Juvenile Justice Substance Use Disorder Service (SUDS) Plan
Third Judicial District
Adams, Canyon, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Washington

The Chief Juvenile Probation Officers in the Third Judicial District have met to review and revise the Juvenile Justice Substance Use Disorder Service (JJ SUDS) Plan for the Third Judicial District for the fiscal year 2020/2021. The stakeholders involved in the revision of this plan are: Elda Catalano (Canyon), Janelle Schneider (Gem), Ivy Cardenas (Owyhee), Roy Bullington (Payette), Dahlia Stender (Washington) and Dennis Stokes (Adams). Included and present in the development of the plan was Joe Langan, District Liaison for Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, and a Region 3 Children's Mental Health Representative, and Mike Davidson, District 3 JJ SUDS Project Coordinator.

Those with voting capabilities for the Third Judicial District JJ SUDS include the Chief Juvenile Probation Officers: Elda Catalano, Janelle Schneider, Ivy Cardenas, Roy Bullington, Dahlia Stender, and Dennis Stokes; or their designated staff. Additionally, present during the SUDS meetings are Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections District Liaison, Joe Langan, District 3 JJ SUDS Project Coordinator, Mike Davidson, and a Region 3 Children’s Mental Health Representative.

Each county within District 3 has different challenges in relation to services provided to juveniles. Therefore, the Chief Juvenile Probation Officers have agreed to keep judges and county commissioners apprised of available services and challenges in their county with the JJ SUDS services.

As a District, the Chief Juvenile Probation Officers voted and agreed to maintain the position of SUDS Project Coordinator. For the FY2021, the District 3 SUDS Project Coordinator will be an employee of the Canyon County Juvenile Probation Department, acting as the Project Coordinator for Canyon County and District 3 SUDS Project Coordinator. Attached is the job description for said SUDS Project Coordinator that illustrates the objectives of the position and to maximize the JJ SUDS funding within the District. Canyon County will bill the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections for hours spent on District 3 SUDS project coordination but not more than 30 hours per week.

The district wide plan includes case management decision points at intake, assessment, level of service, service delivery, continual oversight of cases, and payment authorization. The Chief Juvenile Probation Officers agreed the purpose of the funding is to provide community-based assessments, treatment and recovery support services to juvenile justice involved youth with substance use disorder needs. Youth served through juvenile drug court are excluded from JJ SUDS funded services. Medicaid eligible clients may access JJ SUDS funding for limited services to include services needed while in the detention center, staffing and residential treatment. However, JJ SUDS funds should be utilized as payer of last resort.
1. Identify Potential Clients:

A. Each county juvenile probation department has the option and ability to administer the GAIN SS (short screener) and a risk assessment to identify the juvenile’s risk and those needing further assessment.

B. Priority screening and services will be given to: Pregnant females, IV users, methamphetamine users, any other population set forth by the JJ SUDS Committee and as ordered by the Court.

C. The probation departments in District 3 will continue to meet juvenile needs through education when identified as not needing further assessment or treatment.

D. The juveniles identified as needing further assessment will be provided with a "JJ SUDS Authorization Packet" to be submitted to the Project Coordinator by the juvenile probation officer. The Project Coordinator will enter all information into the WITS system and will coordinate the assessment with the chosen provider.

The packet will include the following forms:
1. IDJC Juvenile Justice Substance Use Disorder Authorization Form
2. IDJC Juvenile Justice Substance Use Disorder Release of Information

2. Screening:

Once juveniles have been identified by the juvenile probation officer as needing further assessment and the packet has been thoroughly completed, the Project Coordinator will be notified. In some cases, the Project Coordinator will assist juvenile probation staff in gathering the packet information. Once the packet is reviewed and approved, a consent, referral and authorization will be completed in WITS and submitted to the chosen provider with an approval of services and time frame to use approved services. The juvenile probation officer will be notified when the referral has been made.

3. Initial Assessment:

There are many providers in District 3, primarily in the Canyon County area, with limited services in the rural counties. Therefore, District 3 juvenile probation departments may be making referrals to a single provider that may conduct the assessment and provide the treatment. All efforts shall be made to ensure the juveniles receive the approved treatment from providers.

