



Juvenile Risk Intervention Services Coordination

Juvenile Risk Intervention Services Coordination (J-RISC) is a community-based service offered through Dutchess County's Department of Community Corrections and Probation.

The program offers Functional Family Therapy (FFT) to youth identified as high-risk for Family Court involvement and/or juvenile detention or placement.

Referral Criteria:

Utilizing the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI), Probation Officers refers high-risk youth to J-RISC.

- A YASI reassessment is completed on all youth discharged
- Youth who complete the program have lower rates of placements and recidivism

Services

- J-RISC utilizes an intensive team intervention approach. The team includes a probation officer dedicated to the J-RISC assigned youth, a probation-employed case manager and an Astor clinician specifically trained in the evidence-based model, Functional Family Therapy (FFT).
- Engages both youth and families
- Seeks to reduce risk factors while enhancing protective factors
- Develops specific behavior change plans with families that are sustained beyond completion of the program
- Increases ability for families to utilize community resources and engage in relapse prevention

Referral Process:

Dutchess County Family Court Unit Probation Officers refer potential cases to J-RISC.

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