

**Update:**  
**Transfer of Juvenile Justice  
Functions from DCF to the  
Judicial Branch**

CJPAC 6-28-18

**Highlights of Legislation -  
P.A. 18-31  
(sections 8-43)**

Effective July 1, 2018

# Transfer of DCF Delinquency-Committed Juveniles on 7/1/18

- Provides for the transfer of all committed delinquent juveniles from DCF to the Judicial Branch effective 7/1/18
- Sets out the process for that transfer:
  - Effective 7/1/18, all juveniles in that status will be deemed by operation of law to be on probation
  - The conditions of parole supervision will become interim conditions of probation
  - An in-court review of each case will take place by 10/1/18 to determine whether those conditions should continue or be modified
  - The period of probation shall not extend past the commitment end date

# Disposition of Delinquency Cases

- Possible Dispositions:
  - **Probation Supervision in the Community**
  - **Probation Supervision with Residential Placement (NEW)**
  - Dismissal with or without a warning (existing practice)
- Requirements that must be met for a child to be placed on probation supervision with residential placement
  - **Placement is indicated by the child's clinical and behavioral needs, or**
  - **The level of risk the child poses to public safety cannot be managed in a less restrictive setting**

# Probation Supervision

- Length of probation is up to 18 months, with a possible extension of 12 months, for a total of 30 months
  - Same maximum length for Probation Supervision and Probation Supervision with Residential Placement
- Updates the list of conditions of probation that may be imposed
- Provides statutory authorization for the current practice of probation convening a Case Review Team meeting for any case being considered for residential placement
- Allow a probation officer to request that the court convene a probation status review hearing on a case under supervision