When necessary, the initial assessment may be conducted by an approved provider at the Southwest Idaho Juvenile Detention Center or the juvenile probation office.

It is the plan of the District 3 JJ SUDS Committee to make JJ SUDS referrals to BPA Health approved providers and service providers approved by District 3 JJ SUDS Committee and in conjunction with IDJC.

Once the authorization is issued the provider will be allowed 30 days to complete the assessment; and upon completion of said assessment, it will be submitted to the juvenile probation officer and Project Coordinator.
4. Service Authorization:

Upon completion of the GAIN, the recommendations and referral summary will be reviewed by both the Project Coordinator and the referring county juvenile probation officer. Any recovery support services, including case management and/or higher levels of care will be brought to the JJ SUDS committee for review and authorization.

In order to sustain sobriety, a coordination of services need to be employed for SUDS funded clients releasing from inpatient residential or state custody. The Juvenile Service Coordinator for IDJC will initiate the paperwork to obtain an updated GAIN for those clients releasing from IDJC custody and will forward this request to the Project Coordinator. For clients releasing from inpatient treatment, the juvenile probation officer will work with the Project Coordinator to develop the aftercare plan and ensure services are authorized at a facility who can offer the needed aftercare services.

Due to the on-going requirements for recovery support providers who provide services to Medicaid clients, the JJ SUDS funding may be used to pay for all urinalysis tests for treatment purposes. District 3 will also utilize urinalysis tests to monitor effectiveness of treatment for those juveniles who are on juvenile probation. This change has been pre-approved by IDJC staff for the FY2021 fiscal year.

5. Delivery of Services:

The Project Coordinator will facilitate and ensure providers communicate with county juvenile probation officers. Communication will include review of the client’s treatment plan, monthly progress reports, and notice of any concerns regarding the client’s risk or barriers to success. Providers are expected to engage the client’s parents/guardians in the youth’s treatment plan, and their involvement will also be communicated to the juvenile probation officer.

The Project Coordinator will provide the JJ SUDS Committee with updates and feedback from county juvenile probation officers, community providers and the IDJC JJ SUDS program through monthly JJ SUDS meetings and emails. The JJ SUDS committee will vote on any requests for continued services and any requests for recovery support services or higher levels of care.
6. Continuous Oversight of Cases:

The Project Coordinator will present recommendations to the JJ SUDS Committee on continuation or discontinuation of services. This will be based on the recommendation of the providers and input from the county juvenile probation officer. Juveniles may be invited to attend the JJ SUDS Committee meetings, with juvenile probation officers and parents, to engage in committee discussions regarding continuation of services.

When requesting continuation of services, providers will be required to provide the Project Coordinator with a Continued Service Request (CSR) by the 15th of every month for those cases that have expiring authorizations. The CSR shall include clinical documentation of established treatment goals to achieve long term sobriety. CSRs will be reviewed by the JJ SUDS Committee to determine if extended authorizations will be given based on the juvenile’s risk and needs, along with their attendance and compliance in treatment.

Probation officers will be required to provide pertinent information and updates regarding the juveniles’ performance on probation and treatment effectiveness.

For the 2021 fiscal year, the District 3 SUDS Committee may approve additional services to identified clients when appropriate, including case management, recovery coaching, intensive in-home therapy, MRT, and skilled based programs. Providers shall not provide any services until they are authorized to provide such services.

Payment Authorization:
The Project Coordinator will ensure the providers have referral and authorizations in the WITS system, or in some instances, approval to invoice via the Project Coordinator, directly to IDJC for services; outlining approved services and time frames for each client. Providers will be paid for authorized services only at a rate approved of by IDJC. The current rate matrix is located on the IDJC public website at www.idjc.idaho.gov.

7. Wait List for Services:

All efforts will be made to ensure juveniles are able to obtain needed service. In the event of a wait list, priority for services will be given to pregnant females, IV users, and those juveniles who are deemed to be a high risk by their juvenile probation officer due to their criminal history, risk score, and GAIN SS.

This plan has been reviewed and approved by all members of District III.