



Office of Children and Family Services

ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

SHEILA J. POOLE
Acting Commissioner

August 11, 2015

Dear Chief Executive Officer,

Thank you for submitting Suffolk Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016. Your plan has been reviewed by the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) and I am pleased to inform you that your county's STSJP plan has been **approved**.

Suffolk is eligible to receive 62% State reimbursement for STSJP expenditures up to the capped STSJP allocation amount. Your Suffolk will continue to receive 49% State reimbursement for eligible detention services expenditures up to the capped allocation amount. If your municipality shifts a portion of its detention allocation into its STSJP plan, your municipality will receive 62% State reimbursement if such shifted funds are spent on STSJP eligible expenditures. Suffolk may make an initial detention allocation shift or increase the amount of the detention allocation shift until December 31, 2015. If Suffolk plans to shift its detention allocation for STSJP eligible expenses, please submit a request on official letterhead to Cara Korn and email it to stsjp@ocfs.ny.gov outlining the amount that will be shifted and the type of programming or services the re-purpose detention funds will be used for under STSJP. An amend STSJP plan will also need to be submitted, if (Suffolk) shifts its detention allocation for STSJP eligible expenses

All STSJP claims must be submitted electronically via the Juvenile Detention Automated System (JDAS) for the service period April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016. Questions on all aspects of claiming process should be directed to Daniel Hulihan at (518) 473-4511 or at Daniel.Hulihan@ocfs.ny.gov.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we reform the juvenile justice practices in New York State by safely engaging youth and their family through innovating alternative to placement and detention programs.

If you have any questions, please email us at stsjp@ocfs.ny.gov and write "STSJP Plan Questions" in the subject line so that we may best assist you in a timely manner. You can direct all STSJP inquiries to Cara Korn at (518) 408-3999 or Cara.Korn@ocfs.ny.gov and Shawn Chin-Chance at (212) 961-4110 or Shawn.Chin-Chance@ocfs.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Mancini".

Joseph Mancini
Associate Commissioner
DJOY Office of Community Partnerships

NEW YORK STATE
OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
SUPERVISION AND TREATMENT SERVICES FOR JUVENILE PROGRAM (STSJP)
FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2016 ANNUAL PLAN

STSJP Plans are due to the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) by 07 / 31 / 2015

Plans should be submitted to: ocfs.sm.stsjp@ocfs.ny.gov

Please ensure that the title **“Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Plan”** and your municipality name are in the subject field to facilitate the timely review of your STSJP Plan. **Note:** Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 replaces the term State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2015-16 and FY 2015 replaces the term SFY 2014-15.

Please direct any STSJP Plan questions to either:

Shawn.Chin-Chance@ocfs.ny.gov PH. 212-961-4110

Cara.Korn@OCFS.ny.gov PH. 518-408-3999

SECTION ONE- Municipal Information	
NAME OF MUNICIPALITY: SUFFOLK COUNTY	
STSJP LEAD AGENCY: SUFFOLK COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT	STSJP LEAD PERSON: TRACY PETERSON, PPO
STSJP LEAD PHONE NUMBER: 631-853-5487	STSJP LEAD E-MAIL: tracy.peterson@suffolkcountyny.gov

SECTION TWO – List of Programs and Services to be Funded			
In this section, list the exact name of each program who have received STSJP funds, along with the projected amount of STSJP funds to be used for each. If this is a rollover program, please answer questions that are relevant to the funded program:			
Program One-Name	Juvenile Day Reporting Center Program	Type of Program	ATP
Total Program Expenses	\$ 550,000	Rollover Funded Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
1. Please indicate specific zip codes that your plan targets:	11951	11901	
	11950		
	11967		
	11701		
	11722		
2. How will the program reduce the number of youth who are detained or in residential placement?			
This program is designed as a final option for the judiciary before they place a juvenile. This program offers core education as well as career and technical education. Additional components include comprehensive referral services, intensive supervision, drug/alcohol testing, crisis intervention, and Community service. The program addresses each students' needs and prepares them for return to their district high school or affords them a high school equivalency track, while integrating life skills into each students' daily routine.			
3. How will the program be family focused?			
This program encourages family involvement. Each juvenile is transported daily to and from the program by Probation staff thus allowing for daily interaction with family members. The lead officer makes routine home visits with the child and the family. Counseling is available through the program to the child and the family. Efforts are made by teachers and Probation staff to connect parents to their child's education program via phone calls and parent/family meetings. To the extent that funding is available, family events are incorporated into the program.			
4. Can the program be replicated across multiple locations?			
The program can be replicated across multiple locations but those locations and the necessary staff and resources are not currently available in Suffolk County.			

