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**Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)
Accomplishments**

Juvenile Justice implemented a plan to ensure that Alaska has a juvenile justice service system that uses resources effectively and efficiently. Decisions are based on data, are defensible and ensure desirable outcomes. Major achievements in FY04 and ongoing in FY05 include:

- **Implementation of a risk-based Detention Assessment Instrument (November 2003)** to guide decisions about access to all secure detention beds statewide. This ensures that decisions are supported by hard data. DJJ is refining the instrument based on the first year's data.
- **Implementation of the Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (YLS/CMI) in all DJJ treatment facilities statewide.** It assesses the factors in a youth linked to delinquent behavior and helps facility staff design a case plan to address these factors.
- **Implementation of the YLS/CMI on a pilot basis in the Mat-Su juvenile probation office, with second pilot site of Fairbanks to be added Jan. 1, 2005.** It allows Juvenile Justice to focus efforts on those juveniles at higher risk to re-offend (called recidivism), through the use of a targeted and comprehensive approach to case planning and management. DJJ plans to implement the YLS/CMI to enhance the decision-making process earlier in the juvenile justice process, which is consistent with the performance measures of reduced recidivism for youths referred to the agency.
- **Successful admission to and initial implementation of the Performance-based Standards (PbS) program sponsored by the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators.** PbS is a data-driven and ongoing quality improvement and accountability system used by a growing number of jurisdictions nationwide to measure the effectiveness, safety and security of juvenile facilities. All eight Juvenile Justice youth facilities will participate in this program in FY05 to identify what is working in their facilities and what needs to be improved.

DJJ significantly improved its ability to enhance the juvenile justice continuum with existing resources by:

- Consolidating two of McLaughlin Youth Facility's treatment cottages for boys into a single unit and reconfiguring resources into a new Transitional Services Unit. This has worked to better prepare institutionalized youths for successful release into the community. The Division also implemented a Statewide Classification Policy and committee to ensure that institutional treatment beds are maximally utilized by being treated as a statewide resource.
- Enhancing community-based juvenile justice services through the use of existing General Funds and Federal grants to expand non-secure shelters, electronic monitoring and community-based accountability contacts and juvenile monitoring.

Juvenile Justice is working closely with its statewide advisory group (The Alaska Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee) to reduce the overrepresentation of minority youth at all points in the juvenile justice delivery system.