# Implementation



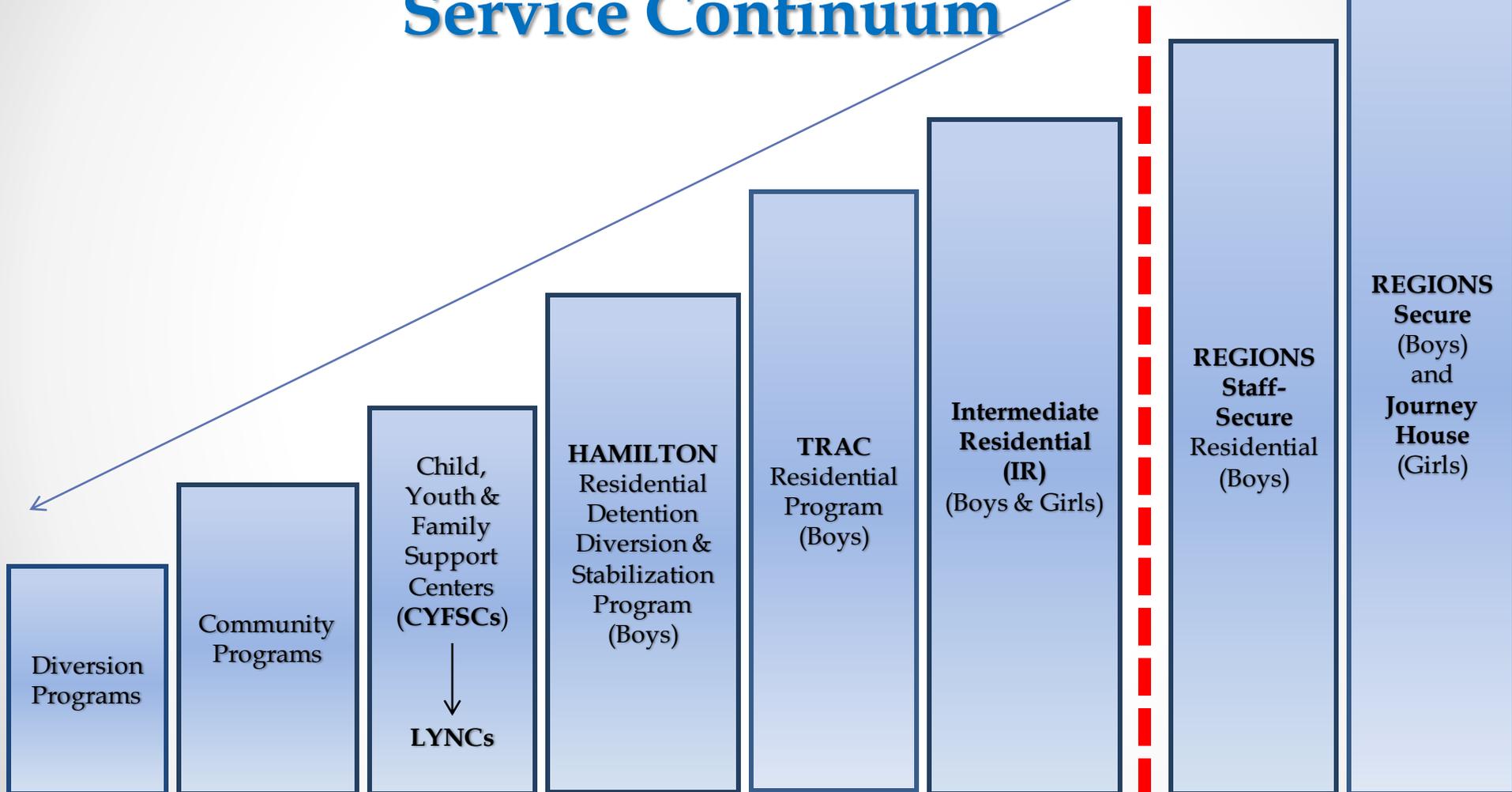
# Transfer of DCF-Committed Juveniles

- DCF has provided the Judicial Branch with a list of the current DCF-committed juveniles that identifies where they are – at home or in placement - and which Juvenile Court location handled his or her case(s)
- Each Juvenile Court is scheduling in-court review hearings on its cases to take place between 7/1/18 and 10/1/18
- This requirement was reviewed by Judge Conway at the Judges' Institute on 6/13/18
- Each Juvenile Probation office is holding transition team meetings on the children from their court and will be prepared to provide information and make recommendations to the court at the in-court review

# Services Matched to Risk and Needs

- CSSD is implementing its new Risk Assessment tool – PrediCT – which will:
  - Improve judgement about a child’s risk to public safety
  - Guide intervention planning by highlighting risk-relevant life areas in need of change
- Treatment Matching takes into Account:
  - Risk-relevant factors that need to be addressed
  - Risk of Recidivating

# Juvenile Justice Service Continuum



# Enhancing Community Services

- **Existing network of contracted programs to address risk factors contributing to delinquency**
  - Prosocial supports and mentoring
  - Cognitive-behavioral therapies
  - Problem Sexual Behavior Treatment
  - In-home, Evidence-based Family Therapy (MST, IICAPS)
  - Educational Support Services
  - Fostering Responsibility, Education & Employment (FREE)
- **Adding new programs to build stronger community connections and address more complex needs**
  - LYNC (Linking Youth to their Natural Communities)
  - Treatment Foster Care
  - Residential Treatment
  - Transition Supports (MST-TAY, MST-FIT)

# Residential Capacity

- **HAMILTON (6 beds) – Available as of June 1**
  - A two (2) week clinically-driven assessment and brief intervention residential program for boys located in Bridgeport. Boys under probation supervision at risk of entering detention or violating probation.
- **REGIONS Secure Residential Treatment (24 boys & 12 girls) – July 1**
  - Program will operate in the juvenile detention centers effective July 1st. Length of stay approximately 3 months with the goal of preparing a boy to transition to a staff-secure REGIONS program.
  - Girls will be treated at Journey House.

# Residential Capacity

- **Per Diem Beds – July 1**
  - Available for specialized needs (e.g., problem sexual behavior, major psychiatric illness, developmental disabilities).
- **REGIONS Staff-Secure Residential Treatment (26 boys) – Fall**
  - A six (6) month treatment program for boys with cases disposed to ‘probation supervision with residential placement.’ Program designed to reduce delinquency risk factors and support a successful reintegration back into the community

# REGIONS PROGRAMMING

- 12-bed capacity per unit; unit management model
- Yale Behavioral Health (clinicians, psychologist)
- Cognitive-behavioral therapy within trauma-informed framework
- Interventions: antisocial thinking and attitudes, impulsivity, oppositionality, substance use, gang involvement, mental health, family distress
- Prosocial and leadership skill building through recreation and creative experiences
- Education and vocational opportunities
- Short-term Assessment of Risk and Treatability – Adolescent Version (START-AV) to determine progress on treatment goals
- Step-down to REGIONS staff-secure or release with services



**Questions?**