner that did not sacrifice due process protection. As a result, three hearing officers and their support staff eliminated 1,869 backlogged cases in 2006. For more information, please contact Michelle Bourrie at (727) 582-7490 or mbourrie@jud6.org. 2007 SCS-003