

CWLA Resources and Assessment Subcommittee Meeting and Work Summary – July 26, 2007

I. Work Progress

- The Resources and Assessment Subcommittee met on 6/28, 7/19 and 7/24 to complete the following:
 - i. Create an inventory of existing services and resources for dual-jurisdiction youth.
 - ii. Create a flowchart to map the decision-making process in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.
 - iii. Document partnerships/agreements that agencies have to provide services to dual-jurisdiction youth.

II. Initial Findings

- DHS/ YRC/VIBS services primarily provide case management, advocacy and counseling services to the target population.
- Individual and group counseling is also available through other agencies (i.e. WCSC, Mental Health).
- GED classes are available through a variety of agencies and programs.
- Many community programs have a small amount of spots available and infrequent enrollment (i.e. year-long cycles).
- Lacking wide-scale alternative programs for youth.
- Small prevention/ crisis intervention programs are available in a variety of communities. However, these programs are not well known or well documented, and often do not last more than a few years.
- Formal assessment tools are not widely used for placement and service determination.

III. Next Steps

- Document the type and number of staff serving the target population at the various agencies and programs. Identify gaps in staffing/ staffing needs.
- Create inventory of assessment instruments used to move a client along the system (i.e. forms to determine placement).
- Identify gaps in resources and services – what services should be created/ strengthened to better serve dual-jurisdiction youth and their families.
- Identify the need for instruments/tools to formalize the assessment and placement processes.