

NEW YORK STATE
OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
SUPERVISION AND TREATMENT SERVICES FOR JUVENILE PROGRAM (STSJP)
SFY 2014-2015 ANNUAL PLAN

STSJP Plans are due to the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) by 7/11/2014

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 county name in the subject field to facilitate the timely review of your STSJP Plan.

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COUNTY INFORMATION

NAME OF APPLICANT COUNTY, COUNTIES OR JURISDICTION:
Saratoga County

LEAD AGENCY FOR STSJP SUBMISSION:
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STSJP SFY 2014 - 2015

SFY 2014-2015 Starting County Detention Allocation amount	\$ 243,312
SFY 2014-2015 County STSJP Allocation amount	\$ 66,294
SFY 2014 -2015 County Detention Allocation being shifted	\$ 0
Total SFY 2014-2015 STSJP Reimbursement Allocation amount	\$ 66,294
Maximum STSJP Reimbursement amount for a 2014-2015 Plan	\$ 106,926
SFY 2014-2015 STSJP State Share amount	\$ 66,294
SFY 2014-2015 STSJP County Share amount	\$ 40,632
SFY 2014-2015 Revised County Detention Allocation amount	\$ 0
TOTAL COUNTY OBLIGATION:	\$ 40,632

SECTION ONE – Analysis of Communities

Provide an analysis that identifies the neighborhoods or communities from which the greatest number of juvenile delinquents and persons in need of supervision (PINS) are remanded to detention or residentially placed. Note any communities or neighborhoods that are different than in last year’s plan. Please ensure that your identification of target areas or populations is clearly highlighted in your plan.

Youths from Saratoga County placed in detention come from a wide variety of communities in the County. Population centers of Saratoga and Clifton Park produce the highest numbers.

SECTION TWO – Description of Services and Programs to be Funded

List the **name of each service and program** who you expect will received STSJP funds, along with the **projected amount of STSJP funds** to be used for each: As a Guide to providing the information needed to properly review your plan, please provide programmatic information in the format listed below;

- Provide the Name of the Provider of the Service/Program.
- The Amount of any Juvenile Detention Services funds projected to be spent for STSJP Services.
- The communities and types of youth targeted.
- The projected number of youth that will be served.
- Answer a series of Demographic questions

“Please enter each program individually, and if you have more programs than the form accounts for, please use the addendum supplied with this document.”

STSJP Program One	Berkshire Farm	Type of Program (ATD/ATP)	ATD
The amount of STSJP funds that your jurisdiction will devote to the services from this program?			\$ 160,000
1. What geographic areas has your analysis suggested you target? Saratoga County			
2. What is your Jurisdiction's Projected Number of Youth that will be served by this STSJ Program? 35			
Did the program listed above receive STSJP funds for 2013-2014? If so, provide answer the questions below. If not, please proceed to section "STSJP Program Two".			
1. When did the program start using 2013-2014 STSJP funds? October 1, 2013			
2. How many slots were created in the program with STSJP funds? 12			
3. What was the average length of stay for youth in the program or service? 4.8 months			
4. How many youth received services in the program during 2013-2014? 19			
For programs intended as alternatives to detention, how many youth in the program experienced each of these outcomes:			
1. Successfully completed the program (not re-arrested and appeared in court as directed) 12			
2. Did not appear in court when directed to do so 0			
3. Were re-arrested before appearing in court 1			
4. Moved to detention because of non-compliance with the program or any reason (other than re-arrest or failure to show at court) 0			
5. What amount of last SFY allocation for this STSJP Service Program was left unspent: 0			

