

STEPS FOR IMPLEMENTING FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SERVICES STATEWIDE

1. Define common terms for family engagement and involvement.
2. Develop a basic guide for families that can be tailored and expanded for use by each judicial district.
3. Create a training curriculum for all juvenile justice system professionals regarding how to interact with families.
4. Review and improve current policy, procedures, and standards to identify where opportunity for family engagement can be strengthened.
5. Develop standards on family engagement for use by juvenile correctional facilities and all state funded programs.
6. Provide evidence-based parent education program training for use in local jurisdictions.
7. Every community supervision agency should have a dedicated staff person to coordinate family engagement efforts and activities.
8. Continue research-based best practice models that integrate cross-disciplinary and intensive family focused approaches to addressing violence prevention among youth.
9. Establish a Juvenile Justice Family Peer Advocate Project.
10. Develop performance measures to evaluate the effectiveness of family engagement after implementing the standards, training, policy, etc.
11. Develop fiscal strategies to fund family engagement.