

REPLACES: New

KCSC/Juvenile Court Services &  
Children's Administration, Region 4 Division of Children and Family Services

SYSTEMS INTEGRATION PROTOCOL 2.0  
**SERVICE COORDINATION FOR JUVENILES PENDING RELEASE NOT  
CONCURRENTLY SERVED BY THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM**

This protocol applies to juvenile offenders or alleged juvenile offenders who are pending release from the King County Juvenile Detention Facility and not concurrently served by the child welfare system.

**A. Detention Release Options Regulated by State Statute**

An alleged/adjudicated juvenile offender who has been held in a juvenile detention facility may only be released to a responsible adult or DSHS, pursuant to RCW 13.40.040(5) and RCW 13.40.050(7).

**B. DSHS, DCFS Option Only Considered after Concerted Effort Locating Other Options, Unless Juvenile is Dependent/CHINS**

The Screening JPC or JPC currently assigned to the case shall conduct a concerted effort to locate an authorized release option for the juvenile. Unless the juvenile is Dependent or subject to a CHINS petition, when seeking a release option, the department should be contacted only if no other option is located. (See Protocol 2.0, Procedure 1.0)

**C. DSHS, DCFS Notification Required As Soon As Need For Services Becomes Known**

As soon as it has been determined that no other release option can be located, the JPC conducting the concerted effort to locate an authorized release option shall contact DCFS and inform of the need for an assessment for services and possible placement. Non child abuse/neglect referrals should be made on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and as early in the day as possible. (See Protocol 2.0, Procedure 1.0)

**D. If Allowed by Statute/Court Rule, Juvenile May Be Detained When DCFS Services Required**

In cases where the department is being requested to conduct an assessment for services and possible placement, the court may continue a juvenile's detention for the longer period of 24 hours or a 2<sup>nd</sup> Appearance hearing. The continuing detention of a juvenile may only be ordered if it does not conflict with state statute or court rule.