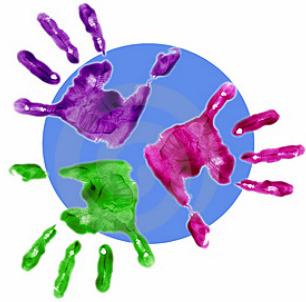


Our Mission: The Miami-Dade Juvenile Services Department (JSD) commits its resources in partnership with the community to provide a safe and secure environment to assess and process arrested juveniles and those at risk, utilizing state-of-the-art assessment instruments and technology in order to determine the individual issues of juveniles for the purpose of minimizing further delinquent activity and contributing to the development of future productive adult citizens.

Our History: The Miami Dade Juvenile Services Department (JSD), formerly known as the Juvenile Assessment Center, is a 24-hour seven-day-a-week [centralized processing, referral, and evaluation center](#) for all juveniles arrested in Miami-Dade County. JSD serves as a benchmark agency for processing arrested youth on a national and international level.

Partnerships: The JSD allows representatives from law enforcement, social services, education, and mental health to work in a [community partnership](#) in order to provide a continuum of care in the initial phases of the child's involvement with the juvenile justice system.



Research: Since 1999, JSD has operated a National Demonstration Project with the U.S. Department of Justice and over thirty national researchers. This project has enabled Miami-Dade County to effectively plan and [strategically apply proven research methods and interventions](#) based on the needs of children in the system.

Intake, Screening, and Assessment

The JSD utilizes a battery of evidence-based, comprehensive, and gender/age assessment instruments to identify the unique needs and issues of each arrested youth including the juvenile's behavior traits, home environment, mental health, and substance abuse history. This allows for [appropriate program and service placement](#).



Overall Accomplishments (1998-2007):

- Processed over 130,000 juvenile arrests
- Reduced Juvenile Arrests by 41%
- Reduced the number of re-offenders by 78%
- Reduced juvenile detention population from 300 per day to approximately 100 per day
- Police cost savings of \$24.2 million; Police hours returned to the community 826,866
- Post Arrest Diversion Program (PAD) estimated cost savings to the Juvenile Justice System \$47 million
- Civil Citation referrals - children not arrested 1400+
- **May 2008-** The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) hosted a [Juvenile Justice Summit](#) recognizing JSD as a national juvenile justice model.

The Violence Intervention Project (VIP)

The VIP implemented by the Juvenile Services Department creates a strategic, ongoing, public outreach campaign that helps address the devastating violence plaguing the local community. The VIP is an effort to stem the epidemic of youth violence through prevention, intervention and advocacy. Through the VIP campaign, youth from at-risk communities become leaders and spread the word about alternatives to violence.

JSD Programs

Countywide Civil Citation: Reforms the protocol on how police and the community address juvenile first-time misdemeanor offenders. [Rather than issuing an arrest](#), officers refer all eligible children to attain the same level of evidence-based, customized, and proven services available to arrested youth.

Young Offender Process (YOP): Serves first time misdemeanor youth eleven and under and provides an opportunity to have their records expunged. Children participating in the YOP program are referred to the Children's Psychiatric Center Stop Now and Plan (SNAP) program for appropriate services.

Post Arrest Diversion (PAD): Is an alternative arrest processing program that allows the Department to deter first time misdemeanor offenders from entering the traditional juvenile justice system. Youth eligible for the PAD program will not have their records entered in the Department of Juvenile Justice System, but their [arrest record is expunged with completion](#) of the program.

Juvenile Alternative Sanctions System (JASS): provides delinquency prevention services to non-violent misdemeanor offenders and maximizes successful re-offense

Juvenile Alternative Services Program (JASP): provides diversionary sanctions services to non-violent felony and aggressive misdemeanor offenders to reduce judicial processing workloads.

Intensive Delinquency Diversion Services (IDDS): provides intensive family-focused services to divertible juvenile offenders at high risk of becoming serious or chronic offenders



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Miami-Dade Clerk of Courts
Miami-Dade State Attorney
Miami-Dade Public Defenders Office
Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
Florida Department of Children and Families
Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police
Miami-Dade Police Department
Miami-Dade County Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Miami-Dade County Administrative Office of Courts
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Circuit 11, Miami-Dade County Juvenile Justice Board

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"We believe that what we
do for every arrested child
desperately matters!"
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