5. What is the projected number of youth that are served by this STSJP funded program?
 The maximum number of youth that can be in attendance at this program at any one time is 18 due to the resources and program design. This number varies on a monthly basis. A total of 33 juveniles were served in the program during the calendar year 2014.

6. If program is being used as an Alternative to Detention (ATD) and an Alternative to Placement (ATP), how will it serve both populations of youth?
 N/A

7. If the program was used during FY 2015, please assess whether the service or program achieved the projected reductions in detention utilization and/or residential placements and other performance outcomes.
 Current statistics are available for the calendar year 2014, which indicate that of the 33 students served, 26 were successfully diverted from placement. The program is assessed to be a highly successful program. A major contributor to the program's inability to divert all youth from placement has been the students' mental health needs. With current resources, the program is limited to one social worker (LSW) and cannot provide a full array of mental health treatment.

8. What were the barriers if not met? The largest contributor to the program's inability to divert all youth from placement has been the students mental health needs.

Did the program receive STSJP funds for FY 2015? Yes No **If Yes, answer the questions below:**

1. When did the program start using FY 2015 STSJP Funds? April 1, 2014

2. What was the average length of stay for youth in program or service? 1 year

3. How many youth received services in the program during FY 2015? 23 youth

Program Two -Name	Pre-Petition/Adjustment Services	Type of Program	ATD
Total Program Expenses	\$ 50,000	Rollover Funded Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
1. Please indicate specific zip codes that your plan targets:	N/A		

2. How will the program reduce the number of youth who are detained or in residential placement?
 These services are available County-wide. The adjustment process can be used as an alternative to judicial intervention and can provide opportunity for mediation and development of a comprehensive family involved service plan less likely to result in confinement. The program focus is to assess the service needs of the youth and his or her family to assist the probation department to resolve disputes voluntarily and informally without a court intervention. The lack of court involvement will preclude detention or placement on successful cases.

3. How will the program be family focused?
 One of the Department's most pressing priorities is to improve service delivery to at-risk children and their families to prevent the children from deeper involvement in the juvenile justice system with the potential of being placed in a detention or placement facility. The adjustment process can be used as an alternative to judicial intervention and can provide opportunity for mediation and development of a comprehensive family involved service plan less likely to result in confinement.

4. Can the program be replicated across multiple locations?
 The program is best used in conjunction with the Family Court locations within Suffolk County.

5. If the program was used during FY 2015, were the performance outcomes met and describe the outcomes?
 The program began late in 2014 and was in operation for 1 month. the program served 3 youth for that month.

6. What were the barriers if not met?
 none at tis time beyond the late stat in implementing the program due to the contracting process which is now rectified.

7. If program was used as an ATD and an ATP, how was it used to serve both populations of youth?
 N/A

8. What is the projected number of youth that will be served by this STSJP – funded program? Approximately 70 youth & families

Did the program receive STSJP funds for FY 2015? Yes No **If Yes, answer the questions below:**

1. When did the program start using FY 2015 STSJP Funds? October 1, 2014

2. What was the average length of stay for youth in program or service? 3 youth admitted Length of stay is not determined since program was only in operation for 1 month.

3. How many youth received services in the program during FY 2015? 3

Program Three -Name	Community Reinvestment Expansion Program	Type of Program	ATP
Total Program Expenses	\$ 160,000	Rollover Funded Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
1. Please indicate specific zip codes that your plan targets:			
2. How will the program reduce the number of youth who are detained or in residential placement? An alternative to a crisis home environment can provide opportunity for mediation and development of a service plan less likely to result in confinement. The program will serve youth, referred by the Department, between the ages of 11 and 15 who are currently the subject of court intervention or at risk for court involvement. These youths must reside in one of the target communities of Babylon, Huntington, Islip, Smithtown and Brookhaven Townships, excluding Brentwood (11717), Bay Shore (11706) and Central Islip (11722).			

