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BP Recommendations Implemented (Completed)				
1 - E	8	Recommend Florida's policy on Medicaid eligibility and disenrollment be reviewed and amended to prevent the disenrollment of eligible youth committed to high or maximum risk programs under state care; and make efforts to minimize disruption of service upon release back to the family.	DCF, ACHA	Complete: 2008 Legislature passed SB 1456 authorizing AHCA and DCF to modify their process to ensure coverage. DJJ will work with the family, DCF, and ACHA to assist the family in filling out Medicaid re-enrollment forms.
2	12	Require the Chief Medical Director report directly to the Secretary of the Department of Juvenile Justice.	DJJ	Complete: Chief Medical Director has direct line to Secretary.
3	17	Supreme Court should adopt a rule requiring consultation with an attorney prior to a child taking a plea or giving up right to counsel.	Supreme Court	Complete: Florida Supreme Court amended rule 8.165(a) effective July 1, 2008, requiring legal counsel.
4	18	Amend Florida law (sec. 27.51) to authorize the Public Defender to represent children in all delinquency proceedings in court before a judge, beginning with the detention hearing to ensure legal representation.	Public Defenders	
5	44	Recommend Department of Juvenile Justice convene the Blueprint Commission on Juvenile Justice annually for a period of three years to review progress on implementation of recommendations.	DJJ	Complete: 1st Annual Meeting Held August 2008. Will schedule remaining for 2009 and 2010.
6	46	Recommend Children and Yth Cabinet require DJJ and DCF review and update the interagency agreement to ensure effective, timely services for dually served youth, including roles and responsibilities.	DJJ / DCF	Complete: 9/29/08 Interagency agreement entered into with DJJ, DCF, APD, ACHA, DOF establishing local child teams, and regional and state child champions.

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Started but not Completed				
7	1	Amend section 985.125, Florida Statutes, to encourage alternatives to processing first-time, misdemeanor youth through the formal process of arrest, intake and adjudication.	DJJ	Pending 2009 Legislative Action: DJJ will include in 2009 Blueprint Bill.
8	2	Recommend each circuit establish a full- service Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) based on a model to include substance abuse and mental health screening, comprehensive assessments, detention screening and intake, education assessment, transportation, security, and community based diversion options and programs.	DJJ / Local Law Enforcement / Provider organizations	Partially complete: 14 out of 20 circuits have a JAC (17 JACs statewide). Circuits 1, 3, 7, 5, 14, and 16 do not have a JAC. Miami-Dade JAC has been recognized as a "model" full service JAC. Funding would be required to bring all JACs up to "full service".
9	4	Recommend Florida's Detention risk assessment instrument (DRAI) be independently validated to ensure it's reliability, and that it is gender and racially neutral to ensure fair, objective assessments of risk level and placement into secure detention.	DJJ	Partially Complete: DJJ automated the DRAI 07/08. An RFP was issued and contract awarded to APS Healthcare to conduct the independent validation. The project is scheduled for completion January 30, 2009
10	5	Alternatives to secure detention should be created and funded for youth who are eligible for secure detention, but whose risk to public safety does not require use of this costly level of control.	DJJ	Partially Complete: DJJ has partnered with Annie B. Casey Foundation to implement Detention alternatives in Florida. Pilots have begun in Hillsborough and Palm Beach Counties.
11	7	Recommend DJJ continue to assess all youth prior to commitment to make a determination of their medical, mental health, substance abuse and developmental disability needs. The Department should be fully funded to meet the needs of these youth. The Department should track these expenditures and provide a report on these instances to the Legislature.	DJJ	DJJ provides assessments for all youth entering detention and residential programs. DJJ submitted a request in 2009-10 LBR for 25 additional registered nurses for detention centers. DJJ captures medical expenditures through budget and accounting offices.
12	10	Recommend DJJ work with community and state partners to have youth placed appropriately to ensure mental health and substance abuse services provided.		On-going
13	13	All girls across the DJJ continuum should receive gender specific services delivered by state or contract providers that are trained and receive ongoing training in gender specific and culturally competent programs.	DJJ	Partially Complete: DJJ awarded federal funds 11/08 to develop comprehensive gender specific training for staff.

