

Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. (YAP) Presentation to the
Scott County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, September 29th, 2020

Youth Advocate Program, Inc. (YAP) is offering an Alternative to Detention program to Scott County.

Goals for the program:

- Reduce the number of County youth who are detained
- Build capacity in the community to serve those youth and their families with the most complex needs
- Save scarce dollars by reducing placement into detention and youth prison/secure residential facilities at pre- and post-adjudication
- Reduce recidivism for youth committing crimes

The Program will serve:

- A maximum of 25 youth at any given time
- 2 months average length of stay
- 150 youth served a year

YAP's services are at a significant lower cost than detention.

YAP will serve up to 150 youth in the community that would have otherwise been incarcerated in detention. The county spends \$200 to \$250 per day including all costs for youth in detention per day. YAP costs on average \$85 per day.

- 25 slots in detention for a year cost: \$1,825,000
- 25 slots in YAP for a year cost: \$775,625

That's a potential savings of over \$1 million.

YAP's Alternative to Detention Program is effective. Outcomes for our 2019-2020 participants showed that:

- 93% were maintained safely in community settings
- 91% were not arrested while enrolled
- 1.4% adjudicated on new felony (juvenile equivalent) charges
- 1.9% adjudicated on new misdemeanor (juvenile equivalent) charges

Judges and Probation will have a needed resource to add to its continuum of juvenile diversion services positioned to provide intensive in-home and community services. Moderate to high risk youth can be referred to YAP to receive frequent contact and high dosage (average 12 hours a week) of services delivered by Advocates, credible messengers recruited from the community, that include:

- A comprehensive youth and family assessment that results in an individualized service plan to address the root causes of behaviors
- Youth stabilization and 24/7 Crisis services
- Work that strengthens the family system
- Referral to essential community resources
- Skill building and participation in a Cognitive-Behavioral Group
- Educational Support
- Vocational support and Supported Work
- Discharge Plan and Graduation

YAP has experience with young people and families with diverse and complex needs, such as youth:

- involved in gangs and/or violence
- who are being sexually trafficked
- with substance use issues
- who have experienced trauma and toxic stress
- preparing to age into adulthood
- with intellectual disabilities

YAP's Unique Service Delivery Principles:

- No Refuse Intake Policy
- Individualized Service Planning
- Family Focus
- Strength based Approach
- Neighborhood based recruitment
- Restorative Justice/Giving Back

YAP's model is evidence based:

- Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Model Program
- John Jay College Gold Star Program
- Annie E Casey Foundation Best Community Based Program
- Council on Accreditation
- Univ of Chicago Crime Lab Choose to Change Randomized Control Group Study
- Orlando Study