STSJP Program Two	KMG Monitoring	Type of Program (ATD/ATP)	ATD
The amount of STSJP funds that your jurisdiction will devote to the services from this program?			\$ 10,000
1. What geographic areas has your analysis suggested you target? Saratoga County			
2. What is your Jurisdiction's Projected Number of Youth that will be served by this STSJ Program? 8			
Did the program listed above receive STSJP funds for 2013-2014? If so, provide answer the questions below. If not, please proceed to section "STSJP Program Three".			
1. When did the program start using 2013-2014 STSJP funds? October 1, 2013			
2. How many slots were created in the program with STSJP funds? Program provides for any number of referred youth.			
3. What was the average length of stay for youth in the program or service? 32			
4. How many youth received services in the program during 2013-2014? 1			
For programs intended as alternatives to detention, how many youth in the program experienced each of these outcomes:			
1. Successfully completed the program (not re-arrested and appeared in court as directed) 1			
2. Did not appear in court when directed to do so 0			
3. Were re-arrested before appearing in court 0			
4. Moved to detention because of non-compliance with the program or any reason (other than re-arrest or failure to show at court) 0			
5. What amount of last SFY allocation for this STSJP Service Program was left unspent: 0			

STSJP Program Three	CAPTAIN Youth Shelter	Type of Program (ATD/ATP)	ATD
The amount of STSJP funds that your jurisdiction will devote to the services from this program?			\$ 4,200
1. What geographic areas has your analysis suggested you target? Saratoga County			
2. What is your Jurisdiction's Projected Number of Youth that will be served by this STSJ Program? 2			
Did the program listed above receive STSJP funds for 2013-2014? If so, provide answer the questions below. If not, please proceed to section "STSJP Program Four".			
1. When did the program start using 2013-2014 STSJP funds? October 1, 2013			
2. How many slots were created in the program with STSJP funds? Unlimited based on County need.			
3. What was the average length of stay for youth in the program or service? N/A			
4. How many youth received services in the program during 2013-2014? 0			
For programs intended as alternatives to detention, how many youth in the program experienced each of these outcomes:			
1. Successfully completed the program (not re-arrested and appeared in court as directed) N/A			
2. Did not appear in court when directed to do so N/A			
3. Were re-arrested before appearing in court N/A			
4. Moved to detention because of non-compliance with the program or any reason (other than re-arrest or failure to show at court) N/A			
5. What amount of last SFY allocation for this STSJP Service Program was left unspent: \$4,200			

STSJP Program Four		Type of Program (ATD/ATP)	
The amount of STSJP funds that your jurisdiction will devote to the services from this program?			\$
1. What geographic areas has your analysis suggested you target?			
2. What is your Jurisdiction's Projected Number of Youth that will be served by this STSJ Program?			
Did the program listed above receive STSJP funds for 2013-2014? If so, provide answer the questions below. If not, please proceed to section "STSJP Program Five".			
1. When did the program start using 2013-2014 STSJP funds?			
2. How many slots were created in the program with STSJP funds?			
3. What was the average length of stay for youth in the program or service?			
4. How many youth received services in the program during 2013-2014?			
For programs intended as alternatives to detention, how many youth in the program experienced each of these outcomes:			
1. Successfully completed the program (not re-arrested and appeared in court as directed)			
2. Did not appear in court when directed to do so			
3. Were re-arrested before appearing in court			
4. Moved to detention because of non-compliance with the program or any reason (other than re-arrest or failure to show at court)			
5. What amount of last SFY allocation for this STSJP Service Program was left unspent:			

STSJP Program Five	Type of Program (ATD/ATP)
The amount of STSJP funds that your jurisdiction will devote to the services from this program?	\$
1. What geographic areas has your analysis suggested you target?	
2. What is your Jurisdiction's Projected Number of Youth that will be served by this STSJ Program?	
Did the program listed above receive STSJP funds for 2013-2014? If so, provide answer the questions below. If not, please proceed to section "STSJP Program Six".	
1. When did the program start using 2013-2014 STSJP funds?	
2. How many slots were created in the program with STSJP funds?	
3. What was the average length of stay for youth in the program or service?	
4. How many youth received services in the program during 2013-2014?	
For programs intended as alternatives to detention, how many youth in the program experienced each of these outcomes:	
1. Successfully completed the program (not re-arrested and appeared in court as directed)	
2. Did not appear in court when directed to do so	
3. Were re-arrested before appearing in court	
4. Moved to detention because of non-compliance with the program or any reason (other than re-arrest or failure to show at court)	
5. What amount of last SFY allocation for this STSJP Service Program was left unspent:	

