



CINS/FINS Fact Sheet Fall 2009



THE COMBINATION OF FLORIDA'S CINS/FINS LAW AND ITS SERVICE SYSTEM IS CONSIDERED A NATIONAL MODEL

Highlighted in publications by the National OJJDP, American Bar Association, Vera Institute for Justice, NY Times, FLORIDA TAXWATCH, and positive observations contained in two OPPAGA reports (09-01, 05-56)

CINS/FINS STATUS OFFENDER CORE SERVICES IN FLORIDA

(An Emergency Room for youth & families in distress)

- Centralized Intake Open 24/7 (Assessment, Triage)
- Runaway/Crisis Shelter (In-patient admission)
- Non-residential Services to Families (Out-patient Services)
- Case & Court Management (Referral/Check-ups)
- Prevention and Outreach (Public Health Education)

PROFILE OF YOUTH SERVED

Needed help with.....

- School problems – 90%
- Family problems-- 96%
- Risky Behavior (drugs, alcohol, running, etc.)-- 72%
- Previous Arrest -- 40%**DJJ Outcome Evaluation Report 2006
- 93% had multiple risk factors in the life domains of family, school, risky behavior and peers
 - 70% of voluntary youth served in non-residential came from high crime zip codes
 - 38% of the admissions in 2008-09 were Black and 51% were White, with 10% of the youth recorded as "unknown"--14% of admissions reported Hispanic ethnicity

2008-09 STATEWIDE PERFORMANCE

31 community non-profits, including 28 shelters:

- Received nearly 24,000 calls for help
 - Delivered counseling and case management to nearly 9,000 youth and their families
 - Provided safe shelter to nearly 6,500 teens and brief respite to their families
 - Conducted outreach to nearly 4,000 youth and families in the areas of substance abuse, school issues, anger management, and providing information about CINS/FINS Services
 - Maintained high outcomes-6 months after discharge
 - 94% of the children EXITING non-residential service were successfully diverted
 - 86% of youth EXITING shelters were successfully diverted
 - 89% of the youth remained with their families (2007-08 NetMIS)
- As per 2007-08 DJJ Comprehensive Accountability Report (CAR)

JUVENILE JUSTICE LINE ITEM FOR CINS/FINS \$28.5M

Funding for Direct Services at over \$26M

Averages \$1,500 per youth served

- Assessments for all youth and families (5% of the funding)
- Shelter services open 24-7 (over 60%)
- Non-residential services (just under 29%)
- Specialized services—staff secure/physically secure (3%)
- Outreach expectation of shelter agencies & small amount to non-residential services
- State FN office, a licensed Child-placing Agency by DCF, responsible for administration, contract & performance monitoring; training and Technical Assistance; data collection, analysis, & reporting, invoicing, for 31 providers (4.21%).

REFERRAL SOURCES

Families, schools and law enforcement were the sources for 68% of the youth referred. An additional 21% came from DCF, DJJ and the youth themselves.

A WISE INVESTMENT FOR FLORIDA

FLORIDA TAXWATCH FOUND THAT THE FLORIDA NETWORK CINS/FINS SERVICES SAVE TAXPAYERS MILLIONS OF \$ EACH YEAR IN DEEP-END SERVICES

AND WHEN EVALUATING THE COMBINATION OF

- Cost per youth served: \$1,500.
- Length of services: (11 days in shelter; 4.5 months in counseling).
- Outcomes averaging 90% success statewide for 10 years or more, and
- Satisfaction of youth and parents receiving services,

IT IS HARD TO FIND A BETTER INVESTMENT!

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- 1. SUPPORT the youth and families served through CINS/FINS**
 - **No more reductions in funding**
 - **Visit a shelter or non-residential service provider**
 - **Talk to youth and parents**
 - **Assist in educating your fellow legislators about CINS/FINS**
- 2. SUPPORT all prevention/early intervention services when they ...**
 - **Save money, families and futures**
 - **Provide CONSISTENT positive outcomes**
 - **Lessen the dollars spent for more expensive delinquent or dependent services and placements**