



**The Ins and Outs of TJJD:  
Upcoming Changes, Minimum Lengths of Stay,  
Cases Referred Back,  
Programming and Services**

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**OBJECTIVES**

- Provide a “big picture” overview of the ins and outs of TJJD
- Provide an overview of TJJD’s rehabilitation program, including assessment and orientation processes and specialized treatment
- Provide overview of anticipated upcoming changes

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**TJJD – the Big Picture**



Counties Manage Most Juvenile Delinquency in Texas with Outstanding Results

TJJD Gets the Most **Serious** or **Chronic** Young Offenders

Commitment to TJJD is the Most Serious Sanction within the Juvenile Justice System

TX Human Resources Code Creates TJJD to Provide:

- Administration of the State's Correctional Facilities for Children
- A Program of Constructive Training for Rehabilitation and Reestablishment in Society of Children Adjudicated Delinquent and Committed to TJJD
- Active Parole Supervision for Children Until Discharged from TJJD Custody

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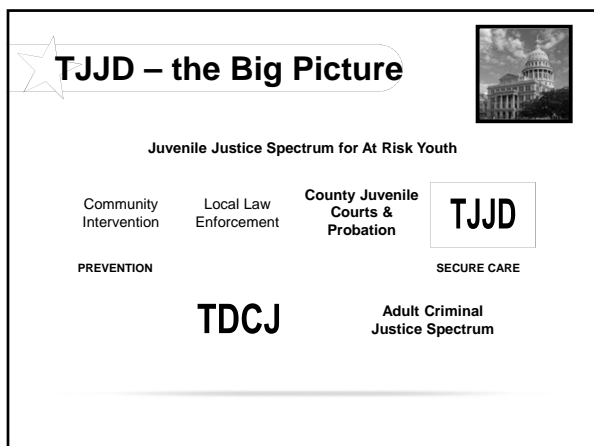
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## ★ General Administrative Policy (GAP.380.8502)

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION  
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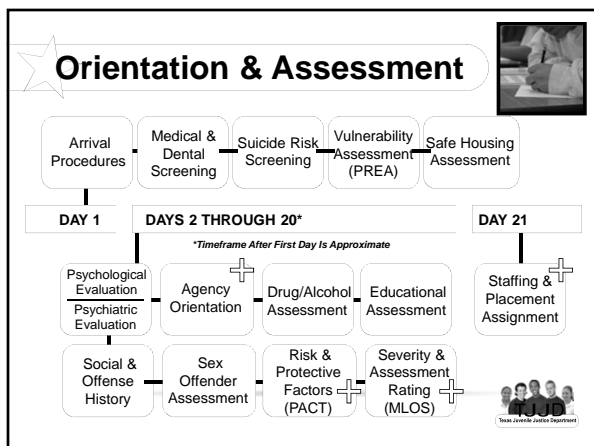
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## Orientation & Assessment

Evidence Based Program: Assess actuarial risk/needs

Attitudes, values, and beliefs

Current family dynamics and supportive relationships within the family

Influences and associations with people

Effects of alcohol / drug abuse

Academic/vocational achievement

Ability to control behavior

Personality traits

Use of leisure time




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## Length of Stay

### Indeterminate Sentencing

Exact Time Not Specified

Minimum Length of Stay

Ends Before Or At Age 19

Contained in Juvenile System

About 87% of TJJD Youth

### Determinate Sentencing

Court Sets Amount of Time

Minimum Period of Confinement

Can Be Up To 40 Years

Can Carry Over to Adult System

Reserved for Most Serious Offenses




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## Minimum Length of Stay

MINIMUM LENGTH OF STAY ASSIGNMENT									
Youth Information		Offense Information		Assessment Factors		Minimum Length of Stay		Additional Information	
Age	Gender	Offense	Charge	Assessment Factor	Value	Minimum Length of Stay	Maximum Length of Stay	Assessment Factor	Value
15	Male	Aggravated Assault	1st Degree	1. Number of previous offenses	0	12 months	24 months	2. Number of previous offenses	0
16	Male	Aggravated Assault	1st Degree	3. Number of previous offenses	0	12 months	24 months	4. Number of previous offenses	0
17	Male	Aggravated Assault	1st Degree	5. Number of previous offenses	0	12 months	24 months	6. Number of previous offenses	0
18	Male	Aggravated Assault	1st Degree	7. Number of previous offenses	0	12 months	24 months	8. Number of previous offenses	0
19	Male	Aggravated Assault	1st Degree	9. Number of previous offenses	0	12 months	24 months	10. Number of previous offenses	0