STSJP Program Six	Type of Program (ATD/ATP)
The amount of STSJP funds that your jurisdiction will devote to the services from this program?	\$
1. What geographic areas has your analysis suggested you target?	
2. What is your Jurisdiction's Projected Number of Youth that will be served by this STSJ Program?	
Did the program listed above receive STSJP funds for 2013-2014? If so, provide answer the questions below. If not, please proceed to Section Three.	
1. When did the program start using 2013-2014 STSJP funds?	
2. How many slots were created in the program with STSJP funds?	
3. What was the average length of stay for youth in the program or service?	
4. How many youth received services in the program during 2013-2014?	
For programs intended as alternatives to detention, how many youth in the program experienced each of these outcomes:	
1. Successfully completed the program (not re-arrested and appeared in court as directed)	
2. Did not appear in court when directed to do so	
3. Were re-arrested before appearing in court	
4. Moved to detention because of non-compliance with the program or any reason (other than re-arrest or failure to show at court)	
5. What amount of last SFY allocation for this STSJP Service Program was left unspent:	

SECTION THREE – Disproportionality

Provide available information (use objective data or, if none exists, you may provide anecdotal or other information) indicating whether the use of detention or residential placement in your service area shows a significant racial or ethnic disproportionality. What, if any, differences are there from what was noted in last year's plan? Additionally if NO data exists, what measures will your jurisdiction implement to monitor disproportionality? Saratoga County does not have a very racially/ethnically diverse population and that is reflected in the youths who entered detention in CY 2013. Of the 8 youth placed in non-secure detention in 2013, 7 were white and 1 was black. Of the 6 youths who were placed in secure detention in CY 2013, 5 were white and 1 was black. No other racial group was represented.

- If such disproportionality exists, describe how the service/programs proposed for funding will address the disproportionality: N/A

SECTION FOUR – Efficacy of the Programs and Services

Provide a description of the proposed services and programs that explain the four listed elements

Please answer the questions below for each of the programs highlighted in Section Two

How they will reduce the number of youth who are detained or residentially placed: 1. Berkshire Farms-Stepping Stones Program:

The program is designed to avert detention remands and keep youth at home, with relatives, or in respite. The program design is if a youth belongs to one of the specified STSJP categories and potentially at risk of either detention or placement out of the home, the probation department would contact the Family Specialist for consideration for the program. Additionally, the detention facilities will be requested to advise the Family Specialist if a youth is admitted after hours. The Family Specialist will advise the Probation Department the next morning of the admission. The Probation Officer with the assistance of a Family Specialist will determine whether the youth can be returned home, placed with a relative/family friend or placed in respite. If a youth is suitable and is already remanded, the Probation Officer, with the assistance of the Family Specialist, will make alternative to detention recommendations. As an alternative to remanding the youth to detention, the program will provide the necessary visits and structure for the youth to remain in the community. Further, the program design allows for early discharge from detention with services starting upon referral. The program's success is based on the partnership with the County, the Family Court, and law enforcement. Certainly, the most important partnership is the working relationship Family Specialists will develop with the youth and their families in an effort to keep youth safe at home while addressing issues.

2. KMG-Electronic Monitoring:

This service will provide Judges with an alternative to detention.

3. CAPTAIN Youth Shelter-Respite:

1. The Respite Services provided by CAPTAIN would happen at the Runaway and Homeless Youth Shelter located in Malta, NY. Their highly trained staff work with youth from a variety of backgrounds and wide array of issues. They provide a crisis free and safe environment in which youth can deescalate from crisis, meet with a Case Manager to discuss issues, learn valuable life skills and positive social values, and make connections with caring adults. Their efforts at the Youth Shelter are centered around helping youth identify the issues which led to their current situation, help them identify supportive resources within the community, provide care with a trauma informed approach, and involve youth in activities which promote Positive Youth Development Strategies.

