



**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Probation Regional Directors, Chief Probation Officers

FROM: Paul Hatcher, Interim Assistant Secretary, Probation and Community Intervention
Paul Hatcher, 12/17/15

SUBJECT: MAYSI-2 Implementation

Effective January 1, 2016, the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) shall administer the Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument - 2 (MAYSI-2) to all youth referred to the agency. To ensure compliance with Florida Statute 985.145, DJJ will utilize the MAYSI-2 screening instrument to identify potential mental health and substance abuse needs of youth involved in the juvenile justice system. The MAYSI-2 will be administered in our Juvenile Assessment Centers (JACS)/ Screening Units and as part of the intake conference for all at-large referrals (those referrals received that are not processed/screened via the JAC or formal screening unit). The MAYSI-2 does not replace the PACT assessment process, which is used to identify risk to re-offend. Rather, the screener/Juvenile Probation Officer (JPO) shall administer both instruments.

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Rick Scott, Governor

Christina K. Daly, Secretary

The mission of the Department of Juvenile Justice is to increase public safety by reducing juvenile delinquency through effective prevention, intervention, and treatment services that strengthen families and turn around the lives of troubled youth.