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## Length of Stay

### Computing Minimum Length of Stay (Indeterminate Sentencing)

1. Determine **Severity Rating** (Based on Current Offense)

	Weapon Used, Sex Felony, Crime Against Person?	
	YES	NO
HIGH	Capital Offense, All 1st Degree Felonies, 2nd Degree Murder, Manslaughter, or Sexual Assault	<b>X</b>
MEDIUM	All Other 2nd Degree Felonies, All 3rd Degree and State Jail Felonies	1st Degree Felonies
LOW	<b>X</b>	2nd Degree, 3rd Degree, and State Jail Felonies

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## Length of Stay

### Computing Minimum Length of Stay (Indeterminate Sentencing)

2. Determine **Assessment Rating** (Based on Youth History)

Formula Based On:

- Total Number of Referrals to Juvenile Court
- Number of Referrals for Offenses Against a Person
- Total Number of Adjudications
- Youth's Age at Commitment to TJJD
- Whether Youth Had Prior Residential Placements

HIGH
MODERATE
LOW

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## Length of Stay

### Computing Minimum Length of Stay (Indeterminate Sentencing)

		SEVERITY RATING		
		HIGH	MODERATE	LOW
ASSESSMENT RATING	HIGH	24 MONTHS	15 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
	MEDIUM	18 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	9 MONTHS
	LOW	15 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	9 MONTHS

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## Orientation & Assessment

### Staffing & Placement Criteria

GENDER

TREATMENT NEEDS

SECURITY

LOCATION

Texas Juvenile Justice Department

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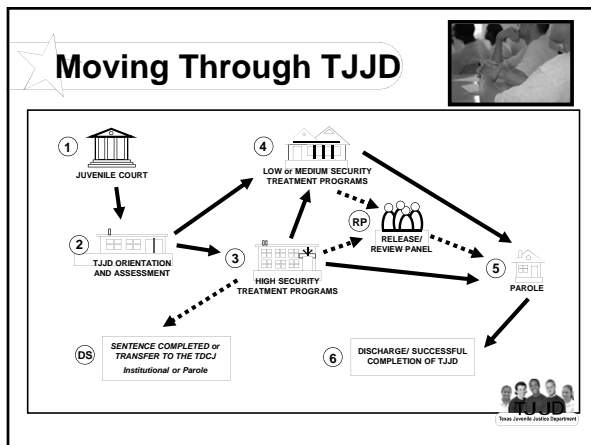
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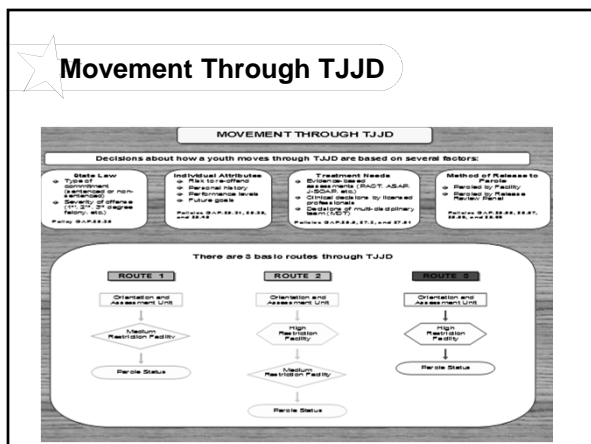
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## State Services & Facilities

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## Orientation & Assessment

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## Individualized Case Plan

- Initiated at Intake Units
- Drives Services for Youth
- Encompasses All Services – Integrated Into One Plan
- Monitors Risk & Protective Factor Changes
- Used to Develop Goals & Interventions (EBP – target interventions)
- Based upon the PACT
- Includes the Community Re-entry Plan (CRP)

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## Specialized Treatment

- Determined by:
  - Comprehensive assessment tools
  - Adjudicated offense
- Types
  - Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment
  - Mental Health
  - Sexual Behavior Treatment
  - Capital and Serious Violent Offender