How they are family –focused: 1. Berkshire Farms-Stepping Stones Program:

The Stepping Stones Program offers youth and their families' crisis intervention services, assessment

services, support services and then the recommendation of further needed services within a 30-60 day period. Under County approval, families will be eligible to continue with the Stepping Stones Program for another 60 days. Initially, Berkshire will be offering crisis intervention services to the youth and family to help stabilize and de-escalate the situation. Once this occurs, there will be an assessment, which includes the present functioning of the identified youth and the family. Also, the relationship of the youth with school, peers, law enforcement, and other community-based arenas needs to be reviewed. Once the assessments are completed and it is determined that the youth is best served by remaining in the home, the Family Specialist will assist the youth and family in identifying problematic areas which need resolutions. A contract will be developed to ensure that all family members are working toward the same goals. The Family Specialist will have a minimum of five contacts per week with at least two occurring face-to-face and one contact in the home. The Family Specialist will ensure that the youth is attending school and complying with agreed upon safety/behavior plan.

2. KMG-Electronic Monitoring:

This service will allow the youth to remain in their community; allow them to maintain their involvement with their family system; allow them to participate in individual and family services to address their problem issues; allows the youth to continue their educational program at their home school; and allows them to continue any religious observations.

3. CAPTAIN Youth Shelter-Respite:

2. CAPTAIN has the capability of providing mediation services with the youth and family if the youth is present for sufficient time during the Monday-Friday work week. The intent would be to resolve the conflict in the shortest amount of time possible to maximize the number of youth served.

Whether the services/programs are capable of being replicated across multiple sites: 1. Berkshire Farms-Stepping Stones Program: Yes

2. KMG-Electronic Monitoring: Yes

3. 3. CAPTAIN Youth Shelter-Respite: Yes

If the same plan was used last SFY, were the performance outcomes met and describe the outcomes. For Berkshire Farms 12 of 13 youth completed the program (92.3%) successfully meeting our goal of 80% of the youth receiving services will not be admitted to detention or, for those youth released from detention, will not be returned to detention during the service period.

For Electronic Monitoring, the youth for whom the program was utilized was not admitted to detention nor returned to detention and so, the goal of 80% of the youth on electronic monitoring will not be admitted to detention or, for those youth released from detention, will not be returned to detention during the service period was met.

Respite was not utilized in the last year.

4. In CY 2013, 9 youth were placed out of the home with DSS. Our goal of reducing placement by 10% was therefor met. Next year's goal: no more than 15 youth placed for 2012-2013 SFY.
5. What were the barriers if not met?

SECTION FIVE – Justification for the Proposed Programs and Services

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 residentially placed. With this specific purpose in mind, describe the demonstrated effectiveness of the proposed services and programs, or provide (in the form) other justification of why you are proposing these services/programs for funding. Please answer the questions below for each of the programs highlighted in Section Two. The success of Berkshire's preventive services over the past 30+ years has been based on five key beliefs/values:

1. Placement is not an option. We will continue to work day and night with the youth and families no matter the resistance or issues at hand. The only cause for removal is for safety reasons due to the level of risk for harm to self and/or others.

2. Preventive services must occur in the home. Only within the home environment will the Family Specialist truly learn the family dynamics and real issues. It is also the only way to successfully engage the family members.

3. Preventive Family Specialist must have a passion for the job. It is not only about their past professional experiences and education (degrees), it is much more about a commitment to do whatever it takes to truly make a difference.

4. Preventive Family Specialist must be able to "roll up their sleeves" and directly provide the needed services/treatment. This is not a case manager position. Although the family specialist will help locate needed community resources (i.e. – substance abuse, mental health, medical, housing, etc.), their focus is direct care to the youth and families.

5. Although usually there is an identified youth needing services, Berkshire's family specialists will always work with the entire family. Resolutions to issues usually include the involvement of various family members – not just the identified youth or a parent.

Electronic monitoring will allow the assigned probation officer to structure the movement of the youth and, at the same time, allowing the youth to remain home and to participate in targeted services to address their underlying criminogenic needs.

Respite would allow for a de-escalation of tensions within the family unit that could result in an increased placement in either detention or placement out of the home.

SECTION SIX – Performance Outcomes

For 2014-2015, 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: For Berkshire Farms, 85% of the youth receiving services will not be admitted to detention or, for those youth released from detention, will not be returned to detention during the service period.

For Electronic Monitoring, 85% of the youth on electronic monitoring will not be admitted to detention or, for those youth released from detention, will not be returned to detention during the service period.

