



YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION

Youth Services Commissions are mandated by the New Jersey Justice Commission to serve in each county as a juvenile justice planning body. The County Youth Services Commissions were established to examine the individual and unique needs of youth in their communities and to develop programs and sentencing options for their youth.



PROGRAM SERVICES 2017

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YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION

OUR MISSION & GOALS

The Union County Youth Services Commission (YSC) is a state-mandated committee represented by state and local juvenile justice stakeholders that plan, monitor and implement programs and services to at-risk youth and those youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

YSC meets monthly to review local service provider outcomes, distribute information on upcoming events and plan initiatives in response to identified gaps in meeting Union County Continuum of Care objectives.

YSC MISSION

To engage in juvenile justice planning and priority-setting in developing new community programming for juveniles and monitoring the effectiveness of existing programs in the community for at-risk youth and youth offenders that assist clients in becoming, independent, healthy, and safe.

YSC GOALS

- Better outcomes for clients and communities through collaboration, integration and shared responsibility.
- Reduce delinquency and antisocial behaviors resulting in youth incarceration and recidivism.

UNION COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION 2017 GENERAL MEETING CALENDAR

Monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise noted, and are held in the Union County Administration Building, 6th floor, Freeholders conference room. We look forward to your participation in making this a productive year.

DATE	LOCATION
January 2017	No Meeting
February 7, 2017	6th Fl. Conference Rm
March 7, 2017.....	6th Fl. Conference Rm
April 2017	No Meeting
May 2, 2017.....	6th Fl. Conference Rm
June 2017	No Meeting
July 11, 2017*	6th Fl. Conference Rm
August 2017	No Meeting
September 12, 2017*	6th Fl. Conference Rm
October 10, 2017*	6th Fl. Conference Rm
November 2017.....	No Meeting
December 5, 2017.....	6th Fl. Conference Rm

*Second Tuesday; Dates may be subject to change

JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

POINTS OF INTERVENTION DEFINITIONS

Each of the programs in the Union County Youth Services Commission Continuum of care has a specific goal.

PREVENTION: To prevent youth from engaging in anti-social and delinquent behavior and from taking part in other problem behaviors that are pathways to delinquency.

DIVERSION: To provide services and/or informal sanctions to youth who have begun to engage in anti-social and low level delinquent behavior in an effort to prevent youth from continuing on a delinquent pathway.

DETENTION/DETENTION ALTERNATIVE: To insure youth's presence at court hearings and to provide short term (45-60 days) supervision sufficient to safely maintain appropriate youth in the community while awaiting the final disposition of their case.

DISPOSITION: To provide the court with a range of options that match the supervision and service needs of youth in their communities in an effort to reduce recidivism.

REENTRY: To provide youth transitioning from JJC residential programs and youth returning from secure facilities with additional support for successful reintegration into their communities in an effort to reduce recidivism.



SERVICES

PREVENTION

Performing Arts Program
Mentoring & Youth Development Program

DIVERSION

Family Crisis Mediation and Program Services Linkage
Life Skills Coaching & Mentoring

DETENTION/DETENTION ALTERNATIVE

Electronic Monitoring (EM) Program
Electronic Monitoring Case Management Program

DISPOSITION

Substance Abuse Treatment
Early Intervention & Sexual Offender Treatment
Individual & Family Counseling

DISPOSITION & REENTRY

High School Equivalency Preparation & Tutoring

REENTRY

Reentry Mentoring

JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVE INITIATIVE

Family Engagement Program

PREVENTION

Service: Performing Arts Program

Program: Union County Performing Arts Program

Agency: Institute of Music for Children

Address: 780 Salem Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07208

Telephone: (908) 469-1211 **Fax:** (908) 353-5614

Contact Person: Alysia Souder, Executive Director

Email: info@instituteofmusic.org



Service Description: The Institute of Music for Children's Afterschool and Summer programs will provide Union County pre-teens and teens, ages 8-18, with delinquency prevention services including: instruction in performing arts (voice, drama, dance, spoken word), instrumental music (guitar, drums, piano, harp violin, cello), and/or multi-media (electric music or video production), with a focus on sustained motivation, regular attendance, at-home practice, and public performance.

Target Population: Union County youth between the ages of 8-18.

Points of Continuum: Prevention and Diversion

Hours: Fall, Winter, and Spring: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 4:30pm-8:00pm; Friday: 4:45pm-9:30pm;

Saturday: 9:30am-3:00pm

Summer: Monday-Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm

Youth can be referred by: Families and Community Members

Services: Mentoring & Youth Development

Program: Union County Mentoring & Youth Development Program

Agency: Communities in Cooperation, Inc.

