

## 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.	For first-time offenders arrested for minor offenses. Admits involvement, seminars focus on accountability and impact on community.	One to Four Two-hour Sessions programs (seminars)/ up to 3 months	Referrals through Cases 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 reasons. 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 require 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 that ages of 12 and 16 with no prior adjudications and currently referred for eligible delinquent offense. The Juvenile Officer, Legal Services, and Case Assessment Unit staff will practice due diligence and will ensure that no case will be referred to the Diversion Program that would not have resulted in a formal filing in the absence of the Diversion Program.	3 months	Referrals through the Juvenile Officer, Legal Services and Case Assessment
<b>Informal Adjustment</b>	Short-term non-jurisdictional supervision of youth at home focused on delivering services to youth.	For low level and low risk delinquent offending youth involved in non-serious offenses and low risk to re-offend. Youth must admit involvement in delinquency and agree in writing to participate in diversion program. Supervision provided by college interns.	3-6 months	Voluntary diversion program. The Court may dismiss charges in order to pursue Informal Adjustment.

Detainment Programs				
<b>Home Detention</b>	Provides 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>Jackson House (Non-Secure)</b>	14-bed supervised non-secure community-based facility for holding male youth pending judicial hearing or dispositional placement.	Non-aggressive lower-risk males with Detainment Risk Assessment scores of 10-14. Education and medical attention provided	Pending judicial hearing or pending bed space in open setting	The Court may order detainment pending judicial hearing or dispositional placement.
<b>HIGHER GROUND (Non-Secure)</b>	5-bed supervised non-secure community-based facility for holding female youth pending judicial hearing or dispositional placement.	Non-aggressive lower-risk females with Detainment Risk Assessment scores of 10-14. Education and medical attention provided.	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 56 beds for males and 12 beds for females; ages 10-17.	High-risk offenders who score 15 and above (JDTA) and/or to assure presence at scheduled judicial hearings. Education and medical attention provided.	Pending judicial hearing or dispositional placement.	The Court may order detainment for high-risk offenders or to assure presence at hearing.

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.	Non-high risk youth amenable to community supervision and intervention. Individualized treatment planning and treatment. Provides cognitive/social skill development groups, victim empathy classes. Restitution Services provides community service and monetary restitution. Constructive work is offered and DYS CORDP grant funding and Victim Fund for the offender's work provides victim payment for monetary loss with \$500 cap per victim.	6-12 months	The Court may order a suspended commitment for placement to Family Court Services and place the client on probation under the supervision of Family Court Services. Electronic monitoring at JPO discretion may be ordered.

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<b>SPECIALITY Probation</b>	<p><b>Pathway Probation</b> Comprehensive sex offender program for male and female youth involved in non-violent sex offenses. Provides post-adjudication community-based assessment and treatment of probationers.</p>	<p>Youth adjudicated for non-violent sex offenses that can be managed at home on probation. Sex offender focused treatment and family groups are provided. Youth committing forcible rapes, 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.</p>	12-18 months	<p>The Court may order a suspended commitment to Family Court Services and place the youth on probation in custody of parents/guardians under the supervision of Family Court Services</p>
	<p><b>Intensive Supervision</b> Intensive probation and surveillance for delinquent youth who have a higher potential to re-offend.</p>	<p>Youth needing intense supervision and frequent contact, higher risk but able to be supervised in the community and live at home. Provided treatment services, and cognitive and social skill development groups. Youth are placed on electronic monitoring, at discretion of JPO by court order during first phase of program and must complete 30 hours of community service. Community service and monetary restitution opportunities provided.</p>	6-8 months	<p>The Court may order completion of ISS as a special condition of probation.</p>
	<p><b>Gender Specific Probation</b></p>	<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.</p>	6-12 months	<p>Same process as for Probation</p>
<b>Hilltop Residential</b>	<p>39-bed (28 boys, 11 girls) non-secure coed facility for non-aggressive and property-type delinquent offenders who need a high level of behavioral management and intervention. Provides high structure, on-site education, and programs that develop self-control, interpersonal social skills, and improved parenting skills.</p>	<p>Male and female offenders showing early onset of offending or moderate delinquent orientation who need general behavioral intervention to learn behavior control, substance abuse treatment, anger management, and improved social skills. Mental health services for youth with identified needs provided by collaboration with Department of Mental Health. Not for violent or chronic offenders. Community service and Monetary restitution services opportunities provided.</p>	4-8 months	<p>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..</p>
<b>Division of Youth Services</b>	<p>Broad continuum of programs to serve counties in Northwest Missouri region: Day Program, Group Homes, Park Camp, Secure Center, and Aftercare.</p>	<p>Family Court's 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.</p>	Varies	<p>The court releases and discharges from jurisdiction and commit youth to the custody of the Division of Youth Services.</p>