



Juvenile Justice Initiatives and Support

Introduction to the Resource Manual

In 2013, Juvenile Justice Initiatives and Support, a new division of the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS), was created to fulfill a vision of ensuring that all youth in the CHINS court or the delinquency courts have the services available to address their risks, strengths and needs. This vision includes transparency, knowledge, and understanding of the services, placements and resources that are available to probation officers who serve delinquent youth.

This Resource Manual is a comprehensive “how-to” guide to assist Indiana probation departments with understanding how to gain access to services and/or placements for the youth being served. In addition, the Resource Manual provides a quick reference to contracted services provided by DCS. This includes a brief description of the service, the frequency and duration of the service and the expectations of the youth, parent, provider and probation officer.

The Resource Manual was designed as an initial step toward the vision of the Juvenile Justice Initiatives and Support Division and will be continually updated as new statutes or processes are put into place. Updates will be provided through monthly emails, Friday Notes and maintained on the DCS website in order to bring the most current information to probation departments across Indiana.

DCS wishes to offer thanks for all that each probation officer does for the children of Indiana.