Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JJRI) Targeted Services for Justice Involved Youth

As part of the Juvenile Justice Public Safety Improvement Act, DSS has partnered with the Department of Corrections and the Unified Judicial System to identify and implement community-based treatment services for justice involved and at-risk youth. Youth are assessed and referred to the most appropriate evidence based programming (EBPs) based on their clinical need. These programs include, but are not limited to the programs listed below.



Aggression Replacement Training (ART)

ART is designed to alter behaviors of chronically aggressive youth by using guided group discussions to correct anti-social thinking. ART uses repetitive learning techniques to teach coping skills for managing anger and impulsiveness. ART includes three interventions; social skills, anger control, and moral reasoning.

Functional Family Therapy (FFT)

FFT is a family-based therapy that focuses on building skills to improve family relationships, reduce behavioral issues and improve school performance. FFT is a clinical model that increases a family's motivation to change and tailors interventions to each family's unique risk and protective factors.

Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT)

MRT is an evidence-based program combining education and structured exercises to assist participants in addressing negative thought and behavior patterns. MRT includes 12 steps which focus on issues such as honesty, trust, acceptance, healing relationships, and setting goals.

Systems of Care (SOC)

SOC includes a wraparound approach to care coordination and service delivery for youth and families with complex needs. This approach is built on the values of being family driven, team-based, collaborative, individualized and outcomes-based. SOC helps families to navigate and access services, while also giving them the skills they need to become self-reliant.

Substance Use Disorder Treatment

Programming is available for youth with a substance use disorder including Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Abuse (CBISA), Integrated Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (ICBT), and Matrix.

Additional Services

At times, a youth may have additional needs for other outpatient services (such as Dialectical Behavior Therapy [DBT], Cognitive Behavior Therapy [CBT], Brief Strategic Family Therapy [BSFT], or Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing [EMDR]) or an inpatient residential treatment program. Based on the youth's assessment, the community provider can make referrals to these services as appropriate.

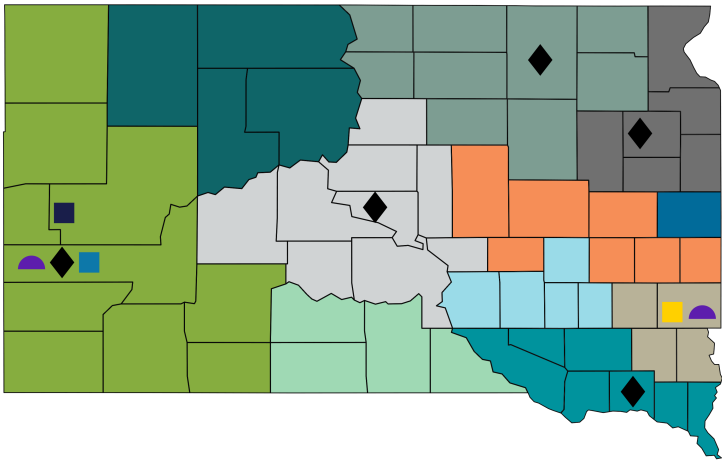
How to Access Services

The justice involved youth's supervising officer submits a referral to the Division of Behavioral Health. Parents, guardians, and/or schools can refer at-risk youth to a local contracted provider as well. The agency then conducts an assessment to determine appropriate services, based on the youth and family's needs.

For information about the Juvenile Justice Public Safety Improvement Act please visit JJRI.SD.gov.

JJRI Service Providers

Mental Health Programming



Brookings Behavioral Health and Wellness
BrookingsIvyCenter.org
County: Brookings

Community Counseling Services
CCS-SD.org
Counties: Beadle, Hand, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Miner, Lake, and Moody

Dakota Counseling Institute
DakotaCounseling.net
Counties: Sanborn, Hanson, Davison, Aurora, and Brule

Lutheran Social Services
LSSSD.org
Locations: Rapid City & Sioux Falls
Available to serve youth statewide via telehealth

Southern Plains Behavioral Health Services
SPBHS.net
Counties: Mellette, Todd, Trip, and Gregory

Southeastern Behavioral HealthCare
SoutheasternBH.org
Counties: Minnehaha, Lincoln, Turner, and McCook

Three Rivers Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Center
ThreeRiversCounseling.com
Counties: Perkins, Corson, Ziebach, and Dewey

Substance Use Programming

Action for the Betterment of the Community
SturgisABC.WixSite.com/SturgisABC
Location: Sturgis

Carroll Institute
CarrollInstitute.org
Location: Sioux Falls

Lifeways
Lifeways.us
Location: Rapid City

Mental Health & Substance Use Programming

Capital Area Counseling Service
CACSNet.org
Counties: Haakon, Stanley, Jones, Buffalo, Hyde, Lyman, Hughes, Sully, and Potter

Human Service Agency
HumanServiceAgency.org
Counties: Roberts, Grant, Deuel, Codington, Hamlin, and Clark

Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health Services
LCBHS.com
Counties: Charles Mix, Douglas, Hutchinson, Bon Homme, Yankton, Clay, and Union

Northeastern Mental Health Center
NEMHC.org
Counties: Campbell, Walworth, McPherson, Edmunds, Faulk, Brown, Spink, Marshall, and Day

West River Mental Health
WRMentalHealth.org
Counties: Harding, Butte, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, Custer, Fall River, Oglala Lakota, Bennett, and Jackson

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