

# Juvenile Justice Regional Workshop

**East and Central Area**  
**October 20-21, 2021**



▶ Let's Discuss SB 207

# Legislative Changes for 16 & 17-year-old Committed Youth

## Part I. Youth Detention Centers Commitment Changes

- ▶ QA/QI staff will be updating current commitment forms and documents and distributed to CS staff before implementation date of December 1, 2021.
- ▶ AOC orders are currently being revised to reflect statutory changes.
- ▶ Central Office QA/QI staff will distribute updated orders along with the link to the AOC website.
- ▶ Updated commitment documents and training materials will be distributed to Juvenile Court Counseling staff by December 1, 2021.
- ▶ Commitment training will begin mid January and will be virtual. This will allow all districts to have 2 fully trained staff on commitment parameters until all staff can be trained.
- ▶ Others within JJ can attend if interested.
- ▶ Training dates will be shared when established in case others would like to participate in the training.



## RAISE MINIMUM AGE

Let's walk through Vulnerable Juvenile Process

- ▶ Vulnerable Juvenile Ages
  - ▶ Ages 6-7 (All Offenses)
  - ▶ Ages 8-9 (H-I, Misdemeanor Offenses)
  - ▶ Use newly created JJ Juvenile Consultation Form (CS 050)
  
- ▶ Exception
  - ▶ Ages 8-9 charged with A-G Felony or has a prior adjudication is charged as we do now. **NOTHING HAS CHANGED!**
  - ▶ Use AOC Juvenile Complaint form
  
- ▶ Compliant Driven
- ▶ Notify victim if complaint is not handled as a vulnerable juvenile
- ▶ When complaint is closed, remove complaint from juvenile file
- ▶ If determined compliant will be handled as a vulnerable juvenile, provide standard case management services
- ▶ Will not complete YASI for a vulnerable juvenile; evaluating assessment instruments with help of Clinical staff
- ▶ Will continue to complete risk and needs assessment (YASI) for 8- & 9-years old juveniles charged with A-G felony offenses or has previous adjudication; statutorily required

# Vulnerable Juveniles

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Juvenile  
Consultation  
Records are  
Confidential

# Vulnerable Juveniles Consultation

6 months, with possible 3-month extension

Case management services

- Screenings
- Assessments
- Community resources
- Programming

For juvenile and the parent, guardian, or custodian

# Vulnerable Juvenile Consultations

- ▶ Policy and SOP Committee have been working on developing a SOP for Vulnerable Juvenile Consultations
- ▶ SOP is currently being reviewed by Legal and for Court Services staff feedback; due back to committees by 11/2/2021
- ▶ ITS is working on NC-JOIN development
- ▶ Effective December 1, 2021



# VJC Documents You Will Receive on or before December 1<sup>st</sup>



- ✓ Juvenile Policy and SOP
- ✓ Revised Vulnerable Juvenile Complaint Form (CS 050)
- ✓ User Guide for new NC-JOIN development created for Vulnerable Juvenile Process

# PART VI: JUVENILE COURT MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

- ▶ This legislation “rewrites 7B-2502
- ▶ Applies to juvenile who may have a **Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED)**
- ▶ Definition of SED - “A diagnoseable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder of sufficient duration to meet diagnostic criteria specified in the DSM-5 that resulted in functional impairment which substantially interferes with or limits the child’s role or functioning in family, school or community activities in a person who is under the age 18”



# Comprehensive Clinical Assessment(CCA) Process

## FOR ALL JUVENILES APPROVED FOR COURT

- ▶ Adjudicated delinquent
- ▶ Juvenile with suspected mental illness (MI), developmental disability (DD), or intellectual disability (ID)
- ▶ How can you determine if there is suspected MI, DD, ID
  - ▶ GAIN-SS Score of 3 or more total score
  - ▶ Referral for further assessment
  - ▶ YASI
  - ▶ Mental Health Information/MH Records (psychological or other MH assessments)
  - ▶ Self or Parent Report
- ▶ Require JCC to make a referral for a CCA or equivalent MH Assessment
- ▶ Completed within 45 days of adjudication hearing
- ▶ Assessment must evaluate developmental, emotional, behavioral, & mental health needs of juvenile



# Paradigm Shift

- ▶ For many this will be paradigm shift
- ▶ New way we will assess juveniles prior to commitment or recommending PRTF placement
- ▶ Ensuring a current CCA has been completed if suspected Mental Illness (MI), Developmental Disability (DD) or Intellectual Disability (ID)
- ▶ Completion of a Care Review to assess services and treatment needed

# When previous elements are met, the JCC shall...

01

Notify supervisor prior to court and conduct case staffing

02

Check to see if a CCA or equivalent assessment has been completed and the date of assessment

03

If one is not completed or within 45 days of the adjudication hearing, make a referral for a CCA or equivalent mental health assessment

04

Provide CCA to the court at disposition attached to the disposition report and Risk and Needs Assessment (YASI)

# CCA and Care Review Process for Committed Youth or Recommended for PRTF

Eligible for Level 3 commitment or JCC recommending a Level 3 commitment OR recommending juvenile for placement in a PRTF (Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility)

Conduct case staffing for ALL juveniles eligible for Level 3 commitment, JCC is recommending a Level 3 commitment OR recommending juvenile for placement in a PRTF (Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility)

Ensure a Comprehensive Clinical Assessment (CCA) or equivalent assessment has been completed within within 45 days of the adjudication hearing

If CCA is not completed or not within 45 days of adjudication hearing, start process to get an addendum to the CCA or equivalent mental health assessment completed or a new CCA completed prior to the adjudication hearing

Notify Care Review Facilitator and submit Care Review referral form

# Care Review Team Shall

Develop a recommendation plan for appropriate services and resources that address the identified needs of the juvenile

Submit recommendation to the court within 30 calendar days of the order requiring the team

# Potential Hearing Outcomes



PGC SHALL be allowed to arrange for evaluation and treatment



If PGC declines or is unable to make necessary arrangements, parent can be ordered to pay cost of care



If court finds parent and juvenile justice are unable to pay cost of evaluation or treatment, the court SHALL order the county to pay





## Payment for Treatment -G.

- ▶ If the juvenile does not have insurance for the recommended treatment, the court SHALL conduct a hearing to determine who should pay the cost of assessment, evaluation, or treatment
- ▶ County manager, or any other person who is designated by the chair of the board of county commissioners, of the county of the juvenile's residence shall be notified of the hearing, and allowed to be heard

# Care Review Facilitation Coordination Services



- ▶ Court Services is working to hire a Care Review Facilitator to coordinate and assist JCC with care review process
- ▶ JCC will notify Care Review Facilitator and provide the following Information
  - ▶ Name and NC-JOIN # of Juvenile eligible for a Level 3 Commitment or is being recommended for a Level 3 commitment or PRTF placement
  - ▶ Send copy of current CCA or inform Care Review Facilitator date of referral for CCA. Send copy of CCA to Facilitator once completed.
  - ▶ Inform Care Review Facilitator of date adjudication hearing is scheduled or may be scheduled
- ▶ Begin working with Facilitator to start the Care Review Process
- ▶ QA/QI staff will notify Facilitator when commitment parameters have been submitted for review for a juvenile eligible for commitment

# CARE REVIEW MANUAL

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- **Care Review Referral Form**
- **What to Expect at Care Review**
- **Care Review Recommendation Plan**
- **Care Review Meeting Confidentiality Sign-In Sheet**
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# Any Questions????



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