3. How will the program be family focused?

The contractor will provide clinical and case management services and family support services using the Multi-Dimensional Family Therapy (MDFT) model. As a multisystem model, MDFT clinicians will work individually with the adolescent and the parent, with the family as a whole to facilitate new relationships, and with family members in relation to sources of ongoing influence such as school and juvenile justice systems to address current functioning and new solutions for the adolescent. The contractor's case manager and therapist assigned to the youth and their family will each meet with them in their home on a weekly basis, and will conduct family sessions providing up to three contacts weekly in each case. Programming must include: Community based collaborations, youth and family focused services. The program will be strategically located with flexible hours of operation, and have family responsiveness. Youth development services will include work readiness and mentoring services, pregnancy prevention programs, educational advocacy and restorative practices.

4. Can the program be replicated across multiple locations?

The program can be replicated across multiple locations. The program is currently servicing the 5 Western Suffolk Townships with the exception of specific zip codes contracted directly between the Contractor and NYS.

5. If the program was used during FY 2015, were the performance outcomes met and describe the outcomes?

Yes, performance measures were met. The program served a total of 18 youth in 2014. The average Length of Stay was 136 days. All 18 youth were diverted from placement. .

6. What were the barriers if not met?

none

7. If program was used as an ATD and an ATP, how was it used to serve both populations of youth?

N/A

8. What is the projected number of youth that will be served by this STSJP – funded program? 17-20 youth

Did the program receive STSJP funds for FY 2015? Yes No **If Yes, answer the questions below:**

1. When did the program start using FY 2015 STSJP Funds? April 1, 2014

2. What was the average length of stay for youth in program or service? 136 days

3. How many youth received services in the program during FY 2015? 15 male 3 female

SECTION THREE – Analysis of Communities

Provide an analysis that identifies the neighborhoods or communities from which the greatest number of juvenile delinquents, juvenile offenders and persons in need of supervision (PINS) are remanded to detention or residentially placed. Are these the communities and neighborhoods served in the previous years' approved plan, if not, what has changed?

In 2014, Suffolk County had a total of 157 detention placements and 104 residential placements. Juvenile delinquents, juvenile offenders, and persons in need of supervision are referred from all towns and communities within Suffolk County with a few towns having a higher number of cases. In 2014, the residential placement data indicated the top five communities for placement referrals were Brentwood, Riverhead, Mastic/Mastic Beach/Shirley, Bayshore, Central Islip, and Coram. The detention data reported in 2014 did not include the towns but will in the future.

The Long Island Regional Youth and Justice Team (LIRYJT) includes juvenile justice representatives from Nassau and Suffolk Counties who come together quarterly to share best practices, identify areas for practice improvement and provide input to state policymakers. For 2015 and 2016, the LIRYJT is working to make data collection and reporting improvements for juvenile planning and is expected to have a comprehensive data reporting plan in place by the summer of 2016. The STSJP programs approved last year, and proposed for this year, do serve all youth from all towns in in Suffolk County.

SECTION FOUR – Disparity

In this section, please provide information indicating whether the use of detention or residential placement in your service area exhibits a significant racial or ethnic disparity or disproportionality. Please note that when looking for disparity, highlight, with the use of accurate data, youth who given comparable levels of need, do not receive equal utilization of services. Seek out all decision points to illustrate usage. When looking for disproportionality, identify any population groups who are underrepresented in a larger population and then overrepresented in a subset population. For example, population group A represents 15 percent of the general population but represents 75 percent of the detention population. If you currently do not measure these variables, please include your plan for data collection for Racial and Ethnic Disparities across your system. If no disparities or disproportionalities exist in your system simply state that in the space below.