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14	14	To maintain healthy contact between mother and child, where appropriate, committed girls who are pregnant, and / or mothers with infant children, should be placed in small family-style community based programs, taking into account the safety risk to girls, the fetus or infant, and the public.	DJJ	Partially Complete: DJJ offers two mother-infant contracted programs (WINGS and YMCA).
15	15	DJJ shall establish and provide an on-going training program for key stakeholders regarding the needs of girls, gender specific sanctions and services.	DJJ	Partially Complete: DJJ recently awarded federal funding in November 2008 to develop comprehensive gender specific training.
16	21	OPAGGA should conduct a comprehensive review of educational programs within the juvenile justice system and provide recommendations to address the needs for program and instructional flexibility to improve academic and vocational outcomes of youth served.	OPAGGA	Partially Complete: Review began summer 2008 - scheduled for completion December 2008
17	22	Recommend funding for regional workforce boards earmarked for juvenile justice involved youth for employability skill development, and increased Florida High School/High Tech programs serving juvenile justice involved students with disabilities.	DJJ, AWI, APD	Partially Complete: \$150,000 provided in 2008 for DJJ/DCF youth. Regional workforce board services to juvenile justice involved youth increased 300% (8 to 125) since July 2008.
18	23	Recommend all youth, prior to existing a residential commitment program, have the benefit of an identified community based, inter-agency transition planning team to facilitate successful re-entry back into the community.	DJJ	Partially complete: DJJ Foundation received a grant from the Eckerd Family Foundation to fund transitional services. The department is working on an implementation plan.
19 - C	31	Recommend the Children and Youth Cabinet direct the DJJ, DOE, work with stakeholders to review and amend K-12 zero tolerance policies and practices to eliminate the referral of youth to DJJ for misdemeanor offenses.	Multi agency	Partially Complete: A Summit on Zero Tolerance was held August 2008. DJJ is continuing to work with a multi agency / multi stakeholder workgroup to develop an implementation plan to minimize the number of misdemeanor school referrals.
20- H	32	Recommend amendment of s. 1006.13, Florida Statutes, to prohibit the application of zero tolerance, clearly stating that zero tolerance shall not be applied to petty acts of misconduct and misdemeanors.		
21	33	Recommend children, age 10 and under, referred for a delinquent act, be diverted away from the criminal justice system and into community based treatment services.	DJJ	Pending 2009 Legislative Action: DJJ will include in 2009 Blueprint Bill.

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22	35	DJJ shall create community-based programs with a continuum of care that support the use of small facilities to provide programs and interventions that protect the public, serve families, and habilitate youth.	DJJ	Partially Complete: 2008 DJJ closed two facilities over 165 beds and converted to smaller residential programs. DJJ will continue to move toward this model.
23- D	49	Consistent with the Attorney General's Statewide Gang Reduction Strategy, DJJ should work with state and local agencies to identify youth gang involvement and activities and put effective intervention efforts in place to ensure a safe environment for youth and communities.	DJJ, Multi-agency	Partially Complete: DJJ working in partnership with FDLE to enter youth gang identifier information into the statewide gang database. Further, DJJ working on development of gang intervention curriculum to be provided in DJJ programs.
24	51	Recommend DJJ have a commitment to a balanced approach in all of its activities and services. This approach should address the needs and interests of all stakeholders including victims, communities, and offenders impacted by juvenile crime.	DJJ	On going: DJJ working with stakeholders to develop a comprehensive strategic plan.

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25	3	Recommend community based substance abuse intervention, evaluation, and treatment services in every circuit. Youth whose first offense is for drug possession and accompanying misdemeanor should be diverted from prosecution into these substance abuse services.	DJJ	
26	6	Recommend the Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI) be modified to allow for an "aggravation" of the score of up to 3 additional points, if necessary, for a youth charged with a felony, and who has a prior residential delinquency commitment in order to be eligible for secure detention.	DJJ	
27-F	9	Recommend an independent, clinically driven assessment of health services throughout DJJ to then make recommendations that will ensure the appropriate funding and delivery of care for all youth served by the department.	DJJ	
28-G	11	Recommend DJJ perform a comprehensive assessment of the expenses associated with serving youth with extenuating medical, mental health, developmental disability services, including physical disabilities and impairments. Additional funds should be appropriated to the Department to draw upon to care for these youth who require treatment beyond routine care and who are Medicaid ineligible.	DJJ	2009-10 LBR requests 25 registered nurses for Detention.
29	16	DJJ should require community-based, gender specific aftercare services for girls transitioning from DJJ programs. Services should include mental health, substance abuse, family counseling and crisis intervention, education and vocational training, and independent/ transitional living alternatives. Where staffing permits, the department shall endeavor to provide that girls be placed under the supervision of a female probation / conditional release case manager and, where the number of girls (25 - 30) justifies, a female caseload supervision team shall be established.	DJJ	

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30	19	In an effort to ensure youth have opportunities to gain meaningful employment and have other opportunities afforded them, it is recommended that Chapters 119 and 943, F.S., be amended to require the confidentiality of juvenile arrest records when no charges have been filed.		
31	20	Recommend juvenile arrest records of first time non violent offenders remain confidential and not available for distribution or disclosure as long as the youth remains crime free.		
32	24	Recommend Children and Youth Cabinet direct DJJ, DOE and DCF, in consultation with the Department of Financial Services, create a model template designed to integrate education and treatment services, funded through separate agencies, within a juvenile justice program serving youth with multi-agency needs.	DJJ, Multi-agency	
33	25	Recommend a weighted cost factor of 1.6 specific to juvenile justice education programs. DOE should also monitor and ensure that 90% of funds generated for juvenile justice educational programs and 100% of all appropriate categorical funds (i.e., text books, transportation, etc.) go directly to the programs.	DOE, DJJ	Additional \$900 per student remained in the reduce cost size portion of the DOE budget for DJJ schools. Monitoring is provided by DOE/JJEEP.
34	26	Expand use of technology in juvenile justice education programs to include distance learning, access to Florida Virtual High School and post-secondary education within and after school through shared working agreements between school districts and the Department of Juvenile Justice.	DOE, DJJ	
35	27	Recommend DJJ create a Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) task force with multi stakeholder representation to reduce the disproportionate share of minorities in the juvenile justice system. DJJ should require and oversee the implementation of plans, strategies, policies, and practices to reduce DMC.	Multi	
36-A	28	Recommend DJJ develop a statewide awareness campaign to raise awareness of prevention and early intervention services and how to access care and services.	DJJ	

