



Juvenile Continuity of Care Task Force

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Focus of the Task Force

- The effective use of information, resources and approaches amongst several agencies in order to better achieve desired outcomes for dual status youth.
- Dual status youth includes dually identified and dually involved youth in both the child welfare and justice systems.

GOALS:
Share information
Expand promising efforts
Use evidence-based approaches



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Full-day meeting / Monday

- Agreed on a framework for the effective management of cross-over youth
- Framework components:
 - System structure and oversight
 - Point of entry decision making by law enforcement and courts
 - Effective use and sharing of assessment tools
 - Multi-disciplinary team case management
 - The provision of necessary and appropriate treatment services





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Next steps

- Two Working Groups
 - Point of Entry Decision Making
 - Assessment Tools, Case Management, Treatment
- Identify principles within the framework
- Identify barriers and develop recommendations



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Priority Work Areas Identified / Working Groups Established:

- 1. Changing Responses to Behavioral Health Needs (started)**
2. Provision of Mental Health Services in Jail (start ~ in 4 months)
3. Diversion within the Criminal Justice System (start ~ in 8 months)



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Changing Responses to Behavioral Health Needs

Three Study Groups are exploring:

1. Exploring options and alternatives for services in the community (including M1 cases)
2. Expanding training opportunities for law enforcement officers
3. Joint efforts involving law enforcement and behavioral health



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Study Group #1 /

Exploring options and alternatives for services in the community
(including M1 cases)

Forthcoming recommendations

- Eliminate jails and correctional facilities in M1 cases
 - Identify alternative placement locations
 - Revise Section 27-65-105
- Strengthen the crisis system's ability to respond in all Colorado communities
 - Walk-in Crisis (WIC) centers
 - Increased utilization of crisis stabilization units

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Study Group #2 /

Expanding training opportunities for law enforcement officers



- Introduce mental health first aid curriculum for inclusion in the POST basic academy
 - CBHC is willing to develop a curriculum crafted for first responders
- Develop a curriculum for peace officer in-service training on mental health first aid
 - CBHC discussing opportunities to assist with funding through grants

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Study Group #3 /

Joint efforts involving law enforcement and behavioral health

- Develop elements of a first responder and behavioral health community partnership program
- Explore opportunities to fund and implement





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Questions?