According to the US Census, the racial ethnic composition for Suffolk County's is 81% White, 7.4% Black, 3.4% Asian, and 5.6% other. The Hispanic population (any race) is 16.5%. For Suffolk County, the detention population is overrepresented by Black (32%) and Hispanic (31%) youth and underrepresented by White (34%) youth. Between 2010 and 2014, we have seen a very slight decrease for Black youth (from 34% to 32%) in detention and an increase for Hispanic youth (from 26% to 31%) in detention.

The County has not engaged in any in-depth analysis of the data regarding racial and ethnic disparities at various system points or in the utilization of services and outcomes.

If such disproportionality exists, describe how the service/program proposed for funding will address this disparity. Suffolk County has recognized the existence of disproportionate Black and Hispanic youth in the juvenile justice system. The LIRYJT has made it a priority to develop a comprehensive juvenile justice data collection plan which can be used to look more deeply into the county and town data for juveniles and include demographic characteristics as well as service utilization and outcomes. This will allow for the counties to better understand the racial and ethnic disparities at the various system points and also to make comparisons between counties.

SECTION FIVE – Strategy

Justification and Overall Strategy – The purpose of STSJP funds is to establish supports and services for youth who, absent these services, are likely to be detained or placed. Funds should therefore be clearly targeted to meet the needs of the types of youth who in the past have been admitted to detention or residential placement. With this specific purpose in mind, describe the strategy devised by your collaborative partners (list your collaborative partners) to address the STSJP Funding objective through the programs chosen in Section Two.

For many years, Suffolk County has engaged in developing and supporting a range of programs and services which address risk factors for detention and placement of juveniles. Suffolk County Probation along with the County Executive's Office, the Long Island Regional Youth and Justice Team, and service providers included in this plan have worked together to identify gaps in services and to develop programs which target those gaps. The Long Island Regional Youth and Justice Team membership includes Nassau and Suffolk County juvenile justice stakeholders including probation, county attorneys, juvenile justice service providers, the judiciary, community organizations, and schools. The Team also includes representatives from NYS OCFS and DCJS. The LIRYJT has helped to identify programs showing success in reducing placement and detention which have been enhanced or expanded through these funds.

The Juvenile Day Reporting Center targets youth at high risk of placement and serves as a final option for the judiciary before placement. The program addresses individual needs and offers on site education services, intensive supervision, drug/alcohol testing, crisis intervention, community service, and life skills.

The Pre-PINS adjustment process was identified as an alternative to judicial intervention which can provide an opportunity for mediation and family intervention with the intent of resolving disputes voluntarily and informally. This can reduce the likelihood of a petition being filed with the court and further entry into the system by the youth and families.

The Community Reinvestment Expansion Program is funded through OCFS for several high risk communities in Suffolk County. For this STSJP plan, Suffolk County has expanded the program to include most other towns in the county. The program was developed as an alternative to a home crisis situation which can lead to further entry into the juvenile justice system and potential placement.

The respite program was selected to provide respite bed access for juveniles who are arrested and are determined ineligible for placement yet cannot be returned to their home. The program offers the juvenile and their families' time to seek out resources to address the problems which can lead to further court involvement and higher risk of placement.

The Home Based Service program provides a variety of intensive services and referrals for juveniles and their families throughout the county to help reduce further court involvement and potential risk of placement.

Lastly, the education advocacy program is available Countywide and provides educational advocacy, assessment and support

services to the juvenile delinquent population. The program helps juveniles to rectify educational issues and reduce school related problems which can lead to probation violations and higher risk of court involvement and potential placement.

SECTION SIX – Outcomes

Performance Outcomes – For FY 2016, provide the projected performance outcomes for your proposed services and programs, being sure to include: An estimate of the anticipated reductions in detention utilization and residential placements.

Program 1 JDRC – Based upon the outcomes from last year, the program expects to serve 18 juveniles at any one time with a total of 33 served in a one year period. The program expects 26 youth to successfully complete the program and thus be diverted from detention and placement.

Program 2 Pre-Petition/Adjustment Services – The program expects to serve up to 70 juveniles per year. The anticipated number of youth diverted from detention would be approximately 70 youth per year.