Address: 1025 John Street, Linden, NJ 07036 with three Union County Mentoring Hub-sites 1)Linden 2) Elizabeth 3) Plainfield

Telephone: (908) 290-3107 **Fax:** (908) 718-5889

Contact Person: Pamela B. Jones, CEO **Email:** cicpamelajones@comcast.net

Service Description: Using a fun activity and an interactive based program for youth and their mentors that engages the community to ensure mentoring does not occur by chance. It is a comprehensive youth development initiative with group, individual and peer-to-peer mentoring, along with parent activities to help reinforce their child’s learning experience using a family engagement process by connecting the families to needed resources on an as needed basis. Role models are integrated into a holistic student support system to help them to formatively focus on their future (positive careers and lifestyles) and an evidence based curriculum is used to help improve pro-social behaviors, thinking, and self-esteem along with team building activities and other positive exposures to assist in positive development. The sessions are, at a minimum, one hour per week, year-round, with a minimum of 26 weeks of participation required in a calendar year to successfully complete the program.

Target Population: At-risk youth in Union County (8 to 16 years of age), with no involvement in the Juvenile Justice system

Point of Continuum: Prevention

Hours: Plainfield Location: Wednesdays 4:00pm-5:30pm; Elizabeth Location: Fridays: 6:00pm-8:00pm; Roselle/Linden Locations: Thursdays 5:00pm-6:30pm

(based on closings and other facility scheduling needs, the days and times listed are subject to change)

Youth can be referred by: Schools, Government Agencies, Police Departments, Community & Faith-Based Organizations and Local Libraries

DIVERSION

Service: Crisis Mediation and Program Services Linkage

Program: Family Crisis Intervention Unit (FCIU)

Agency: Union County Youth Services

Address: 288 North Broad Street, Suite 3A , Elizabeth, NJ 07208

Telephone: (908) 558-2520 **Fax:** (908) 558-2540

Contact Person: Karen Robinson, Supervisor **E-mail:** Krobinson@ucnj.org

Service Description: The Family Crisis Intervention Unit (FCIU) is a legislatively mandated program for families experiencing family conflict, runaway behavior, truancy, minor delinquency, threat to safety issues, and human trafficking within the family unit warranting intervention. The goal is to mediate the immediate crisis and make recommendations to prevent involvement or further involvement with the court. When all appropriate resources have been utilized, and the family is still in crisis, FCIU has the option of filing a Family Crisis Petition with Family Court. This program has 24/7 response capability.

Targeted Population: Union County Youth between the ages of 11-17

Point of Continuum: Diversion

Hours: Office hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

with late nights until 7pm Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

Crisis calls have 24/7 response capability.

Youth can be referred by: Families, Community Members, Police and Schools

Services: Life Skills Coaching & Mentoring Program

Program: Youth Advocate Program

Agency: The Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.

Address: 45 Academy Street, Suite 303, Newark, NJ 07102

Telephone: (973) 624-1520 **Fax:** (908) 624-1597

Contact Person: Robyn Dawson, Director **E-mail:** rmdawson@yapinc.org

Service Description: Provides a structured and facilitated 3-day/week, 12 week cycle program which offers juveniles the chance to gain important skills such as anger management, conflict resolution, job readiness skills, and gang and drug prevention/awareness with the goal of becoming positive, effective members of their communities through community service activities, and family engagement.

Targeted Population: Union County youth between the ages of 12-17 years old

Point of Continuum: Diversion

Hours: Monday-Sunday 3:00pm-10:00pm, based on needs of the client

Youth can be referred by: Juvenile Conference Committee, Juvenile Referee, Police, Family Crisis Intervention Unit (FCIU)

DETENTION/DETENTION ALTERNATIVE

Service: Union County Electronic Monitoring

Program: Union County Juvenile Detention Center Electronic Monitoring Program

Agency: Union County Juvenile Detention Center

Address: 1075 Edward Street, Linden, NJ 07036

Telephone: (908) 523-1585 **Fax:** (908) 558-2540

Contact Person: Michelle Perez, Asst. Superintendent **E-mail:** mperez@ucnj.org

Service Description:

The Union County Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) Electric Monitoring Program is utilized as an alternative to secure detention upon release, while awaiting disposition to assist in sustaining Union County's continuing participation in New Jersey's Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI). Thirty-five (35) youth are to be served in this program annually. Union County JDC will install and remove the Electronic Monitoring (EM) units as well as provide initial intake.

