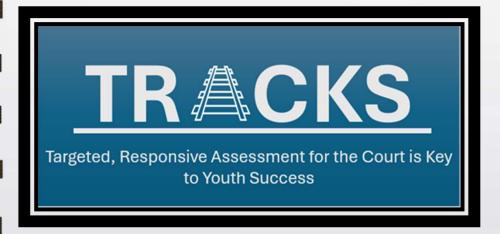
On The Right "TRACK" For Youth Behavioral Health





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Explanation of where TRACKS began



Introduce TRACKS brand



Overview of enhancements to our behavioral health screening and pre-disposition (PDI) process



introduce screening tools selected.



Share Implementation Insights

Agenda

Where did we begin?

2019, District 3J System
Review
recommendation to
implement a system
wide trauma screen

August 2021
Exploration of need for trauma screen

Created the TRACKS
Practice Model

Responsive
Assessment for the
Court is Key to
Youth Success.

Guided by implementation science!

Best Practice Guidance



National Youth Screening and Assessment Partners (NYSAP)

Dr. Keith Cruise, providing technical assistance



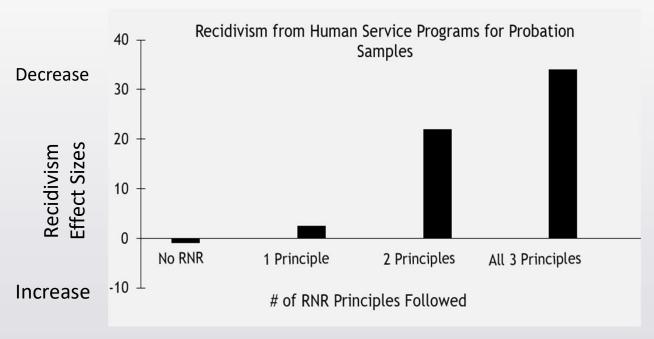
Trauma screening is a component of comprehensive behavioral health screening

Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument – Version 2 (MAYSI-2)
Child Trauma Screen (CTS)



Results of behavioral health screening and any indicated evaluation provides a comprehensive understanding of a youth's risk/need/responsivity factors informing targeted recommendations to the court for disposition.

Supporting research and data



History of exposure to at least one *potentially* traumatic event is common (approximately 90%) among detained youth (Abram et al., 2004; Ford et al., 2008)

of studies (k) = 374; ES = .56

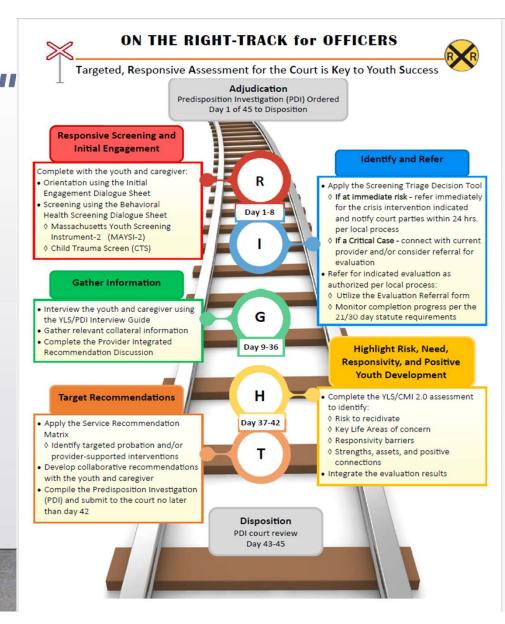
Success statement:

Successful implementation and sustainability of the TRACKS process will lead to greater engagement of youth and families in the timely identification and follow up of behavioral health needs. Thus, informing a comprehensive picture of the youth's risk, need, and responsivity factors which are integrated into targeted recommendations for the court at disposition.

TRACKS: Targeted, Responsive Assessment for the Court is Key to Youth Success.

How we have put all of this into practice

Protocol and companion visual for probation officers



How we have put all of this into practice

Companion visual for youth and families

ON THE RIGHT-TRACK for YOUTH AND CAREGIVERS *HELPING YOU TO BE SUCCESSFUL ON YOUR JOURNEY* ADJUDICATION (Let's get started) Predisposition Investigation (PDI) ordered

How We Will Support You

What Probation Will Do

- Discuss connecting you with resources like: evaluations or therapy
- Respect your rights by advising the Court and attorneys about next steps.
- Assist with services by considering your schedule and financial resources.

You and Your Caregiver's Role

- Ask any questions, share concerns.
- Attend any scheduled service appointment. It is important that you and your caregiver attend. Both of your input is valued and needed.
- Be as honest as possible with the service provider, even when it may be hard.

Getting to Know You

What Probation Will Do Get your case started with som paperwork.

Review this whole process with you.

Ask questions about your health, safety, and needs. You are important and we want to see if there are any needs you have right away.

You and Your Caregiver's Role

- Always feel free to ask questions. We are here to support you.
- Fill out paperwork as openly and honestly as you can.
- We need everyone's help to make sure we are moving down the right track.

Gathering Information

What Probation Will Do Schedule a time with you and your caregiver to have a conversation about what brought you to court and how we can help.

Gather information from others who know you: school, providers, etc.

The information is used to complete a tool called the Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory

 The results help identify areas in your life where additional support may be needed or where there may be roadblocks to your success.

You and Your Caregiver's Role

- Both attend the scheduled appointment. It isn't complete without everyone.
- This is an important meeting we don't want to rush. Be prepared for 2 hours.
- What the Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory tells us will be shared with you and you can ask questions.

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Let's Talk About What We Learned and Develop a Plan

What Probation Will Do

Schedule a time with you and your caregiver to create recommendations for the judge together.

