

Overview of I.T. v. Los Angeles County, et al. Settlement
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National Juvenile Defender Center

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WHO?

Youth with or suspected of having a developmental disability

- Between May 2012 and June 2014, total of 396 unique intake episodes (i.e., same youth with different juvenile hall episodes) and 258 unique youth.
- Approximately 30-50 detained youth at any time (Juvenile Hall)
- Approximately 50-75 other youth under Probation's jurisdiction at any time (Juvenile Field and Placement services)

WHAT?

Los Angeles County Department of Probation Directives now set forth departmental policy and work performance expectations of Detention, Field and Placement staff for all probationers with an identified developmental disability or who are suspected of having a developmental disability.

WHEN?

When minors are under Probation's jurisdiction (e.g. detained in juvenile hall, in suitable placement, or while living at home of parent/relative/guardian)

WHY?

To ensure that youth with or suspected of having a developmental disability have adequate care and protection from harm and with reasonable modifications to their treatment under federal and state law.

HOW?

While detained:

- Identification/screening

- Referral to regional center (if not yet a client)
- Request Individual Program Plan (IPP) meeting for current consumers
- Providing information to caregivers regarding regional centers and their appeals process
- Referral for special education services (if not yet eligible)
- Specialized Housing
- Monitoring by Developmentally Disabled Minors Coordinator (DDMC)
- Integrated Habilitative Treatment Plan (IHTP)
- Social, Recreational, Pre-Vocational and Vocational Skills Training Programs
- Discharge Plan

In Suitable Placement:

- Monitoring by Developmentally Disabled Placement Coordinator (DDPC):
- Referral to regional center (if not yet a client)
- Request Individual Program Plan (IPP) meeting for current consumers
- Providing information to caregivers regarding regional centers and their appeals process
- Attend IHTP meetings for minors moving from hall to placement
- Review IHTP and Discharge Plan (for minors who were detained); assist in implementing Discharge Plan
- Transitioning from Placement to community supervision, transitional housing, or jurisdiction terminated

In the Field:

- Monitoring by Developmentally Disabled Field Services Coordinator (DDFSC)
- Developmentally Disabled Field Staff (DDFS) provide technical assistance on cases involving probationers with known or suspected developmental disabilities to the DPO of Record
- DPO
 - Referral to regional center (if not yet a client)
 - Request Individual Program Plan (IPP) meeting for current consumers

- Providing information to caregivers regarding regional centers and their appeals process
- Attend IHTP meetings for minors moving from hall to field
- Review IHTP and Discharge Plan (for minors who were detained); assist in implementing Discharge Plan
- Transitioning when jurisdiction terminated

OTHER KEY COMPONENTS:

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between key agencies (i.e., Probation, DCFS, and Los Angeles Regional Centers)

Ongoing Training to Probation staff and contracting Placement providers

Quality Assurance System

Data Dashboard

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