

Juvenile Justice Reform

County Implementation Team / Court Strategic Plan Template

County:

Plan Author:

County Team Members (if applicable):

Summary: This Strategic Plan outlines the steps the County Juvenile Justice Implementation Team (or the court) will take to adopt and implement the new screening and assessment requirements on justice-involved youth, as well as discuss and identify community-based programs available so that:

- **Screening and assessment tools are properly and consistently utilized on youth at various points as required by the juvenile justice reform laws that take effect October 1, 2024.** The tools will help establish high quality case service plans and inform decision-making throughout the life of a case.
- **Community-based programs are available and utilized in lieu of detention for low-risk youth when appropriate.**

Planning Tips for County Team Meetings or Courts

- Review the legislative changes to ensure the County Team (or court personnel) understands the new requirements and changes to funding.
- Develop County Team (or court) goals. This could be as simple as complying with the statutory requirements by 10/1/2024, or more extensive such as developing a new court-based diversion or consent calendar process.
- Keep track of your training or assistance needs. Please see SCAO’s Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Services website [here](#) for information, including recorded trainings, and note where additional assistance is needed to help the County Team (or court) successfully implement the juvenile justice reforms. If SCAO assistance is requested, please let your Regional Administrator know.

Tips for Screening and Assessment Tool Planning

- Discuss the use of screening and assessment tools (Who is using them? When? Where are the results are shared? Share any written policies.)
- Determine if the tools are used at every decision point that will be required (identify where the tools/assessment is not being used where it will be required).
 - **Risk Screening Tool:** Yes No Yes but not at all decision points Written policy established?
 - **Mental Health Screening Tool:** Yes No Yes but not at all decision points Written policy established?
 - **Detention Screening Tool:** Yes No Yes but not at all decision points Written policy established?
 - **Risk and Needs Assessment:** Yes No Yes but not at all decision points Written policy established?
- Develop a local process map (see sample map on page 7)
- Develop a policy on the use of the tools, including who will conduct them, when/where, who the results must be shared with, etc. to ensure compliance with the new laws.

Adoption and implementation of screening and assessment tools

Public Acts [287](#), [288](#), [289](#), [290](#), [297](#), [298](#) and [301](#) of 2023 require the use of screening and assessment tools on youth at various points to help inform decision-making. Usage of the tools is a requirement for courts to receive 75% reimbursement through the Child Care Fund.

Goal: *The Team (or court) will Draft a Screening and Assessment Tools Policies and Procedures Document, which will identify when each screening tool and the risk and needs assessment must be conducted, who will administer the screening and assessments and how, where the information gained from the tools will be distributed, and any other relevant information.*

General Resources:

1) **Juvenile Justice Training-in-a-Minute: Screening and Assessment Tool Overview (10 minute):**

<https://www.courts.michigan.gov/493513/siteassets/offices/cwjjs/tools-assessment-pp.mp4>

2) **Webinar: Screening and Assessment Tools for Justice-Involved Youth (1 hour, 20 minutes):**

<https://mji.wistia.com/medias/excj4wggk>

Steps	Tasks	Timeframe	Resources/References	Status
1. Identify screening and assessment tools and establish guidelines for their use.		Time frames listed are examples – these will vary by court depending on what they need to do (e.g., some courts already using screening /assessment tools)		
(1) <i>Risk Screening Tool</i>	Identify a validated Risk Screening Tool to use	<i>May – June 2024</i>	MCL 712A.2f MCL 722.823 MCL 722.826	
	Identify who will use the Risk Screening Tool (create process map and add the name of who will conduct the screenings)		Sample Flow Chart for Screening and Assessment Tools on page 7	
	Identify a training plan for all users of the Risk Screening Tool (initial and ongoing) (with screening tool vendor)	<i>May – June 2024</i>	Training schedules for provided tools	
	Establish policy/procedure for the use of the Risk Screening Tool (who will conduct the screens, where and what information will be documented will be shared, etc.)	<i>June 2024</i>		
(2) <i>Risk and Needs Assessment Tool</i>	Identify a validated Risk and Needs Assessment Tool to use		MCL 712A.18(9)	