Targeted Population: Union County youth between the ages of 11-17, in need of a detention alternative

Point of Continuum: Detention

Hours: Staff are available 24/7

Youth can be referred by: Family Court

Service: Electronic Monitoring Case Management

Program: Electronic Monitoring Case Management Supportive Service

Agency: Union County Youth Services

Address: 288 North Broad, Street, Suite 3A Elizabeth, NJ 07208

Telephone: (908) 558-2520 **Fax:** (908) 558-2540

Contact Person: Karen Robinson, Supervisor **E-mail:** Krobinson@ucnj.org

Service Description: This program is a court ordered alternative to secure detention. The primary goal is to prevent detention overcrowding by permitting low risk offenders to be monitored at home while awaiting final court disposition of their case. Youth are monitored 24/7 via a GPS tracking system for compliance with home confinement and other court ordered conditions of release. Provide linkages to resources as needed.

Targeted Population: Union County youth between ages 11-17, in need of a detention alternative

Point of Continuum: Detention

Hours: Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm

EM staff are available 24/7.

Youth can be referred by: Family Court

DISPOSITION

Service: Substance Abuse Treatment

Program: Trinitas Adolescent Outpatient Substance Abuse Services

Agency: Trinitas Regional Medical Center

Address: 655 East Jersey Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07206

Telephone: (908) 994-7201 **Fax:** (908) 994-7354

Contact Person: Adaria Facchinei, Clinical Coordinator **E-mail:** afacchinei@trinitas.org

Service Description: A six to nine month program that provides co-occurring mental health and substance abuse treatment for court-involved youth and their families. Services at Trinitas Regional Medical Center provide a development of positive coping skills, identification of relapse triggers, individual and family therapy, group therapy, medication management (if applicable), relapse prevention, random drug screens and regular monitoring. Treatment utilizes an emotionally- restorative and empathy building approach while emphasizing the development of emotional intelligence and healthy personal empowerment for youth and their families. Our clinical team collaborates with other supportive agencies that may be involved in the youth's life such as their school, physician, case management, probation and/or parole in order to create a strong and efficient support system.

Target Population: Union County youth between the ages of 13-21 years old

Points of Continuum: Disposition and Reentry

Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am-8:00pm; Fridays 8:00am-4:30pm

Youth can be referred by: Parole, Probation, Case Management, Family Court, Union County Youth Services, Schools, Families, Juvenile Justice Commission Facilities, Police, Community, and Other Mental Health/Substance Abuse Agencies

Service: Early Intervention & Sexual Offender Treatment

Program: Juvenile Outpatient Early Intervention and Sexual Offender Program

Agency: Trinitas Regional Medical Center

Address: 655 East Jersey Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07206

Telephone: (908) 994-7201 **Fax:** (908) 994-7354

Contact Person: Adaria Facchinei, Clinical Coordinator **E-mail:** afacchinei@trinitas.org

Service Description: Trinitas Regional Medical Center's Outpatient Early Intervention and Sexual Offender Program provides trauma-sensitive cognitive behavior therapy and sexual offender specific treatment services to at-risk youth who are not involved in the juvenile justice system, court-ordered youth charged with sexual offending behaviors and reentry youth who are returning from JJC residential/secure facility who are referred by Probation and/or Parole. Programming includes individual, group, and family therapy; Union County S.H.A.R.E (Sexual Harassment and Regaining Empowerment) Program for youth ages 11-18 who are either a victim of a cyber sexting crime or those who have committed a cyber sexting crime.

Target Population: Youth between the ages of 13- 21 years old with sexual behaviors and/or sexually abusive behaviors who have been court ordered or serving a term of probation in the disposition category or youth returning from a Juvenile Justice Commission secure and/or residential facility in the re-entry category; youth not court involved who are displaying early signs of inappropriate sexual behavior between the ages of 8-13 years old.

Points of Continuum: Prevention, Diversion, Disposition, and Reentry

Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-8:00pm; Fridays 8:30am-4:30pm

Basic Boundaries Group Ages 8-11 Wednesdays 5:00pm-6:00pm, Healthy Boundaries Group Ages 10-13 Tuesdays 6:00pm-7:00pm

Youth can be referred by: Families, Community Agencies, Family Court



Services: Individual and Family Counseling

Program: Youth Counseling Services

Agency: Family and Children's Services

Address: 70 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202

Telephone: (908) 372-1007 **Fax:** (908) 372-1018

Contact Person: Kelly Collins, Supervisor **E-mail:** KCollins@facsnj.org

Service Description: Provides counseling services to 45 youth and their families at a community based setting. Counseling sessions will range between 2 and 12 sessions, with an option for 3 follow-up sessions determined on a case-by-case basis. The goal of intervention will be to improve youth functioning and family interaction.

