

# Programs Update

# Federal Programs

## Family First Prevention Services Act

- Alters the way Title IV-E funds are accessed
  - Focus on community based services rather than placement
  - Only QRTP placement are eligible for reimbursement
- Implements on October 1, 2021
- All youth placed by September 29, 2021 are “grandfathered” into the current system
- DFPS will not submit a prevention plan immediately
  - didn’t receive matching funds from legislature
  - implement pilot programs from existing funds
  - use data from pilots to determine prevention plan

# Federal Programs

## Family First Prevention Services Act, cont.

- Focus for the next year will be reasonable candidate administration reimbursement
- Propose changes to make this type of claim less cumbersome
  - candidate assessment based on PACT elements
  - use of case days rather than timesheets to determine claimable costs
  - use PACT case plan, with addendum if necessary
- Continue workgroup to build TJJD recommendation for prevention plan services

# Probation System Policy and Program Services

- Not necessarily a division “program” per say, but an expansion and further refinement of existing divisional services, priorities, etc.
- Service expansion accompanied by a new staff allocation (June 2021) with the addition of Scott Friedman (Probation System Policy and Program Specialist).

# Probation System Policy and Program Services (cont.)

## Primary Functions:

- Intra-agency and Juvenile Justice Advisory Council coordination regarding the development and on-going review of Tx. Admin. Code chapters relating to probation services (E.g., Chapters 341, 343, etc.).
- Coordination of systematic reviews of standards, including associated workgroup organization and the review and dissemination of draft standard(s) proposals. Additionally, assistance in the preparation of standards information to be considered by the TJJ Board.
- Collection, organization, and possible advancement of both external and internal recommendations for new standards or the amendment of existing standards.
- Technical and processing assistance for standards waiver and variance applications.

# Probation System Policy and Program Services (cont.)

- Focused analysis of proposed standards or standards amendments, and their potential impact on local probation programs and facilities.
- Consultative, technical assistance, and training services for local probation system practitioners related to effective programs, services, practices, and standards implementation strategies.
- Assisting in the analysis of proposed and passed legislation to help determine the legislation's potential implications for standards, and local juvenile justice system programs, policies, and procedures.
- Research and analysis of national standards, best practices, system trends, and model programs for the review and possible consideration by state and local-level system practitioners and stakeholders.

# Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ)

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# Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ)

- **ICJ Statute found in Texas Family Code, Title 3, Chapter 60**
- **Statute provides for creation of ICJ Rules which also have force and effect of law**
- **Rules are voted by ICJ Commission**
- **Texas Juvenile Law Book, Chapter 18**



# Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ)

- **ICJ Forms were updated this year; updated forms sent to all departments**
- **Forms available on TJJD website**
- **ICJ Rules will be voted on this year at ICJ Annual Business Meeting**
- **Webinar date for updated ICJ Rules Training TBD**

# Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ)

## What does ICJ cover?

- **Transfer of probation/parole supervision between states (90 days or more of supervision time remaining)**
- **Probation/parole youth travel between states**
- **Extradition between states for delinquent and non-delinquent youth and youth accused of offenses**
- **Transfer of supervision DOES include deferred adjudication**

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- **When a home evaluation is requested, it is supposed to be completed within 45 days by the receiving state**
- **Progress reports due every 90 days unless youth behavior requires immediate report**
- **COVID means that some of these are delayed or supervision may not occur in person**
- **You may supervise as you would your own, including COVID protocols**
- **All states are handling the situation differently**