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# JUVENILE JUSTICE AND YOUTH SERVICES

## YOUTH SERVICES

### Program Description:

The Youth Services model allows Utah to deliver evidence based practices to youth at risk of entering the juvenile justice system and their families. Youth Services helps redirect youth from locked detention and other out-of-home placements so they can safely remain in their homes, schools and communities.

The primary goals are to help keep families intact and to prevent youths from further involvement with the juvenile justice system. There are 11 Youth Services Centers across the state.

- Standardized model throughout the state to streamline all early intervention services.
- Individualized youth and family plan with comprehensive access to services.
- Screening and assessment to accurately identify youth and family strengths and needs.

### Desired Outcomes:

- Keep youth safely in their homes, schools and communities.
- Early screening of a youth and family strength and needs.
- Connect youth and families to appropriate services in the community.

For more information: [jjys.utah.gov](http://jjys.utah.gov)

### Program Goal

**Prevent delinquent behaviors through positive youth and family development.**

### Screening Phase

Goal: Deescalate current crisis and provide comprehensive screening to identify immediate needs and areas for future assessment.

### Assessment Phase

Goal: Accurately identify youth and family strengths and needs to make data driven decisions on the right services, for the right clients, at the earliest time.

### Youth and Family Plan Phase

Goal: Individualized Youth and Family Plan based on screening results, assessments, and collateral information which will improve desired outcomes.