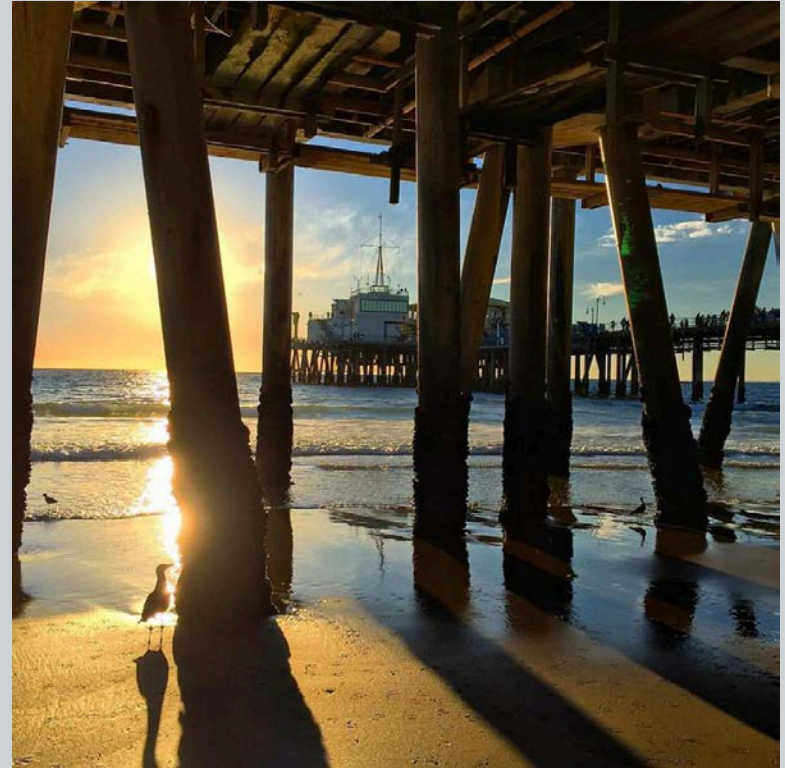


Evaluations and Commitment

How assessments at DYC impact placement

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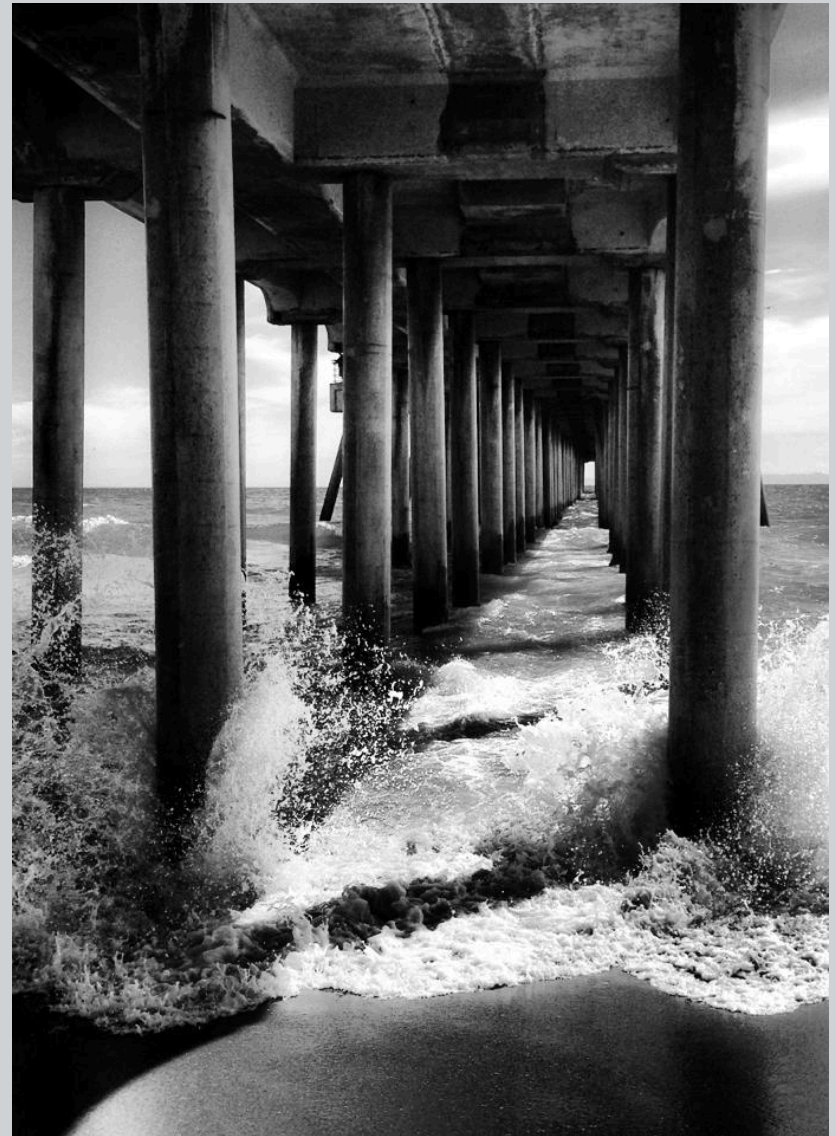
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Topics