	Identify who will use the Risk and Needs Assessment Tool and when (add the name of who will conduct the assessment to the process map)		Sample Flow Chart for Screening and Assessment Tools on page 7	
	Identify training plan for all users of the Risk Screening Tool (initial and ongoing) (with assessment vendor)		Training schedules for provided tools	
	Establish policy/procedure for the use of the Risk and Needs Assessment Tool (who will conduct the assessments, where and what information will be documented and shared, etc.)			
(3) <i>Mental Health Screening Tool</i>	Identify a validated Mental Health Screening Tool to use		MCL 712A.2f MCL 722.823 MCL 722.826	
	Identify who will use the Mental Health Screening tool and when (process map)		Sample Flow Chart for Screening and Assessment Tools on page 7	
	Identify training plan for all users of the Mental Health Screening tool (initial and ongoing) (with screening tool vendor)		Training schedules for provided tools	
	Establish policy/procedure for the use of the Mental Health screening tool (who will conduct the screens, where and what information will be documented will be shared, etc.)			
(4) <i>Detention Screening Tool</i>	<i>SCAO detention tool (being identified)</i>		MCL 712A.15(3)	
	Identify who will use the Detention Screening Tool and when (process map)		Sample Detention Flow Chart on page 8	
	Identify training plan for all users of the Detention screening tool (initial and ongoing)		Training schedules for provided tool	
	Establish policy/procedure for the use of the Detention screening tool			

<p>(5) <i>Use the information from above to Establish a Screening and Assessment Tools Policies and Procedures Document</i></p>	<p>The Screening and Assessment Tools Policies and Procedures document will include the information in (1) – (4) above and identify when each tool must be used and by whom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pre-Diversion (risk and mental health screening) ○ Pre-Consent (risk and mental health screening) ○ Pre-Disposition (risk and needs assessments) ○ Prior to detention (detention screening) ○ Every 90 days ○ Major Life/Case change 	<p><i>August – September 2024</i></p>	<p>Sample Flow Chart for Screening and Assessment Tools on page 7</p> <p>Sample Detention Flow Chart on page 8</p>	
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Tips for Community Based Programs and Services Planning

- Discuss community-based program and service options for youth in the community.
- What services are going well? What are the gaps? How could we fill them?
- Determine if the program and service providers have data available to demonstrate their effectiveness.

For FY 2025, MDHHS has indicated that they will continue to fund community-based programs and services that were included in the county’s FY 2024 Annual Plan and Budget. Beginning in FY 2026, the programs and services will be reviewed for eligibility based on the program/service’s performance data – the specific data elements to be collected will be forthcoming.

Community Based Programs / Diversion

Beginning October 1, 2024, the Child Care Fund may be used for community-based programs and practices starting when a complaint, referral or petition is generated by the prosecutor, law enforcement, or school personnel for a youth at risk of juvenile court involvement. The CCF will provide 75% reimbursement for community-based supervision, services, and per diem rates for the use of respite care and shelter for less than 30 days.

Goals: Identify programs and services in the community that may be good alternatives to detention, based on the county’s needs, and establish partnerships with those programs. For courts interested: establish a diversion or consent calendar program, including written procedures and processes.

General Resources:

- 1) **Webinar: Court Diversion & Consent Calendar Programs and Practices (1 hour):** <https://mji.wistia.com/medias/ulu72gyj52>
- 2) **JJ Training in a Minute: Juvenile Diversion and Consent Calendar Reform (12 minutes):**
[https://www.courts.michigan.gov/494fe8/siteassets/offices/cwjjs/diversion-and-consent-calendar-powerpoint-\(1\)-\(1\).mp4](https://www.courts.michigan.gov/494fe8/siteassets/offices/cwjjs/diversion-and-consent-calendar-powerpoint-(1)-(1).mp4)

Steps:	Tasks	Timeframe	Resources/ References	Status
1. Identify community-based programs and services available in the county/jurisdiction				
	Identify what programs and services are currently in place and/or available for youth		Local Community Resources	
	Identify gaps in services (what programs/services are needed in the community? Maintain a list)			
	Establish referral processes and agreements with any new providers			
	Identify performance data for existing programs and services that is currently collected (if any). Consider what other data could be collected that would demonstrate		MCL 400.117a(16) requires MDHHS, in consultation with SCAO, to establish performance	

	effectiveness. As noted, key performance measures will be identified by MDHHS and SCAO. In the meantime, we encourage discussion between the court and community providers of data that is currently collected, and data that may be needed in the future, to show program performance and outcomes.		measures for evaluating county adherence to the requirements in subsection (13) and for evaluating the goals of the child care fund more generally. The Act also requires MDHHS to submit an annual report to the legislature on yearly child care fund juvenile justice expenditures and related performance measures beginning October 1, 2025. beginning October 1, 2025	
2. Discuss diversion processes to refer at-risk youth to community-based services in lieu of court involvement.	Establish written procedures, where applicable.			
3. Discuss consent calendar processes	Establish written procedures, where applicable.			