For Respite, 85% of the youth receiving respite will not be admitted to detention or, for those youth released from detention, will not be returned to detention during the service period.

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- Other projected positive outcomes for youth who participate in the services and programs: Generally, to demonstrate a decrease in risk of recidivism and an increase of protective factors under the selected moderate/high risk areas identified for each youth who are opened under probation supervision. The assessment tool that will be used is the Youth Assessment Screening Instrument (YASI) developed by Orbis Partners, Inc.

SECTION SEVEN – Assessment of Success Achieving Previous Performance Outcomes

Although performance outcome data for 2013-2014 may be incomplete because many jurisdictions were unable to implement programs until late in the year and data-producing structures are not yet in place, we are asking you to provide available data on your STSJP programs for each of the following parameters for 2013-2014 year. The inclusion of that information will help establish local and state baseline information on SSJP programs and may be useful in informing discussions about potential improvements to be made in your STSJP Plan.

What were your projected performance outcomes in your 2012-2013 STSJP Plan for your proposed services and programs: For Berkshire Farms, 80% of the youth receiving services will not be admitted to detention or, for those youth released from detention, will not be returned to detention during the service period. 33 youth at 80% is 26 of the youth served will not go to detention or be returned to detention.

For Electronic Monitoring, 80% of the youth on electronic monitoring will not be admitted to detention or, for those youth released from detention, will not be returned to detention during the service period.

For Respite, 80% of the youth receiving respite will not be admitted to detention or, for those youth released from detention, will not be returned to detention during the service period.

- In CY 2012, 14 youth were placed out of the home with DSS. Reduce placement by 10% for 2012-2013 SFY. Goal: no more than 15 youth placed for 2012-2013 SFY.

- Were there other positive outcomes for youth participating in STSJP services and programs? Generally, to demonstrate a decrease in risk of recidivism and an increase of protective factors under the selected moderate/high risk areas identified for each youth who are opened under probation supervision. The assessment tool that will be used is the Youth Assessment Screening Instrument (YASI) developed by Orbis Partners, Inc.

Please provide the following information for your county or the jurisdiction served by your STSJP programs for 2013-2014, indicating if the geographic area is anything other than countywide:

TTL number of youth under 16 arrested: 88

TTL number of youth admitted to detention programs: 14

Secure detention:	8
Non-Secure detention	6

TTL Number of youth placed out of their home as part of a disposition in a JD and/or PINs case:

Number of JDs placed with OCFS or LDSS:	9
Number of PINs placed:	0
TTL Number of youth who received service and programs as a result of STSJP funding:	20

COMMENTS

Please assess whether the services and programs in your 2013-2014 STSJP Plan achieved the projected reductions in detention utilization and residential placements and other performance outcomes. If they did not, what were the barriers?

The services and programs did achieve the projected reductions in detention utilization and residential placements as compared to previous years before the programs were in place.

Are there any changes in allocations or practices planned for 2014-2015 based on experiences in 2013-2014? Please list those changes.

No.

**SECTION EIGHT – Cooperative Applications Submitted Jointly by Two or More Counties
(Complete this section only if this is a joint application)**

Two or more eligible local jurisdictions (counties) may join together to establish, operate, and maintain supervision and treatment services for juveniles programs and may make and perform agreements in connection therewith . Counties submitting such applications must provide the following information:

- Describe the provisions for the proportionate cost to be borne by each county:
- Describe the manner of employment of personnel across and between counties in the cooperative:
- Identify whether a single fiscal officer shall be the custodian of the funds made available for STSJP:

SECTION NINE– Additional Comments

APPROVAL OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

As Chief Executive Officer of the applicant municipality named on Page 1, I certify that I approve of this Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program Plan.

Name (Please Print)

Date

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Signature

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; (Somewhere County 2014-2015 STSJP Plan)
- c. Work from the "saved" county plan document using it to record all of your county's information.
- d. Once you have satisfactorily completed entering the required data, save the document, print the plan.
- e. Then have the person named in the plan as the CEO sign the hard copy of the document.
- f. Upload the signed copy of the plan and send it to OCFS via the STSJP email address at ocfs.sm.stsjp@ocfs.ny.gov