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## Specialized Treatment

- Provided at varying levels
  - Low
    - Psycho-educational programming
  - Moderate
    - Non-residential (short term programming)
  - High
    - Residential treatment programming

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## General Administrative Policy (GAP.380.8751)

SPECIAL NEEDS OFFENDER PROGRAMS  
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## Specialized Treatment FY 14

Population/Specialized Treatment FY 2014 ALL Facilities Specialized Treatment								
TJJD Secure State Operated Institutions								
	Capital Offender/ART		Sex Offender		Mental Health		AOD	
	High	Med	High	Med	High	Med	High	Med
Evins Regional Juvenile Center		*				*	*	*
Gainesville State School		*	*	*		*	*	*
Gainesville State School	*	*	*	*		*	*	*
McLennan County Long Term		*	*	*	*	*	*	*
McLennan County RTC		*	*	*	*	*	*	*
McLennan County Phoenix		*			*	*	*	*
Ron Jackson Long Term	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ron Jackson O & A	*	*			*	*	*	*
Halfway Houses								
Ayres								
Brownwood House		*				*		
Castroville						*		
McFadden Ranch		*				*	*	*
Schaeffer House		*				*	*	*
Tamayo		*				*	*	*
Willoughby		*				*	*	*
York						*	*	*

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## Rehabilitation– Stage Progression

Four themes for each Stage:

- Increases understanding of Risk and Protective Factors and how they relate to their success/ lack of success in the community. (EBP)
- Helps youth to understand how their Risk Factors, and specifically, their underlying attitudes, values, and beliefs, relate to their offense. (EBP)
- Engages the family or adult mentor of the youth in the treatment program. (EBP)
- Moves the youth towards developing a "Making It Happen" (Community Reintegration) Plan. (EBP)

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## REHABILITATION – STAGE PROGRESSION

Promotion requires consistent participation in these areas:

- Case planning
- Group
- School
- Specialized treatment
- Skills application/performance (EBP)

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**RELEASE/REVIEW  
PANEL**

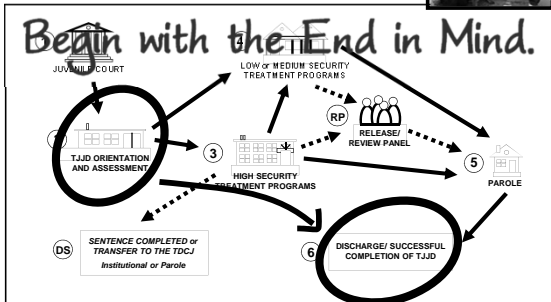
## Protects Youth From Staying In TJJD Unnecessarily Longer Than Minimum Length of Stay



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graph TD
    A[Review status of program completion requirements in accordance with requirements] --> B[Specify On-site Completion Status At Each Stage From Start of Entry]
    B --> C[Facility Identification Finding]
    C --> D[YoushiBert Program Completion Criteria]
    C --> E[Youshi On-site "Bert" Program Completion Criteria]
    D --> F[Low or Moderate Risk Category]
    D --> G[High Offense Category]
    E --> H[Refer to Offense Review Panel]
    F --> I[You're Released to Pursue for Therapy]
    G --> J[Review Offense Panel Decision]
    H --> K[Panel Chief Complete Case Review]
    K --> L[Panel Decision: Yes/No]
    L --> M[Facility Release or Detention]
    L --> N[Facility: Please see "You're Released to Pursue for Therapy" Decision]
    J --> O[Approved, You're Released to Actively Engage in Treatment]
    J --> P[Disapproved]
    M --> P
    
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The flowchart illustrates the process for reviewing program completion status. It begins with a review of requirements, leading to specifying on-site completion status at each stage. This leads to facility identification findings, which then branch into two sets of completion criteria: YoushiBert and Youshi On-site "Bert". The YoushiBert criteria lead to either Low or Moderate Risk or High Offense Category. The Youshi On-site "Bert" criteria lead to a referral to an Offense Review Panel. The Offense Review Panel then completes a case review and makes a decision (Yes/No). This decision leads to either Facility Release or Detention, or a referral to the "You're Released to Pursue for Therapy" decision. The High Offense Category also leads to a Review Offense Panel Decision, which can result in approval (leading to active engagement in treatment) or disapproval (leading to detention). The Facility Release or Detention decision also leads to disapproval (leading to detention).