Program 3 Community Reinvestment Expansion Program – The program expects to serve between 17-20 juveniles per year. The anticipated number of youth diverted from detention and /or placement would be 18 which is based upon the number diverted in 2014.

Program 4 Respite – The program expects to serve approximately 20 juveniles per year. The number diverted from detention and/or placement would be 20 per year.

Program 5 Home Based - The program expects to serve approximately 200 juveniles per year. Due to the success of the home based services program, the department is expanding the area for this program to County-wide and expects the program to divert 95% of the juveniles served from detention and/or placement per year.

Program 6 Education Advocacy - The program expects to provide educational advocacy to at least 35 juveniles per year. The program will divert all 35 of those juveniles from placement.

Other projected positive outcomes for youth who participate in the services and programs:

The youth who participate in these programs not only benefit from not being detained or placed but benefit from the corrective actions resulting from services both individually and within the family setting. JDRC has enabled juveniles to return to school on a comprehensive track to finishing high school or afforded the youths alternatives to high school and life skills. The successful completion of any of the proposed components affords participants additional skills or lessons through program support.

Are there any changes in allocations or practices planned for FY 2016 based on experiences in FY 2015, please list those changes:

Additional funding is being allocated to several programs as the services provided have seen positive results and further support of these programs is anticipated to result in continued success. Additional funding has been proposed for Programs 1, 2, 5 and 6. Program 1 is anticipated to have additional curriculum infused and programs 2, 5 and 6 are being looked at for the provision of additional services with an emphasis on East End services.

SECTION SEVEN– Comments

The biggest barrier to these programs is the geographic expanse of Suffolk County and the needs of the juveniles throughout the County. Serving the East End of the County has always proven to be challenging as the population is not as dense and the East End is divided into two separate land masses (forks). The demographics and needs are different and resources are lacking due to the lesser populations. Mobile services such as Home Base and Educational Advocacy are better suited for this population but will also admit that accessibility is difficult.

SECTION EIGHT– Plan Amounts

Instructions:

- A. Enter all program expenses in Program Services tab.
- B. Specify State Reimbursements for this plan (lines 6-9)

Expenses

1. Program Expenses (from Program Services)	1,655,000	
2. State Reimbursement (Line 1* 0.62)		1,026,100

Available Reimbursements

3. STSJP Allocation	240,136
4. Detention Allocation	2,517,695
5. JDAI	0

Reimbursements for this Plan

6. STSJP Allocation	240,136
7. Detention Allocation being shifted to STSJP (if applicable)	785,964
8. JDAI (if applicable)	0
9. FY 2015 Rollover (if applicable)	0
10. Total Reimbursements (Lines 6-9)	1,026,100

State and Local Totals

11. State Share Amount (Line 10)	1,026,100
12. Local Share Amount (Subtract Line 11 from 10)	628,900

SECTION NINE– Approval

Approval of the Chief Executive Officer

As STSJP Lead for THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK Municipality, I certify that the CEO STEVEN BELLONE has reviewed and approved the 2015-2016 plan.

Date: 07 / 31 / 2015 STSJP Lead TPeterson1 STSJP Lead Tracy A. Peterson
 User ID: _____ Printed Name: _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

Instructions for properly processing an STSJP plan.

- a. Once you have opened a copy of the OCFS-2121 form, please immediately use the "Save As" function in Microsoft Word to save a copy of the document on your computer.
- b. Please save your STSJP plan using the following format; (Municipality Name 2015-2016 STSJP Plan)
- c. Work from the "saved" plan document using it to record all of your municipality's information. Please use the document OCFS- 2121A to document additional STSJP programs.
- d. Once you have satisfactorily completed entering the required data, save the document.
- e. Section Nine must be completed prior to OCFS review of STSJP Plan.
- f. Upload completed plan and send it to OCFS via the STSJP email address at ocfs.sm.stsjp@ocfs.ny.gov

Approval of the OCFS STSJP Program Lead

As OCFS STSJP reviewer, I certify that I approve of this Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program Plan for Suffolk Co Municipality and 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Date: 8/11/15 User ID: _____ Printed Name: Alison Campbell