

Juvenile Justice Substance Use Disorder Service (SUDS) Plan

Third Judicial District

Adams, Canyon, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Washington

The Chief Juvenile Probation Officers and the Director of Canyon County Juvenile Probation (Director Canyon Co. JP) in the Third Judicial District reviewed and revised the Juvenile Justice Substance Use Disorder Service (JJ SUDS) Plan for the Third Judicial District for the fiscal year 2023/2024. The stakeholders involved in the revision of this plan are: Elda Catalano (Canyon), Shannon Carter (Gem), Ivy Smith (Owyhee), Roy Bullington (Payette), Dahlia Stender (Washington), and Dennis Stokes (Adams). Dennis Stokes did not take part in the revision of the plan.

Those with voting capabilities for the Third Judicial District JJ SUDS include the Chief Juvenile Probation Officers: Shannon Carter, Ivy Smith, Roy Bullington, Dahlia Stender, Dennis Stokes, and Director Elda Catalano, or their designated staff.

Each county within District 3 has different challenges in relation to services provided to juveniles. Therefore, the Chief Juvenile Probation Officers and Director 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 Director and Chief Juvenile Probation Officers voted and agreed to maintain the position of SUDS Coordinator, for the FY2023/2024. The District 3 SUDS Coordinator will be an employee of the Canyon County Juvenile Probation Department, a Juvenile Probation Officer in Canyon County and District 3 SUDS Coordinator. Attached is the job description for said SUDS 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 Coordination but not more than 30 hours per week and not to exceed 10% of the District's allocation for the fiscal year.

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 Director of Canyon County Juvenile Probation and 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

Each county juvenile probation department has the option and ability to administer the GAIN SS (short screener) and a risk assessment, Youth Level of Service (YLS), to identify the juvenile's risk and those needing further assessment.

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

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

The juveniles identified as needing further assessment will be provided with a “JJ SUDS Authorization Packet” to be submitted to the SUDS 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:

- IDJC Juvenile Justice Substance Use Disorder Authorization Form
- IDJC Community Operations and Program Services Division 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 SUDS Coordinator will be notified. In some cases, the SUDS 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. Further, when a youth is in a detention facility and the juvenile has Medicaid but an assessment is needed or has been court ordered to be completed while the youth is in the detention center, a Comprehensive Diagnostic Assessment (CDA) may be completed by the provider and be reimbursed (according to the approved rate matrix).

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 have 30 days to complete the assessment, and upon completion of said assessment, it will be submitted to the Juvenile Probation Officer and SUDS Coordinator.

4. Service Authorization

Upon completion of the GAIN or CDA, the recommendations and referral summary will be reviewed by both the SUDS 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 needs to be employed for SUDS funded clients releasing from residential programs and state custody. When being released from the State’s custody, the Juvenile Service Coordinator for IDJC will initiate the paperwork to obtain an updated GAIN/CDA and will forward the request to the SUDS Coordinator. For clients releasing from a residential placement program, the Juvenile Probation Officer will work with the SUDS Coordinator to develop the aftercare plan and ensure services are authorized at a facility who can offer the needed aftercare services.

Due to the ongoing 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.

5. Delivery of Services

The SUDS 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 SUDS 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 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 SUDS 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 SUDS Coordinator with a Continued Service Request (CSR) by the 15th of every month for those cases that have expired authorizations. The CSR shall include clinical documentation of established treatment goals to achieve long term sobriety. CSR's 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 juvenile's performance on probation and treatment effectiveness.

For the 2023/2024 fiscal year, the District 3 SUDS Committee may approve additional services to identified clients when appropriate, including family counseling, 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.

7. Payment Authorization

The SUDS Coordinator will ensure the providers have referral and authorizations in the WITS system, or in some instances approval to invoice via the SUDS 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.

8. 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, methamphetamine users, fentanyl users, and those juveniles who are classified to be high risk by their Juvenile Probation Officer due to their criminal history, YLS risk score, and GAIN SS.

This plan has been reviewed and approved by all members of District 3.

Signature of Authorized Representative

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