

## **Department of Youth Corrections (DYC) SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT**

### **I. Definition of Service:**

All youth who are being considered for admission to detention or who are already admitted to detention receive a screening for initial determination of possible presence of symptoms of a mental illness. In some communities, Juvenile Probation and other youth serving agencies perform the initial screening and the local community mental health center is contacted for further evaluation when a mental health issue is identified. The community mental health staff person will evaluate the youth's mental health needs and, when applicable, provide treatment recommendations. Mental health evaluations and subsequent treatment services may be provided at the detention facility site or at the provider site, depending upon the needs of the youth, contractual agreements between the mental health and detention centers, and the detention facility's regulations.

As a point of clarification, the following DYC definitions are provided:

**DETAINED YOUTH:** Is any youth charged with a legal offense and is being held in a detention facility pending review of their charges by the court. They are generally not remanded to the custody of the Department of Youth Corrections unless they are a committed youth that incurred new legal charges while they were in custody of the DYC.

**ADJUDICATED YOUTH:** Adjudication or Conviction means a determination by the court that the juvenile has committed a delinquent act or that a juvenile has pled guilty to committing a delinquent act.

**SENTENCED YOUTH:** A youth who has been through the court process and has had a sentence imposed on them for the illegal acts that they have either been found guilty of or that they have pleaded guilty to.

**COMMITTED YOUTH:** Is a youth who has been through the court process due to either the severity of the offense but more often due to the habitual nature of their legal infractions. These youth are remanded into custody of DYC. This youth may be in the detention facility awaiting transfer. Committed youth are in the care of the State.

### **II. Admission Criteria:**

According to the contractual agreements between the mental health and detention centers screening may be completed on any juvenile who is detained at DYC and appears to have symptoms of a mental illness

### **III. Exclusion Criteria:**

- A. Screening information suggests absence of mental health symptoms consistent with DSM-IV-TR Axis I diagnosis, and thus no comprehensive assessment is completed.

- B. The youth cannot be assessed due to grave psychiatric disability or imminent danger to self or others.

**IV. Continued Stay Criteria:**

- A. Not applicable

**V. Discharge Criteria:**

- A. Not applicable

**VI. Frequency of Review:**

- A. Not applicable