Overview:
DJJS Risk Reduction Report

Utah Department of Human Services
**Overview**
This document is an overview of the various elements included in the *DJJS Risk Reduction Report*. This approach depicts the same structure that providers will find in their own *DJJS Risk Reduction Report* for the collection of youth they serve.

**Performance**
This report identifies changes in *risk to reoffend*, for youth who received residential services from your program during the last calendar quarter. *Risk to reoffend* is based on results of protective and risk assessments (PRA) given to youth by DJJS Case Managers.

**Privacy**
Reports are scheduled to be distributed quarterly and will include results for youth who exited a provider’s residential care. Individual providers will receive results for only their clients, who will be identified only by their CAPS PID number.

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The Utah Protective and Risk Assessment (PRA) is the primary tool for DJJS to measure youth changes in protective and risk factors. PRA results are broken out by dynamic (variable or changing) and static (fixed or stable) risk and protective factors. Ideally, it is expected that youth reduce their risk and increase their protective factors. Dynamic items are expected to change over time whereas static items are expected to remain relatively stable.
The PRA is designed to collect information about a youth’s strengths and weaknesses in 8 life areas called the **Central-8-Categories**. Each of the 8 categories are based on identification of *protective factors* that are thought to keep the youth from problems and *risk factors* thought to increase the likelihood the youth will have problems. Understanding how categories contribute to youths’ risk and protective factors aids treatment and programming.

In this example, there were 15 unique youth with 17 assignments to Utah Youth Provider. The number of episodes is greater than the number of youths because some youth had more than one assignment.

DJJS Risk Reduction Report contains risk reduction results for youth who exited a placement during the specified calendar quarter.

10 of the 17 episodes met the inclusion criteria for the DJJS Risk Reduction Report.
Quality Assurance

Inclusion criteria require that youth have at least two Protective and Risk Assessments (PRAs). Length of Stay (LOS) indicates number of days youth was placed with the provider. Inclusion criteria requires at least two PRAs, where the first is within 30 days of being placed.
Risk Reduction Measure

If applicable, toggle between provided services.

The bars summarize overall results for each of the item types from the PRA.

Dark blue bars refer to the average starting PRA score for the group of youth.

Light blue bars refer to the average ending PRA score for the group of youth.

Average Risk & Protective Points for: Utah Youth Provider

UYP Behavioral Services, N = 10

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These graphics identify the average starting and ending PRA results for youth who exited a particular residential service. Results are broken out into the Central-8-Categories. The graph on the left depicts changes in dynamic risk factors; the graph on the right depicts changes in dynamic protective factors.
THANK YOU!

Our overall objective is to recognize and support the work of providers who serve DHS clients.

We recognize the complexity of this work and appreciate your efforts to help youth, young adults, and their families. No outcome measurement process will capture all of this complexity nor all the positive impact you have in people’s lives. However, we hope that this information will be helpful as you evaluate your efforts and pursue improvement in outcomes over time.
We would be happy to hear from you. Please send any feedback or questions to us.

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