

# Time Line of the Implementation of Evidence Based Practices In the Utah Juvenile Justice System

1997

- The Juvenile Sentencing Guidelines were passed by the Utah Legislature, resulting in an increase in funding for additional secure facility capacity, programming, case managers, and probation officers.

1998

- The Juvenile Court Automation Reengineering Task Force was formed. This was the original management group that oversaw the redesign of the juvenile court case management system.
- Management from the Utah Juvenile Court and Utah Juvenile Justice Services began meeting to identify gaps in the juvenile justice system. One gap identified was the assessment process for juveniles entering the juvenile justice system.

1999

- A Legislative audit of the Utah juvenile justice system was completed, and recommendations were outlined.
- Utah worked with Dr. Robert Barnowski, from the Washington Institute of Public Policy, to adapt and implement a risk assessment for the Utah juvenile justice system.

2000

- Utah Juvenile Probation and Utah Juvenile Justice Services piloted the new assessments and developed training for the assessments. Based on the results of the pilot project, the Utah Juvenile Court and Utah Juvenile Justice Services adopted the new assessments and training process.

2001

- Functional Family Probation Resource Services (FFPRS), an approach based on Functional Family Therapy (FFT), was adopted as an approach in case planning by Utah Juvenile Probation.
- With the support of a consultant, the case planning model was adapted to include use of the Stages of Change, focusing supervision on criminogenic risk factors with high risk offenders, adopting the "What Works" principles, and applying evidence based practices. Additional training was also implemented.

2002

- The new case management system was piloted in a number of districts in the state by Utah Juvenile Probation and Utah Juvenile Justice Services

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2004

- Staff members, supervisors, and managers received extensive and in-depth training on the use of the assessment tools, incorporating assessment results into the case planning process, utilizing the case planning model, and the use of evidence based practices with youth and families.

2005

- The new case management system was implemented statewide. All assessments were completed electronically.
- A Probation Officer Weighted Caseload was developed to identify and address statewide staffing needs.

2007

- The Utah Juvenile Court implemented a program evaluation and continuous quality improvement process utilizing the Correctional Program Checklist (CPC).

2008

- A validation study was completed of Utah risk assessments.
- The first Annual Juvenile Court Report to the Community was published.
- Budget reductions began that would eventually lead to the loss of more than 30 juvenile probation positions and a reduction in approximately 2/3 of the funds for intensive probation interventions.

2009

- The JSORRAT-II was implemented for youth who had offended sexually. The JSORRAT-II was also validated on a sample of Utah juveniles.
- The Probation Officer Weighted Workload Formula was developed to provide detailed information on staffing needs statewide and by individual areas.

2010

- The case management model matured into a statewide model that is integrated into the Utah juvenile justice system.
- Probation officers were provided with additional tools for working with youth and families through use of the Carey Guides during probation contacts.
- A certification process was implemented for juvenile probation officers that ensures assessments are properly administered and applied, effective case plans are developed, and the case management model is followed.

2011

- Resources were developed for probation officers working with dual system youth, including statewide training, effective policies, and a toolkit for probation officers.

2012

- A brief case planning toolkit was developed for probation officers and JJS case workers outlining the application of the case plan system-wide.

2013

- An extended case planning toolkit was developed for probation officers and JJS case workers providing in-depth directions on incorporating evidence based practices in the case planning model.