

**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE THIRD AND EIGHTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUITS, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICES OF THE
THIRD AND EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUITS, AND THE DEPARTMENT
OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, CONCERNING WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY
DETENTION HEARINGS FOR JUVENILES**

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this agreement is to establish procedures for weekend and holiday detention hearings for juveniles from the Third Judicial Circuit who are held in secure detention at the Alachua Regional Juvenile Detention Center (ARJDC). The Third Judicial Circuit counties in the ARJDC catchment area are Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, and Suwannee counties.

The parties agree that juveniles within the Third Judicial Circuit catchment area in custody pursuant to Chapter 985, Florida Statutes, and held in secure detention at the ARJDC, shall receive the mandated detention hearing pursuant to Rule 8.010, Florida Rules of Juvenile Procedure, in the Eighth Judicial Circuit, in Alachua County, when such hearings occur on a weekend or holiday.

The Public Defender's Office of the Eighth Judicial Circuit shall represent the juvenile at this hearing. Representation following the hearing shall be transferred to the Public Defender's Office of the Third Judicial Circuit. The presiding judge shall sign an order to that effect at the detention hearing.

The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) shall transport the juvenile to and from the detention hearing.

All proceedings after the initial detention hearing shall occur in the Third Judicial Circuit.

II. DETENTION HEARING PROCEDURES

When a juvenile is arrested in the Third Circuit catchment area, law enforcement will contact the Juvenile Community Resource Center (JCRC) via telephone call. Law enforcement will fax/scan the arrest report to JCRC.

JCRC staff will conduct a preliminary screening of the juvenile via telephone, using the Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI), the information supplied by law enforcement, and a review of the Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS).

If the juvenile meets the criteria for secure detention, the JCRC will make arrangements with ARJDC to have the juvenile transported to the JCRC for the formal screening process.

Upon arrival at JCRC, the JCRC staff screener will formally complete the screening process, to include the following:

1. Enter the charges against the juvenile in JJIS.
2. Complete the automated DRAI.
3. Complete the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT).
4. Contact the parent or guardian and advise them of the date, time, and location of the detention hearing.

The juvenile will be transported to the ARJDC upon completion of the screening process. JCRC staff will provide copies of the screening paperwork to ARJDC staff, and will retain the originals for use at the detention hearing.

The JCRC screener shall communicate with ARJDC staff to ensure that the juvenile is transported to the court for a detention hearing the following morning. If that day falls on a weekend or holiday, the hearing shall take place before a judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit Court at the Alachua County Criminal Justice Center. All subsequent hearings for these juveniles shall be scheduled in the Third Judicial Circuit.

At the detention hearing in the Eighth Circuit, the Eighth Judicial Circuit's Public Defender shall serve as counsel for the juvenile.

At the detention hearing, the JCRC screener will present:

- Arrest report provided by law enforcement
- Face Sheet
- DRAI Scoring Instrument with scoring results (which is the Department's recommendation to the Court)
- PACT Screening Instrument results
- Any other applicable documents

If the presiding judge orders that the juvenile be held in secure detention at ARJDC, the Third Judicial Circuit Public Defender's Office shall be appointed as counsel for the juvenile. The order shall be presented to the presiding judge by the JCRC screener at the detention hearing.

After the hearing, the Alachua County Clerk of Court shall electronically deliver a copy of the signed order of appointment and the signed order of detention to the JCRC screener in attendance at the hearing, the Department of Juvenile Justice Juvenile Probation Officer Supervisor, and the Juvenile Alternative Sanctions Coordinator. On the same day, the JCRC screener will electronically deliver the orders from the detention hearing, along with all other screening documents presented at the detention hearing, to the following:

- Juvenile Probation Officer Supervisor in the county where the juvenile was charged (JPOS)
- Senior Juvenile Probation Officer in the county where the juvenile was charged (JPO)
- Assistant Chief Probation Officer in Circuit 8
- Clerk of Court in the county where the juvenile was charged
- The Judicial Assistant for the Juvenile Court judge in the county where the juvenile was charged
- Juvenile Alternative Sanctions Coordinator for the Eighth Judicial Circuit

After the hearing, the Alachua County Clerk shall deliver the original paperwork, including the original detention orders and orders of appointment for juveniles arrested outside of Alachua County to the Juvenile Delinquency Judge of Alachua County. The judicial assistant for the Juvenile Delinquency Judge shall be responsible for mailing these originals to the appropriate clerk of court on the first business day following the detention hearing.

Upon electronic delivery of the detention packet to the presiding judge in the Third Judicial Circuit, the judge shall determine whether the juvenile should be scheduled for review at the next regularly scheduled juvenile court date, or if an immediate detention review hearing is needed. In cases involving domestic violence, a judicial review shall be scheduled within 48 hours. All proceedings after the initial detention hearing shall occur within the Third Judicial Circuit. The cost of care shall be decided in the county of residence.

The Eighth Judicial Circuit Juvenile Alternative Sanctions Coordinator shall keep a record of all Third Circuit juveniles who have their initial detention hearing held in the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

This agreement may be reviewed annually and any party may request amendments.

Any proposed amendment or modification shall be submitted in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to formal discussion or negotiation on the issue.

Any amendment shall become effective only if agreed to in writing observing all the formalities of this agreement.

Contact information for circuits 3 and 8 are as follows:

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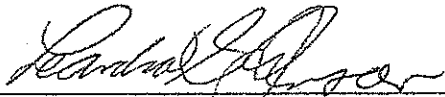
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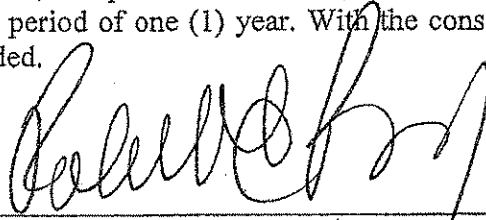
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This agreement shall begin on August 1, 2012, or upon full execution, whichever is later. This agreement shall continue for a period of one (1) year. With the consent of all parties, this agreement may be extended.



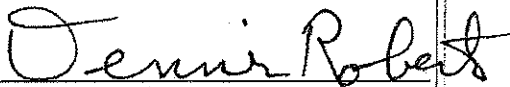
The Honorable Leandra G. Johnson
Chief Judge, Third Judicial Circuit

Date: August 1, 2012



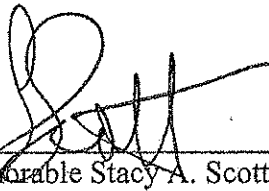
The Honorable Robert E. Roundtree, Jr.
Chief Judge, Eighth Judicial Circuit

Date: 8/20/12



The Honorable Dennis Roberts
Public Defender
Third Judicial Circuit

Date: August 7, 2012



The Honorable Stacy A. Scott
Public Defender
Eighth Judicial Circuit

Date: 8/20/12



Sharon M. Neelands
Chief Probation Officer, Circuit 3
Department of Juvenile Justice

Date: August 20, 2012



Jill Wells
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Date: August 20, 2012