



**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
DETENTION SERVICES
FACILITY MEDICAL POLICIES**

Superintendent Signature Designated Health Authority Signature	Effective Date: November 1, 2016	Revised Date: July 5, 2018		Procedure Number: 8011 Medical Services
Subject: SUICIDE RISK SCREENING INSTRUMENT			Reference: Health Services Manual 3-1; 3-2 Mental Health Manual 2-4; 5-2 Quality Improvement Standard 4.10	
Purpose:	The purpose of this policy is to outline procedures for screening youth at risk of suicide.			

PROCEDURE:

- A. An essential part of the Admission Screening Process is to ensure medical staff make efforts to explore potential risk for suicide.
- B. The Suicide Risk Screening Instrument (SRSI) will be administered by the facility staff within twenty-four hours of the youth’s admission and will proceed in the following manner:
 - a. The Juvenile Detention Officer admitting the youth will administer the detention section of the SRSI designated, “Juvenile Probation Officer and Detention Worker Observations” and “Detention Care Screening Results.” Results will be entered by the JDO in the Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS).
 - b. If further assessment is indicated by the Suicide Risk Screening Instrument (MHSA 002) administered by the detention officer, detention nurse or Mental Health Clinical Staff Person or by the screening conducted by the JAC or JPO Unit or other information obtained at intake suggests the youth may be a Potential Suicide Risk, the procedures specified in Rule 63N-1.00921, F.A.C., shall be followed and an alert will be generated.
- C. A youth is determined to be a potential suicide risk and further assessment is indicated should one, any, or all of the following occur: any positive (“Yes”) response on the SRSI, an elevated PACT Suicide Subscale or Depression Subscale (D3, Q3), staff observations, or information obtained at intake. The following will take place:
 - a. A Suicide Risk Alert will be entered into JJIS by the JDO admitting the youth.
 - b. The youth will be placed on suicide precautions (Precautionary Observation or Secure Observation) and maintained on at least constant sight and sound supervision until an Assessment of Suicide Risk is conducted by a qualified mental health professional.
 - c. The youth will be immediately referred to the mental health professional for an Assessment of Suicide Risk.
- D. The completed SRSI will be filed in the Individual Health Care Record under the Interdisciplinary section titled “Mental Health/Behavioral Health Care”.