



Juvenile Court Connection

CWJJS Monthly Newsletter for Michigan's Juvenile Court Professionals



Reminder!

The newly created [SCAO Juvenile Justice Screening and Assessment Tools Guidelines](#) which were published in August 2024, require the courts to establish clear policies and procedures for the administration of screenings and assessments on justice-involved youth and submit those plans to SCAO.

The Guidelines, attached, include a Model LAO and sample written policies and procedures for use of screening and assessment tools that courts may use to assist with the development of their policies.

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Juvenile Updates

Court Rules and Legislative Updates

Introduced Legislation

HB 6028

Statute Cite: MCL 712A.2

Introduced: 11/7/2024 and referred to Comte on Criminal Justice

This bill would amend the Juvenile Code to provide concurrent jurisdiction over juveniles on military installations.

HB 6149

Statute Cite: MCL 712A.2

Introduced: 11/26/2024 and referred to Comte on Criminal Justice

This bill would amend the Juvenile Code by expanding the criteria for a juvenile to be found to be a dependent to include when the juvenile is without proper or necessary support, care, or services due to the juvenile's special medical, mental health, educational, or social needs through no fault of the juvenile's parents, guardian, or other custodian.

HB 6189

Statute Cite: MCL 780.855

Introduced: 11/26/2024 and referred to Comte on Criminal Justice

This bill would amend the Address Confidentiality Program Act to include harassment, fear of abuse or harassment to the list of criteria to be eligible to apply for the address confidentiality program.

Enacted Legislation

None for November

Proposed or Adopted Court Rules/Administrative Orders

None for November

For the most up to date proposed and adopted court rules and administrative orders, click [here](#)



CWJJS Resources

The following information is on the [CWJJS webpage](#):

Juvenile Justice Reform and County Implementation Teams Information

- County Presentations on Court Diversion and Consent Programs
- Michigan Justice for Kids and Communities Bill Package Summary
- OJJDP Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse
- Various Recorded Webinars

Juvenile Justice Services Toolkit

- FAQ: MJJAS/OYAS Detention Screening Tool (August 19, 2024)
- SCAO Screening and Assessment Tools Guidelines (August 2024)
- Juvenile Justice Reform Resource Compendium
- Memo: Statewide Juvenile Justices Detention Screening Tool and training (July 24, 2024)
- Court Strategic Plan Template
- Policy and Procedures Template
- Screening Tools and Assessments Sample Flow Chart

Juvenile Justice Reform Training and Development

- MJJAS/OYAS Detention Screening Training Announcement
- Screening and Assessment Tool Information
- Juvenile Justice Training in a Minute
- Recorded MJI Webinar Trainings

SCAO Resources

- Juvenile Justice Probation Standards (September 2024)
- Benchbooks
- Court Rules
- Case File Management Standards
- Juvenile Probation Officer Manual
- Records Management: Retention and Disposal Schedule
- Nonpublic and Limited Access Chart
- Model Code of Conduct for Juvenile Probation Officers

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Training Opportunity Links

[Child Welfare
Services Recorded
Webinars](#)

[MJJ Training
Opportunities](#)

[National Center for
State Courts
\(NCSC\) Webinars](#)

Upcoming Trainings

MJI Trainings

December 6, 2024 from 12:00 -1:00 pm [SCAO Juvenile Justice Screening and Assessment Data Tracking Tools & Recommendations](#)

**The presenter will be available for an additional 30 minutes from 1:00 – 1:30 for Q&A*

[Register here](#)

Registration Deadline: December 4, 2024

The State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) has developed optional data collection spreadsheet templates for courts to use to ensure compliance with the new juvenile screening and assessment requirements.

In this webinar, Kaj Althaus will provide an overview and will discuss with viewers:

- The purpose and functionality of collecting and tracking the data with the optional templates.
- How courts can use data collection practices to remain in compliance.
- Useful information for courts new to tracking screening and assessment data, including examples and best practices.

Intended audience: Courts receiving the CCF basic grant, juvenile court staff such as administrators, supervisors, probation officers, and any staff who administer or are responsible to track juvenile screenings and/or assessments.