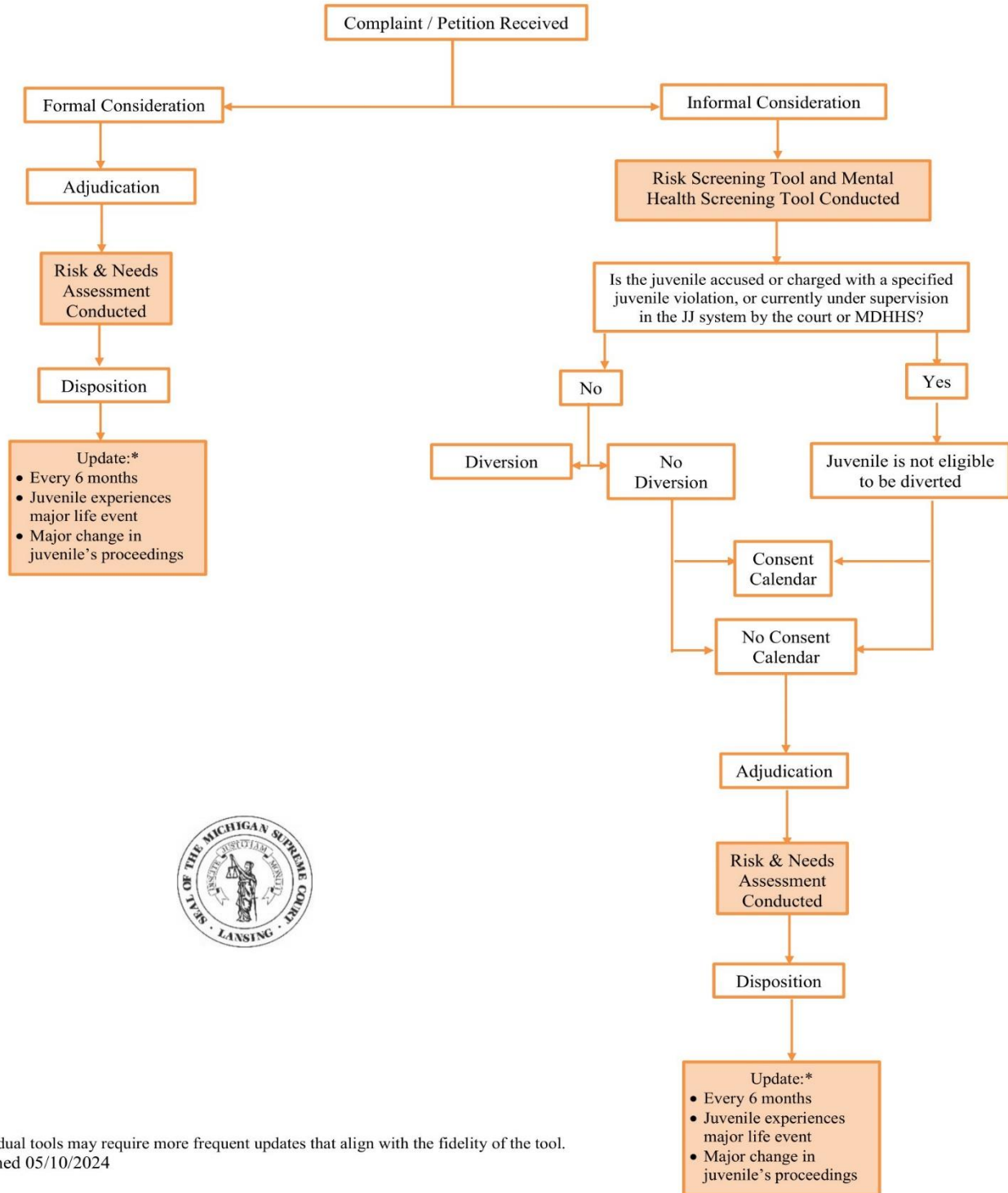
Juvenile Court Screening & Assessment Tools Sample Flowchart

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State Court Administrative Office
Juvenile Court Screening & Assessment Tools
Sample Flowchart

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*Individual tools may require more frequent updates that align with the fidelity of the tool.
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