



STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Community Assessment Tool

Aftercare Youth – CAT Guide

General Guidelines for Aftercare Youth:

- All aftercare youth to be seen within three (3) working days of release from the commitment program.
- A CAT Full Assessment is to be done prior to the development of the YES Plan. It is important to spend a few weeks working with the youth and family before finalizing the assessment and YES Plan. The youth will need some time to transition back to school and life at home. You will not be able to complete an accurate assessment for an aftercare youth if you do not allow them time to get reintegrated into the community.
- Initial YES Plan shall be negotiated, completed, and signed by all parties within 30 days of the youth's release from commitment.
- Youth/parent shall be provided with a copy of the approved YES Plan within 10 days of the approval and this shall be documented by the JPO in the case notebook module. Negotiation of a YES Plan can begin during Transition as the needs of the youth, the youth's progress made during commitment, and concerns regarding youth's needs upon returning to the community are identified. Parental input expressed during treatment team meetings, transition meetings, exit staffing, and Community Reentry Team meetings should be documented and incorporated into YES Plan negotiations.
- The frequency and type of interventions set in the YES Plan should be reflective of the youth's risk to reoffend and should be based around the needs of each youth and family.
- Consider the youth's situation since return to the community. Capture youth's beliefs and involvement in school and pro-social activities since returning from the program. (Domains 3 & 4)
- Assess how the family is getting along since the youth returned home. (Domain 7)
- Assess the youth's alcohol and drug use and treatment since return to the community. (Domain 8)