Save the Date!

January 24, 2025 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Understanding the Role of the Juvenile Defense Attorney

Presenter: Joshua Pease, Youth Appellate Defense Counsel, State Appellate Defender Office

**The presenter will be available for an additional 30 minutes from 1:00 – 1:30 for Q&A*

Registration information will be included in the January edition of the SCAO Juvenile Court Connection

MJJAS/OYAS Detention Screening Tool

Training and Certification for Court Staff/Court Designee

SCAO is offering statewide training on the MJJAS/OYAS-DET screening tool at no cost to the courts. Please ensure that court staff/court designees responsible for conducting detention screenings on youth complete the training prior to using the MJJAS/OYAS-DET screening tool.

The MJJAS/OYAS-DET screening tool is designed to assess youth to determine if they pose a risk to reoffend, and aids in the decision of initial placement and/or release from detention. The MJJAS/OYAS-DET tool end-user training and certification is appropriate for court staff and court designated individuals responsible for conducting detention screening for justice-involved youth, and there is no pre-requisite to participate in the training. The end user training includes didactic presentation and practice of concepts and skills. The training also includes an overview of supportive research in the field, specifically the Principles of Effective Intervention. Participants will then be introduced to the MJJAS/OYAS-DET screening tool, reviewing supporting material for the tool that will be used to effectively conduct an assessment interview, and then score individual risk. Finally, the training will conclude with a “next steps” conversation to address how to begin using what they have learned.

Target Audience: These trainings are limited to court staff or court designated individuals responsible for conducting the detention screening tool. Training is exclusively focused on learning how to administer the tool and obtain certification.

Speakers: Lauren Kenney, MS (Research Associate), and Eric Willoughby (Research Associate), *University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute*

Training Dates and Registration Deadlines: See the MJJAS/OYAS-DET Tool End User Training Dates and Registration Deadlines to the right. Your registration is not complete until you receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation email 7 days before a training you register for, please contact Jennifer Schwandt at schwandtj@courts.mi.gov. **REGISTRATION IS PENDING UNTIL YOU RECEIVE CONFIRMATION.**

Virtual Training: The training is two half-day sessions from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. each day and attendance both days is required. Register only for 1 Training

Important Message: Prior to attendance, please review the SCAO Juvenile Justice Screening and Assessment Tools Guidelines and the Detention Screening Tool FAQ. Questions related to court policy and procedures, or the selection of the detention screening tool are outside the scope of the certification trainings.

If you cancel or fail to attend after the training materials have been shipped to you, you are responsible for returning the materials to SCAO within 14 days of the scheduled training that you did not attend. You will be responsible for the shipping costs for the return.

For questions, please contact: Jennifer Schwandt, Administrative Assistant, CWJJS at schwandtj@courts.mi.gov



Register Here!

December 11 & 12, 2024
Registration Closed –
Training Full

January 15 & 16, 2025
Registration Closed –
Training Full

February 12 & 13, 2025
Registration Deadline:
January 15, 2025 –
Registration Link:
<https://cvent.me/2N9w0Z>

March 3 & 4, 2025
Registration Deadline:
February 3, 2025 –
Registration Link:
<https://cvent.me/EN4rey>

April 7 & 8, 2025
Registration Deadline:
March 10, 2025 – Registration
Link: <https://cvent.me/MmZLka>

May 12 & 13, 2025
Registration Deadline:
April 14, 2025 – Registration
Link: <https://cvent.me/K2BnXr>

June 9 & 10, 2025
Registration Deadline:
May 12, 2025 – Registration
Link: <https://cvent.me/IA3kM2>



Training Opportunity Links

[Interstate
Commission for
Juveniles \(ICJ\)
On-Demand
Training
modules](#)



Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Trainings

A Stakeholders Guide to Competency to Proceed in Michigan's Juvenile Courts

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is pleased to offer on-demand learning opportunities in reference to juvenile competency stakeholder information. Court personnel (including probation officers and managers, judges, referees, prosecutors, and attorneys), as well as advocates, behavioral health providers, MDHHS juvenile justice specialists and managers, and other MDHHS staff, are encouraged to complete the training. The training is designed to meet the specific needs of individuals in these different roles. The training for juvenile court personnel is about three hours in duration, and the training for other interested individuals is about two hours.

