

# Jackson County Family Court Dispositional Alternatives

Prevention and Diversion Programs				
Program	Description	Program Criteria	Length of Program	Judicial Process
<b>Diversion Seminars</b>	Educational/experiential classes for minor law violations of marijuana/alcohol possession or shoplifting. Seminars focus on accountability and impact on community.	For first-time offenders apprehended for minor offenses. Youth must admit involvement in delinquency and agree in writing to participate.	One to four, two-hour seminars/ up to 3 months.	Referrals through Case Assessment Unit.
<b>Mediation Services</b>	Mediation is available to child protection and delinquency cases as an auxiliary or adjunct service to reduce time the court expends in certain adversarial issues and promote acceptance and compliance by parties in the case, including restoration of the victim and community.	Mediation offered from 3 sources for various needs. Family Conferencing where agreement on child/family placement likely, or parent-child disputes (through Community Mediation Services and Resource Services); and for victim-offender restoration (through Community Mediation Center, Prevention & Diversion, and Resource Services).	Service may last for one or two sessions and requires the voluntary participation of parties.	The court may choose to order mediation as an auxiliary service for those willing to participate.
<b>Diversion Program</b>	Provides voluntary, structured diversion intervention for medium risk, non-violent youth to protect the community and avoid further penetration into the judicial system by engaging and supporting youth and parents in short term diversion services.	Youth between the ages of 12 and 16 with no prior adjudications, currently referred for an eligible delinquent offense with a moderate risk score (MO RAI).	3-6 months	Referrals through Case Assessment.
<b>Informal Adjustment</b>	Short-term non-judicial supervision of youth - focused on delivering services to youth.	Youth presenting on low level offenses with low risk to re-offend (MO RAI). Youth must admit involvement in delinquency and agree in writing to participate.	3-6 months	Referrals through Case Assessment Unit.

Detainment Programs				
Program	Description	Program Criteria	Length of Program	Judicial Process
<b>Home Detention</b>	24-hour surveillance of delinquent youth to monitor their compliance with restrictions imposed on their movement in the community.	For youth who need to be restricted to their home for a short period (allowed to attend school or work). Also used as an alternative to secure detainment. Electronic monitoring with GPS tracking ability, utilizes an ankle bracelet – telephone NOT required.	Varies up to 60 days.	The Court may order Home Detention as pre-adjudication detainment, or a short-term adjunct to probation.
<b>CRGH (Non-Secure)</b>	14-bed supervised non-secure community-based facility that holds youth pending judicial hearing or dispositional placement as well as adjudicated youth for respite or sanction.	Moderate risk males (JDTA) awaiting adjudication or post-dispositional placement.	Pending judicial hearing or pending bed space in open setting.	The Court may order detainment pending judicial hearing or dispositional placement.
<b>Hilltop (Non-Secure)</b>	22-bed supervised non-secure community-based facility that holds youth pending judicial hearing or dispositional placement as well as adjudicated youth.	Moderate risk females (JDTA) awaiting adjudication or post-dispositional placement.	Pending judicial hearing or pending bed space in open setting.	The Court may order detainment pending judicial hearing or dispositional placement.
<b>Detention</b>	Secure facility with 32 beds for males and 8 beds for females; ages 10-17.	High-risk offenders (JDTA)	Pending judicial hearing or dispositional placement.	Detainment primarily for high-risk offenders, to assure presence at a hearing or safety of the community.

## Intervention Programs

Program	Description	Program Criteria	Length of Program	Judicial Process
<b>PROBATION</b>	Supervision of youth at home, focused on delivering intense services to youth adjudicated for a delinquency. Individualized treatment planning and services; cognitive/social skill development;; victim empathy classes; restitution services; community service; parenting classes; counseling and treatment referrals.	Moderate risk, repeat offenders amenable to community supervision and intervention.	6-12 months	Court Order
<b>SPECIALITY Probation</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pathway Probation</b></p> Post-adjudication community-based assessment and treatment of probationers adjudicated on a sexual offense.	Youth adjudicated for non-violent sex offenses that can be managed at home on probation. Youth committing forcible rape, forcible sodomy, or who are severely developmentally disabled are not appropriate. Programs for these youth are available through DYS. Community service and monetary restitution opportunities provided.	12-18 months	Court Order
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Intensive Supervision</b></p> Intense treatment services; cognitive and social skill groups. Youth are placed on electronic monitoring by court order during first phase of program and must complete 30 hours of community service. Individualized treatment planning and services; victim empathy classes; restitution services; parenting classes; counseling and treatment referrals.	High risk youth needing intense supervision and frequent contact.	6-12 months	The Court may order completion of ISS as a special condition of probation.
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gender Specific Probation</b></p> Female youth are assigned to gender specific caseloads managed by female JPOs trained in gender specific youth development and case management. Offer Girls Circle psycho-educational groups and Mother-Daughter groups. Community service and monetary restitution services opportunities provided.	Female probationers	6-12 months	Court Order
<b>Hilltop Residential</b>	22-bed (14 boys, 8 girls) non-secure coed facility for non-violent delinquent offenders who need a high level of behavioral management and intervention. Provides structure, on-site education, and programs that develop self-control, interpersonal social skills, and improved parenting skills.	Male and female offenders showing early onset offending or moderate delinquent orientation that need general behavioral intervention to learn behavior control, substance abuse treatment, anger management, and improved social skills.	4-8 months	The Court may order commitment to Family Court Services for residential placement and should find reasonable efforts have been made to prevent out-of-home placement.
<b>Division of Youth Services</b>	Broad continuum of programs to serve counties in Northwest Missouri region: Day Program, Group Homes, Park Camp, Secure Center, and Aftercare.	Family Court use is generally for chronic and violent offenders. Programs in DYS provide high structure, vocational and educational programs, and development of self-control and social skills.	Varies	The Court releases and discharges from jurisdiction and commits youth to the custody of Division of Youth Services.