Targeted Population: Union County youth between the ages of 13-21

Points of Continuum: Diversion, Disposition, and Reentry

Hours: Monday-Friday 12:00pm-8:00pm

Youth can be referred by: Family Crisis Intervention Unit, Probation, Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program, Parole, and Police



"I know something better is on the road for me."

-Maya Angelou

DISPOSITION & REENTRY

Service: High School Equivalency Preparation and Tutoring
Program: Union County Educational Achievement Center

Agency: Boxwood Development Services, LLC
Address: 1143 East Jersey Street, Albender Building, Elizabeth, NJ 07201
115 West Second Avenue, Suite 3, Roselle, NJ 07203
Telephone: (908) 241-1311 (center); (908) 241-6862 (main)
Fax: (908) 558-2540 or (866) 861- 6379 (call ahead for instructions)
Contact Person: Carl Chase, President **E-mail:** chase@boxwood.us

Service Description: To help young people create their own opportunities by equipping and empowering them to attain higher education and employment levels along with mentoring to aid their transitions to successful adulthood. Services include assistance with preparation for high school equivalency exams, tutoring in various academic subjects, interactive life skills workshops, help with enrolling in college or occupational training and in securing gainful employment.

Target Population: Union County youth between the ages of 16-21 years old serving a term of probation, youth who are serving a term of parole who lack access to traditional school programs

Points of Continuum: Disposition and Reentry

Hours: Elizabeth Location (Probationers only): Monday-Wednesday 12:00pm-3:00 pm

Roselle Location (all Youth): Thursday 12:00pm-3:00pm; (Peer Groups) Friday 6:00pm-9:00pm;

Sunday 2:00pm-6:00pm

Youth can be referred by: Juvenile Probation, Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program, Parole Divisions and Family Court



Service: Reentry Mentoring
Program: Union County Reentry Wellness Program

Agency: Communities in Cooperation, Inc.
Address: 1025 John Street, Linden, NJ 07036
Telephone: (908) 290-3107 **Fax:** (908) 718-5889
Contact Person: Pamela B. Jones, CEO **Email:** cicpamelajones@comcast.net

Service Description: An interactive Union County youth, family and community support based program for youth involved in the Juvenile Justice system with an overarching goal of mentoring/coaching that comprehensively helps to redirect misguided youth while helping to reduce recidivism. Youth are assigned program services to possibly include (but not be limited to) family support visits, mentoring/coaching/life-skill services, assisting participant's navigation of required resources and systems, influencing and reinforcing positive decision making, promoting pro-social behavior, assisting in the development of appropriate life structure for self-accountability, acquiring job readiness skills, social services connections, reconnection or enrollment in school, addressing basic needs (such as transportation, health, wellness and recreational activities) and parental support and engagement prior to and upon release from a Juvenile Justice Commission facility along with any other services as deemed appropriate.

Target Population: Adjudicated Union County youth between the ages of 12-17 years old

Points of Continuum: Disposition and Reentry

Hours: Monday-Wednesday 9:00am-6:00pm; Thursday-Friday 1:00pm-8:00pm

Youth can be referred by: Parole, Probation, Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program and Multi-Disciplinary Teams

“Family is not an

important thing,



it's everything.”

- Michael J. Fox

JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVE INITIATIVE (JDAI) GRANT

Service: Family Engagement Program

Program: Union County Family Engagement Program

Agency: Prevention Links

Address: 250 Second Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07206

Telephone: (732) 381-4100 ext. 127 **Fax:** (908)469-0440

Contact Person: Andrea Bass **E-mail:** abass@preventionlinks.org

Service Description: The Family Engagement Program reduces the barriers families face in successfully supporting their child toward positive outcomes. The goal is to increase positive outcomes for youth involved in the Juvenile Justice System by engaging parents as leaders and decision makers in the Juvenile Justice System while simultaneously building family strengths and a sense of empowerment. The Family Engagement Program provides case management for system-involved youth and their families. Voices of Support monthly meetings are a peer-to-peer network for families currently supporting, or who have previously supported, a youth throughout the Union County Juvenile Justice System. The Family Engagement Program provides parent and professional trainings on Family Engagement.

Target Population: Union County residents currently involved in the Juvenile Justice System between the ages of 13-21 and their families. Support services are provided to families of youth previously involved in the Juvenile Justice System.

Point of Continuum: Detention/Disposition

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00am-11:30am at Juvenile Court; Wednesday, Thursday 1:30pm-2:30pm at Juvenile Court; Tuesdays 10:30am-6:30pm in office intake/meetings; Friday 8:30am-4:30pm intakes, appointments, case management, etc.

Youth can be referred by: Family Court, Probation, Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program, Union County Juvenile Detention Center, Union County Electronic Monitoring Program and Multi-Disiplinary Teams

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