



## Law Enforcement

### Phoenix Application for Florida Abuse Hotline

An application that centralizes the Department of Children and Families' Crime Intelligence Unit enables it to provide field staff immediate access to criminal history information for investigations and placement. For more information, please contact Cindy Kirkland at (850) 487-6114 or [cindy\\_kirkland@dcf.state.fl.us](mailto:cindy_kirkland@dcf.state.fl.us). 2007 DCF-011

### Adult Respite Service

A mental health model, implemented in Nassau County, helps people with acute symptoms of mental illness avoid involuntary commitment/examination and related trauma. The long-term impact is expected to be reduced use of inpatient crisis stabilization care, as well as cost offsets to law enforcement. For more information, please contact Gene Costlow at (904) 723-2014 or [Gene\\_Costlow@dcf.state.fl.us](mailto:Gene_Costlow@dcf.state.fl.us). 2007 DCF-061

### Background Investigations

A procedure for performing comprehensive criminal and civil background checks on individuals can be completed in a matter of days instead of weeks. This procedure enables immediate background information if necessary, allowing the Florida Office of Financial Regulation to better serve state financial institutions and the banking public by determining whether individuals are qualified to serve in a fiduciary capacity. For more information, please contact Joseph Matthews at (850) 410-9800. 2007 DFS-012

### Reduction of Negligent Releases

Many juvenile detention centers have problems with negligent releases, creating risk to public safety and negative media attention. A policy and a form used at the Miami Dade Regional Juvenile Detention Center helps ensure that releases are valid. For more information, please contact Gail Bess at (305) 637-4682 or [gail.bess@djj.state.fl.us](mailto:gail.bess@djj.state.fl.us). 2007 DJJ-004

### Cost Saving Training Lesson Plans

Power point training lesson plans are available for approximately two dozen subjects on which employees are trained annually at the Seminole Regional Juvenile Detention Center in Sanford. Most training is now delivered via computer on employees' own schedules. For more information, please contact Superintendent Vickie Dyanne Alves at (407) 330-6750 or [valves@djj.state.fl.us](mailto:valves@djj.state.fl.us). 2007 DJJ-008

### Staff Verification System

A system that provides historical and current information concerning employees of 300 outsourced providers enables hiring agents to determine the need for further inquiry into prospective employees' employment histories, based on previous problems working with juveniles. For more information, please contact Jacqueline Suttle at (850) 488-9084 or [jackie.suttle@djj.state.fl.us](mailto:jackie.suttle@djj.state.fl.us). 2007 DJJ-007



### **Background Screening**

One-step criminal background screening, including simultaneous electronic submission of fingerprints to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), produces criminal history responses from FDLE and the FBI within 72 hours. For more information, please contact Myra Burks at (850) 921-6338 or [myra.burks@djj.state.fl.us](mailto:myra.burks@djj.state.fl.us). 2007 DJJ-018

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:aweeks@jud10.flcourts.org). 2007 SCS-002