

Outcome Measures: Bucks County

A. Increase number of youth receiving in-home and community based services

Related to strategies: i, ii, iii, iv, v, vii, viii, xi, xiv

B. Reduction in entry and re-entry into placement of population

Related to strategies: i, ii, iii, iv, v, vii, viii, xi, xii, xiv, xv

C. Out of home placement is used as a last resort. The philosophy of Bucks Co. JPO is to treat each juvenile coming into the juvenile justice system individually according to Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) standards. Within this context Bucks JPO incorporates the concept of using the least restrictive alternative in addressing the needs of juveniles. This means that out of home placement is used as a last resort. As of 1/14/09 Bucks Co. JPO has 1735 juveniles under active supervision. Of that number 193 juveniles (11%) are in out of home placements (this includes state YDC/YFC placements and medically necessary RTF placements). Conversely, 607 juveniles (35%) receive in home or community based services. In fact, in an effort to avoid placement some of these 607 juveniles receive more than one in home or community based service.

Related to strategies: i, ii, iv, v, vii, xv

D. Increase number of families receiving in-home and community based drug and alcohol intervention services.

Related to strategies: i, iii, iv, v, vii, xi, xiv

E. Increase number of children in first time placement discharged from care to permanency within 12 months

Related to strategies: i, iii, iv, v, vi, vii, viii, ix, xi, xii

F. Decrease median length of stay in placement

Related to strategies: i, ii, iii, v, vi, vii, viii, ix, x, xi, xii, xiv

G. . JPO will work to decrease inappropriate placements

Related to strategies: i, iv, v, vii, xi, xiii, xiv, xv

H. Juveniles placed out of home by Bucks Co. JPO are generally reunited with their pre-placement residence.

Related to strategies: i, v, vii, xi, xii, xiv, xv