- Assessment Basics
- Assessment Overview
- Instruments used
 - UCLA PTSD Reaction Index
 - Commitment Classification Instrument (CCI)
 - Colorado Juvenile Risk Assessment (CJRA)
 - JASAE
- MDT process



Assessment Basics

- Where are youth assessed?
 - **Front Range (Southern, Central, and Northeast Regions)**
 - All these youth (regardless of county of commitment) are transported to Mount View Youth Services Center in Denver.
 - **Western Slope (Western Region)**
 - All these youth (regardless of county of commitment) are transported to Grand Mesa Youth Services Center in Grand Junction.
- Why two assessment centers?
 - **Allows increased focus and specialization in assessment**



Assessment Basics

- When does assessment start?
 - Once the youth and the mitt arrive at the designated assessment facility.
 - 30 days per C.R.S. 19-2-922
 - Process is concluded at the Assessment Multidisciplinary Team meeting (MDT)



Assessment Overview

- Assessment of all newly committed youth to DYC
- Each assessment is approximately 16 hours in length over the course of 25 days
- Staffing
 - 6 Masters level Assessment Specialists
 - 1 Doctoral level Assessment Specialist
 - 2 Doctoral level Psychologists
- Formal Assessment Report
- Multidisciplinary Team approach to decision making



Assessment Overview

- Process includes:
 - Review of all available collateral reports
 - Family Interview
 - Structured Assessment Interview
 - Administration of Validated Instruments
 - Consultation with staff Psychologists as needed
 - Synthesizing information into a comprehensive formal report



Review of Collateral Information

- Request records from probation and previous placements
- Prior treatment success and struggles are reviewed
- Review of past success and struggles related to placement level
- Review of Trails documentation and CW cases
- Request are made to obtain as much collateral as possible - need to receive within 30 day time frame



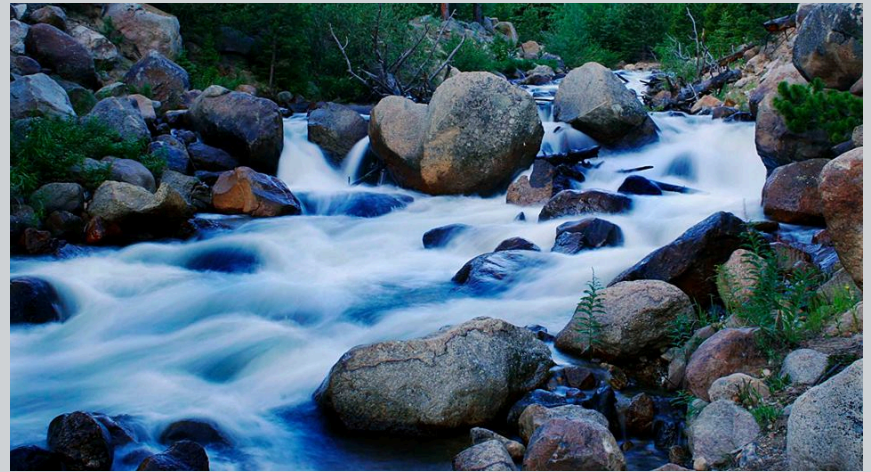
Family Interview

- Families are contacted to schedule an interview
- Reviews:
 - Developmental concerns
 - Early childhood behavior
 - Family dynamics
 - Family history
 - Substance Use
 - Mental health
 - Legal
 - Social



Structured Assessment Interview

- Includes
 - **Mini Mental Status Exam**
 - Assesses the mental state of the youth and engagement in the process
 - **Structured Clinical Interview**
 - Assesses and reviews:
 - Development, social history, school history, attitudes, beliefs, criminal history, mental health history and symptoms, family dynamics
 - **Structured Diagnostic Interview**
 - Targets specific symptoms to clarify diagnostic questions
 - **Structured CJRA Interview**
 - Targets information needed to score CJRA



Validated Instruments

- Instruments were selected based on research
- Instruments undergo on-going review
- Standard instruments
 - UCLA PTSD-RI
 - Commitment Classification Instrument (CCI)
 - Colorado Juvenile Risk Assessment (CJRA)
 - Juvenile Automated Substance Abuse Evaluation (JASAE)
- Additional Instruments are available as needed



UCLA PTSD Reaction Index

- Self report and clinical interview format
- Assesses for lifetime exposure to traumatic events
- Assesses for diagnostic symptoms of PTSD
- Is based on DSM 5 criteria
- Is able to be used as a reassessment



CJRA

- Instrument used to determine characteristics that relate to risk of re-offense
- 11 Domains
 - Criminal History
 - School
 - Use of Free time
 - Employment
 - Relationships
 - Family
 - Alcohol and Drugs
 - Mental Health
 - Attitudes / Behavior
 - Aggression
 - Skills