The department continues to contract with highly qualified experts at the National Youth Screening & Assessment Partners (NYSAP) to provide this training in collaboration with Concept Continuing & Professional Studies, Palo Alto University, to provide an overview of practices and court processes related to juvenile competency in the State of Michigan. Funding is provided by the Juvenile Justice Subcommittee of the Mental Health Diversion Council.

Speakers: Ivan Kruh, Ph.D. and Christina Riggs Romaine, Ph.D.

Click [here](#), to access the training

Please contact MDHHS-Juvenile-Competency@michigan.gov with any questions



MJJAS Full Suite of Tools

Michigan Juvenile Justice Assessment System (MJJAS) FY25 Training

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Division of Juvenile Justice (JJ) is pleased to announce the ninth year of Michigan Juvenile Justice Assessment System (MJJAS) risk assessment training on the full integrated suite of tools. The MJJAS is provided to MDHHS through a contractual agreement with the University of Cincinnati Research Institute and is also known as the Ohio Youth Assessment System© (OYAS). The MJJAS (aka: OYAS) is a structured risk assessment tool that identifies the likelihood of a youth engaging in future criminal behavior and informs appropriate risk classification. The MJJAS assessments can be re-administered over time to determine changes in risk level based upon changes in behavioral profile or life situation. The MJJAS can be used at five different decision points for a youth: diversion, detention, disposition, juvenile justice residential placement and reentry to the community from residential placement. In addition to risk assessment, results from the disposition, residential and reentry tools are assistive for case planning and for identification of residential and re-entry service needs.

Juvenile Justice Case Management

The MJJAS is the designated risk assessment system for juvenile justice youth under the care and supervision of MDHHS. Service plans and residential treatment plans entered in the Michigan Statewide Child Welfare Information System (MiSACWIS) require administration of the MJJAS for juvenile justice youth.

Recommended Recertification

MJJAS recertification training is recommended for MDHHS JJ specialists and supervisors, as well as public and private juvenile justice facility case workers and supervisors who write service plans or residential treatment plans for MDHHS juvenile justice youth who were certified three or more years ago to ensure fidelity to the tool. Participants must successfully complete this training to be certified to administer the MJJAS risk assessment instruments.

Training Registration

There is no registration fee for this training. JJ specialists and supervisors, and public and private residential treatment staff and supervisors working with juvenile justice youth under the care and supervision of MDHHS will be given priority to register for this training. Registration for others is on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants who fail to attend, arrive late, depart early or attend only portions of the training will not be eligible to receive certification to administer the MJJAS. Virtual classes will close approximately two weeks prior to registration or sooner if class size is reached – maximum class size is limited to 15 participants.

Registration for MJJAS classes should be completed using the MDHHS Learning Management System (LMS) for all MDHHS staff and private contracted facilities. County Court and detention staff can inquire and register by contacting MDHHS-MJJAS@michigan.gov. MDHHS and private contracted facility staff with access to MiSACWIS should have MDHHS LMS access and should follow the listed steps in LMS to register for the training. If you encounter problems or need assistance registering for training, contact the LMS helpdesk at MDHHSstraining@michigan.gov. If you need to cancel after you have been confirmed to attend the training, this should also be completed through the LMS. If you do not have access to the LMS, you may contact Michelle Sage at MDHHS-MJJAS@michigan.gov or Clinton Wirtz, at wirtzc@michigan.gov for information on how to register.

Schedule

*Virtual Sessions consist of four consecutive half days. Training hours are 8:30am-12:30pm with one 15-minute break

December 16-19, 2024

January 21-24, 2025

February 2025 – (dates TBD)

March 17-20, 2025

April 14-17, 2025

May 12-15, 2025

June 23-26, 2025

August 11-14, 2025

September 22-25, 2025

October 20-23, 2025

December 15-18, 2025