 Probation puts all the information we discussed together in a report called a Predisposition Investigation

You and Your Caregiver's Role

- Both be honest about what you want for your future. You have a voice.
- Ask any and all questions
- Both attend the disposition hearing

DISPOSITION HEARING (Figuring out what track leads to success)

How we have put all of this into practice

Visual created specifically for court partners/stakeholders.

TRACKS for COURT PARTNERS Targeted, Responsive Assessment for the Court is Key to Youth Success ADJUDICATION The ordered Predisposition Investigation (PDI) provides to the court a comprehensive risk/needs/responsivity profile of the youth through the following steps: Immediate concerns and/or need for evaluation are identified by Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument-2 (MAYSI-2) Drugs/alcohol and mental health EVIDENCE-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH Child Trauma Screen (CTS) History of trauma experiences and current trauma reactions SCREENING AND TARGETED EVALUATION Probation refers for needed crisis intervention and/or indicated By Day 9 evaluation as authorized per local process. Evaluations are facilitated per Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-281 (2): within 21 days if the youth is in detention and 30 days youth is in the community In-person engagement with the youth and caregiver, along with collateral information sources develop a picture of the youth's GATHERING COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION history and how it relates to the adjudication before the court. AND DEVELOPING THE Information is used to facilitate scoring of the YLS 2.0. Youth Level of Service-Case Management Inventory (YLS 2.0) RISK-NEEDS-RESPONSIVITY PICTURE Evidence-based criminogenic risk-need-responsivity assessment (RNR) Tool identifies: · Overall risk to recidivate Day 9-36 Specific Key Life Areas (needs) that contribute to that risk Responsivity factors that could create barriers to risk reduction · Strengths, assets, and positive connections The youth's comprehensive risk-need-responsivity is applied to a service recommendation matrix to effectively identify interventions that will maximize risk reduction Service Recommendation Matrix Considers adjudicated charge, YLS 2.0 results, Key Life Areas of concern, and evaluation treatment recommendations TARGETED RECOMMENDATIONS AND PDI REPORT COMPLETION Recommendations are collaboratively discussed and developed with Day 37-42 the youth and caregiver. The Education Court Report, collateral information sources, including any completed evaluation, will be attached to the PDI for court Day 45 DISPOSITION

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ADJUDICATION

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EVIDENCE-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SCREENING AND TARGETED EVALUATION

By Day 9

Immediate concerns and/or need for evaluation are identified by :

- Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument-2 (MAYSI-2)
 Drugs/alcohol and mental health
- Child Trauma Screen (CTS)
 History of trauma experiences and current trauma reactions

Probation refers for needed acute services and/or indicated evaluation Due from referral date: 21 days in detention 30 days in community Per Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-281 (2),

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GATHERING
COMPREHENSIVE
INFORMATION AND
DEVELOPING THE
RISK-NEEDS-RESPONSIVITY
PICTURE
(RNR)

Day 9-36

In-person engagement with the youth and caregiver, along with collateral information sources develop a picture of the youth's history and how it relates to the adjudication before the court. Information is used to facilitate scoring of the YLS 2.0.

Youth Level of Service-Case Management Inventory (YLS 2.0)

Evidence-based criminogenic risk-need-responsivity assessment

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TARGETED RECOMMENDATIONS AND PDI REPORT COMPLETION

Day 37-42

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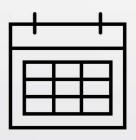
SERVICE RECOMMENDATION MATRIX

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Day 45 **DISPOSITION**



Stage based implementation plan

- Districts organized into cohorts who launched TRACKS at intervals beginning in December 2024 and ending in September 2025.
- Provided an opportunity to give intentional preimplementation support from the administrative office to each cohort to support readiness, planning, and workforce development prior to implementation.
- First cohort provided invaluable feedback which informed implementation and support in following cohorts.



Training structure

- Four-part training structure for district staff
- Introduction videos before in person training
- Two days of in person training
- Certification session (role play) to demonstrate competency
- Information and data entry training
- Staff feedback overwhelmingly positive that they felt prepared to administer screens
- Common understanding of TRACKS philosophy



Judicial engagement and feedback

- Judicial engagement was and continues to be KEY to successful implementation
- Began Judicial engagement with a judicial representative from each district in the first cohort to get feedback and build readiness
- Each district was empowered to approach Judicial engagement with a strategy that worked best for them
- Intentional engagement with local county attorneys, public defenders, and other court partners as necessary



Process monitoring

- Sustainability planning key second phase of implementation
- Includes structures for CQI/QA, feedback, booster training, and data tracking
- Important to monitor and assure process fidelity before drawing conclusions or making outcome statements
- Data reports to support critical process points essential to support district management in monitoring implementation

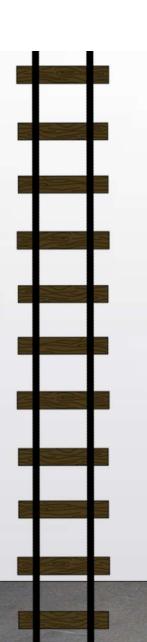
How its going and what we are learning

Since December 1, 2024:

85% - of all youth adjudicated received behavioral health screens (MAYSI-2 and CTS)

- 7 Average days between youth being adjudicated and behavioral health screening process completed with the youth
- 42% of youth screened recommended follow-up by a clinician (critical case designation)
 - Identified concerns were followed up by:
 - 46% through the youth's current treatment clinician
 - 54% through referral for a primary evaluation

In total, 23% of the youth screened resulted in an evaluation referral





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QUESTIONS or COMMENTS

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