## TJJD Reentry & Parole

- Special reentry considerations are **IDENTIFIED**, including housing assistance, step-down programs, counseling, academic and vocational mentoring, trauma counseling, or other specialized treatment services.

EVERY 30 DAYS

- Special reentry considerations are **REVIEWED**

Parole

- Special reentry considerations are **IMPLEMENTED**

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## TJJD Reentry & Parole

**On Parole**

Most Youth Live at Home (Home Must Be Approved)

Provides a Structured Transition from a Secure Environment to the Community

Youth Must Complete 40 Hours/Week of Constructive Activity: Work, School, Community Service

Reporting to Parole Officer Decreases in Frequency as Youth Demonstrates Responsible Behavior

Treatment Continues on Parole as Youth Implement Individual Success Plans

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## TJJD Reentry & Parole

**Graduated Responses to Non-Compliance**

Identification and assessment of collateral needs

Referral to specialized caseload

Increased supervision level

Combination of supervision strategies

Revocation

Recommitment

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## SENTENCED OFFENDERS

- Sentenced offenders who can complete the MPC prior to age 19 may be parole by TJJD – their age at parole determines which agency supervises the parole
- TJJD may request a court hearing for transfer to TDCJ-ID after 6 months in TJJD if certain other criteria are met
- Sentenced offenders who cannot complete the MPC prior to age 19 require a court hearing
- TJJD will make a recommendation at that hearing
- The Judge will either authorize the placement on TDCJ (adult) parole, or the youth will be transfer to TDCJ-ID (prison) at age 19

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## TDCJ Parole



- The youth signs the order of transfer and conditions of their parole
- Supervised by TDCJ Parole Officers
  - No more contract parole officers
  - There is contract support services for family reunification services.
- On parole until their sentence expires
- Go through the TDCJ – BPP for parole revocation process if violations occur
- Ultimate consequences is transfer to TDCJ-CID



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## NEW PROGRAMMING AND CHANGES

- ❖ Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports
- ❖ All intake and orientation services located at Brownwood
- ❖ New Freedom Gang Curriculum - all facilities and HWH's
- ❖ Organizational restructuring to improve teamwork between security operations and treatment focus
- ❖ Movement of female HWH programming to Brownwood
- ❖ Focus where possible on specialized programming in all HWH's
- ❖ Moving youthful offender programming to Brownwood with focus on youth under age 14
- ❖ Continue focus on reduction of size of larger secure facilities to improve safety and treatment outcomes
- ❖ Addition of vocational career academies through Education in all high restriction facilities

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## HALFWAY HOUSES

### **WILLOUGHBY HOUSE - FORT WORTH**

Serves youth with mental health needs that are transitioning to the community.

### **COTTRELL HOUSE - DALLAS; SCHAEFFER HOUSE- EL PASO**

Provides general programming to youth needing transition services, such as specialized aftercare services, treatment programming, anger management, education services, certification and college courses, and employment readiness skills.

### **AYRES HOUSE - SAN ANTONIO**

Focuses on preparation for independent living through long-term placement of older youth from disapproved homes. The program will emphasize GED preparation, credit recovery, certification and college courses, independent living and life skills, community service, vocational programming and employment opportunities.

### **RON JACKSON - BROWNWOOD**

Serves TJJD's Female Population, focusing on education, independent living preparation, life skills, and specialized treatment as needed

## HALFWAY HOUSES

### **YORK HOUSE - CORPUS CHRISTI**

Offers parole sanctions program for youth with misdemeanor or technical violations. The program is designed to assess their readiness for change and address the reasons youth were unsuccessful on parole.

### **MCFADDEN HOUSE - ROANOKE**

Provides high-need alcohol and other drug (AOD) services for low-risk male youth with residential AOD treatment needs and as a step-down program for youth transitioning from a secure facility with a residential AOD treatment need.

### **TAMAYO HOUSE- HARLINGEN**

Houses the Young Offender Program for younger youth eligible for medium restriction placement. This population generally has an identified AOD need.



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