



Los Angeles County Probation Reform & Implementation Team RECOMMENDATIONS

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TASK 2: ARRAY OF COUNTYWIDE SERVICES AND BEST PRACTICES/EVIDENCE BASED PROGRAMS

1. The primary Workgroup recommendation for this task is to further refine the continua and conduct a detailed assessment of how often and how well current services across various entities intersect to provide timely and effective assistance to the families, youth, and children who need it. In essence, the ability to offer a seamless system of care establishes the “backbone” of a comprehensive Countywide strategy.

Note: This chapter (Task) provides definitions for key terms and then proposes a continuum of “touch points” critical to reducing delinquency across all developmental stages of life and levels of risk for delinquency. Touchpoints are described in report.

TASK 3: CHALLENGES, GAPS AND UNMET NEEDS IN SERVICES FOR PROBATION INVOLVED YOUTH

1. Further assess the level of availability of services by taking an inventory of services in each Probation area since the availability of the services listed can and do vary widely.
2. Document the availability of services relative to the needs of families and youth to determine if there is an adequate “match” between what families and youth need to be successful and what is currently available to them.
3. Evaluate the services available to assess which services are beneficial to helping families and youth and which ones should be abandoned in favor of more effective interventions.
4. Address the identified challenges and gaps by implementing the Countywide Juvenile Justice Strategic Plan.