CJRA

- Used to determine level of risk for re-offending (High, Medium, Low risk score)
- Structured interview format
- Identifies Dynamic and static risk as well as protective factors
- Aids in case planning
- Aids in Targeting interventions to areas linked to risk



JASAE

- 107 item automated assessment
- Linked to DSM 5 criteria
- Provides level of service recommendations
 - **Assesses for drug related problems and use**
 - **Assesses for alcohol related problems and use**
 - **Built in test taking attitudes scale**
 - **Built in life circumstances scale**
- Provides areas of additional focus
- Self analysis after 50 administrations



Commitment Classification Instrument

- Used to determine initial security level
- Assesses 7 categories related to risk
 - Committing charge
 - Prior adjudications
 - Age at first adjudication
 - Prior D/A referral/treatment
 - Prior out of home placements
 - Runaway history
 - Presenting offense type
- Total score and weight, as well as supporting assessment data, corresponds to placement type
 - Secure placement
 - Staff Supervised Placement
 - Community Placement
- Final placement level is determined based on all information obtained from assessment and based on an integrated model of care



How Decision are Made

- All Assessment Information is reviewed
- MDT discusses all relevant factors
- Considers all appropriate placement levels and makes determination based on best match of treatment needs and community safety
- Results from all assessment instruments are considered



MDT process

- The MDT reviews numerous factors to make a final determination of placement level and treatment needs.
- Factors related to higher placement level include:
 - Pending charges
 - Pattern of offenses
 - Aggravated or violent juvenile offender
 - Expressed intent and/or plan to run
 - Expressed intent and/or plan to harm and identified individual (including self)
 - 3 or more treatment failures
 - Assaultive/aggressive behavior



MDT Process

- Factors related to lower level of care
 - Past treatment success
 - Ability to self-regulate
 - Expressed readiness and desire for change
 - Compliance with safety plans to mitigate risk

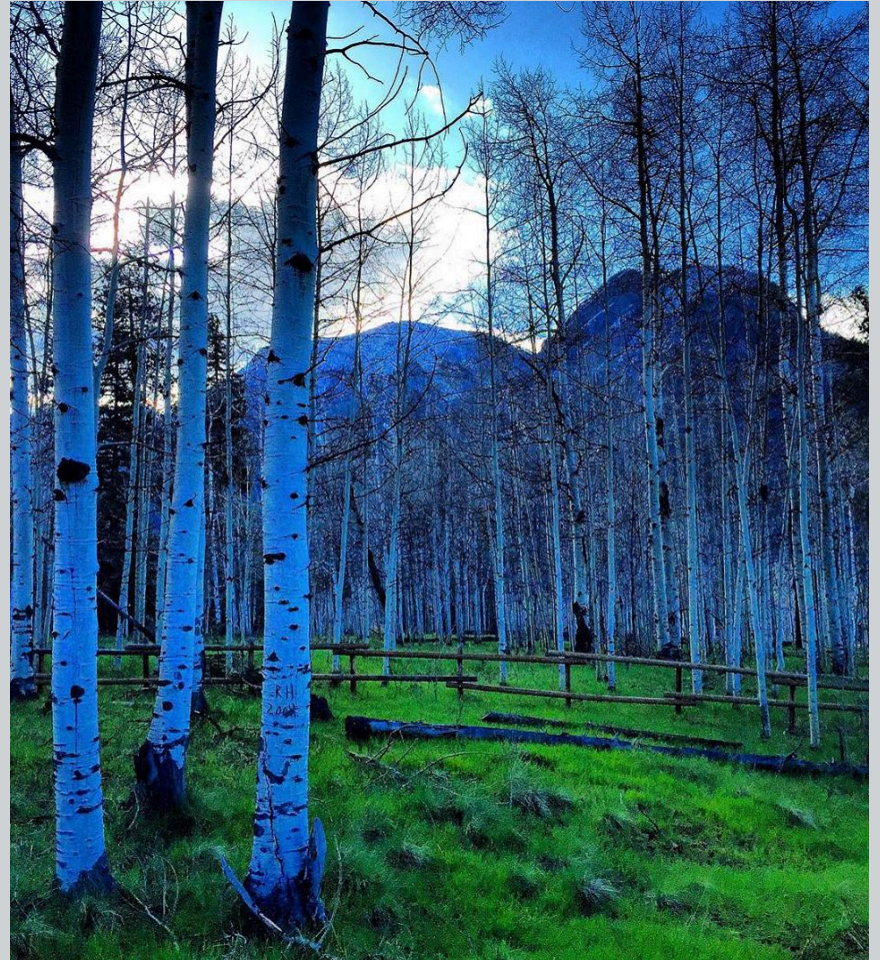


MDT Process

- Assessment concludes with an MDT meeting
- Includes:
 - Family
 - Youth
 - Client Manager
 - Assessment Specialist
 - Facility staff
 - Education Staff
 - Psychologist - as needed
- Decisions are based on a consensus model



Questions



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