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37	29	The Children and Youth Cabinet should direct the development and implementation of a statewide multi-agency plan to coordinate the efforts of local, state and federally funded programs, appropriations or activities designed to prevent juvenile delinquency, status offense behaviors, and other related behavioral problems.	CYC	
38 - B	30	Recommend DJJ work in consultation with law enforcement and key stakeholders to prevent children from being arrested who have had contact with law enforcement for domestic violence by allowing for the use of alternatives to arrest, such as placement in CINS/FINS shelters or other respite care, when appropriate for family and community safety.	DJJ, Multi-agency	
39	34	Recommend DJJ implement a systemic and structured process for identifying appropriateness of "step-down" and / or early release from residential commitment programs into community-based sanctioned / treatment services.	DJJ	
40	36	Recommend DJJ conduct demonstration projects that emphasize the benefits of outcome based contracting with key/critical interim performance standard requirements as opposed to a compliance based contract. The Legislature should authorize DJJ to contract based upon interim and long-term outcome performance measures.	DJJ	Contract workgroup developing award process that incorporates provider's outcome performance measures
41	37	Recommend DJJ identify service areas that promote the concept of community-based programs while recognizing the unique characteristics of Florida's communities. Adoption of the DCF service area boundaries should be considered. A full continuum of services that include, but are not limited to, prevention, early intervention, supervision and support services in the family, probation, residential, and aftercare will be available in each service area.	DJJ	
42	38	Recommend the state provide financial incentives for communities to develop alternative strategies for handling youth who have only committed misdemeanor offenses.	DJJ	
43	39	Recommend DJJ work with the Agency for Workforce Innovation and Workforce Florida to assure that all job skills training is in areas directly tied to careers listed on Florida's targeted occupation list.	DJJ, AWI, Workforce FL	

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44	40	Services and education that youth receive in detention while awaiting placement should be credited toward completion of the youth's treatment plan.	DJJ	
45	41	Recommend DJJ improve recruitment and retention of direct care workers. DJJ should 1) Develop a role delineation study to determine core competencies for all direct care staff and revise minimum hiring requirements; 2) Develop professional curriculum, continuing education requirements, and a certification program; 3) Review and increase base rates of pay for all direct care staff; 4) Request special risk retirement benefit for direct service employees.	DJJ	
46	42	In an effort to reduce the amount of time it takes to hire a direct care worker and in an effort to increase the pool of qualified applicants, DJJ should authorize the ability to conditionally hire juvenile justice employees upon successful completion of a preliminary background, but prior to completion of a full background, on the condition that no direct contact with children occurs and conditional hires are not located in the facility or grounds where youth are located. Additionally, the hiring eligibility criteria should be amended to authorize the hiring of applicants with past involvement in the juvenile justice system under certain conditions.	DJJ	
47	43	The Department along with the Department of Corrections and the Department of Children and Families will work with a respected financial and forecasting research organization to calculate the return on investment and cost savings of crime reduction through effective programming (as done by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy) with the goal of implementing similar cost saving strategies and practices in Florida.	DJJ, Multi-agency	
48	45	Recommend the establishment of a State Juvenile Justice Policy Research Institute for Juvenile Practices.	DJJ, Legislature	

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49	47	Require the Parole Commission establish a mandatory parole hearing for those inmates sentenced to adult corrections, as a juvenile and who have received more than a 10 year adult prison sentence. Only those inmates who have served at least 8 years of their sentence and who meet established criteria would be eligible for a parole hearing for determination of conditional release or parole.	Parole Comm.	
50	48	The Legislature should amend the statute, which establishes the Juvenile Justice Circuit Boards and Juvenile Justice County Councils, to provide for local discretionary grant prevention funds to meet the specific needs within their local communities.	DJJ	
51	50	A broad array of standardized, evidence-based mental health and substance abuse services, including screening, assessment, and treatment should be provided to all youth involved in the juvenile justice system in need of such services.	DJJ, DCF	Efforts are underway to validate the Mental Health and Substance abuse sections of the PACT
52	52	Increase the number of direct service Juvenile Probation Officers to reduce the officer caseloads to meet 100% of the need. Mission of the Department.	DJJ	