

Key Practice Areas and Stages of Case Management

The Commitment of a Youth by the Local Court

✓ Parole should be involved in the court decision to commit a youth.

✓ Parole should work with court to assist in ensuring that all required information is provided to reception.

Assessment

✓ Youth will be assessed with the OYAS-RES, either by the court or reception.

✓ Youth will be screened at reception for motivation, readiness to change, intelligence, maturity, personality, mental health disorders, reading/comprehension level, and medical factors.

✓ Youth assessed with mental health needs will be referred to a mental health professional and, if indicated, receive a full assessment within 30 days.

Case Plan Development and Treatment

✓ Youth will have access to a range of evidence-based programming and services.

✓ Using assessment results, the treatment team will develop an individual treatment plan (ITP) that includes targets for change, goals and objectives, time frames, and performance indicators.

✓ The youth, the family and the youth's support network will be included in the development of the ITP and its routine updates.

✓ Formal, structured interdisciplinary team (IDT) meetings will be held at least monthly for each youth; staff members representing all disciplines should attend.

✓ At each meeting, the IDT will discuss topics including progress toward treatment goals and any current barriers, achievements and/or positive behavior change, disciplinary issues, academic progress, program participation, additional strategies needed to increase or maintain positive behavior change, and modifications to treatment plans, as needed.

✓ The IDT meeting will be a formal gathering with a standardized agenda and a formal checklist to ensure all important items are covered; teams should spend an appropriate amount of time with each youth to allow for this level of engagement, with youth who are struggling likely requiring additional time.

✓ IDT meetings will be collaborative, welcoming and supporting, with input solicited from everyone in attendance.

✓ Programs will endeavor to provide continuity for the programming of the youth, including involvement of the juvenile parole officers and regular contact with court staff.

Reentry Planning

✓ The reentry planning process will be ongoing throughout the youth's stay, included as part of the IDT meetings and intensified as expected release approaches.

✓ When youth are going directly back to their families, release should be gradual and strategic with increasingly more time spent with their family before complete release from the facility.

✓ The juvenile parole officer will, as much as possible, involve the local courts and other community partners in the Release Authority's review of the youth's status and the reentry/release plan.

✓ The juvenile parole officer and social worker will make every effort to bring the community treatment provider members of the youth's reentry/release team into the facility during the youth's stay.

✓ Facility staff will prepare a release summary for every youth at the time of his/her release, and share it with the juvenile parole officer, the court, the family, any community-based treatment provider, and the youth.

✓ The local court should be encouraged to hold a reentry hearing/meeting immediately after a youth's return to the home community with the youth's community team present.