

## **Project activities and services**

The Lowndes County Juvenile Accountability Court (LCJAC) will achieve its project goals through a structured service plan that combines case management, onsite and laboratory drug testing, treatment coordination, and accurate data reporting. Requested grant funds will support the Case Manager position and contracted laboratory services, both of which are essential to maintaining program fidelity and accountability.

Services will be provided by three key partners. The Case Manager, a funded position, will conduct regular case-management contacts, administer one onsite drug test per week per youth, coordinate with treatment providers, and ensure that all activities are entered into CaseWorx within 72 hours. Treatment staff, supported through existing resources, may assist in administering onsite tests when youth are present at treatment facilities and will help track attendance in counseling sessions. Contract laboratory staff, also funded through this grant, will provide weekly testing for each participant and confirm results when necessary.

Together, these partners will deliver a consistent package of services. Each active participant will undergo two drug tests per week—one onsite through the Case Manager or treatment staff and one through the contracted laboratory. The Case Manager will provide weekly or more frequent contacts with youth and caregivers to coordinate testing logistics, support school engagement, and strengthen treatment participation. Treatment coordination will ensure consistent attendance in weekly group and individual counseling sessions at Legacy Behavioral Health, with case-management support addressing barriers such as transportation or scheduling. All services will be documented promptly, with reconciliation occurring continuously to guarantee accuracy in reporting.

The service plan will be implemented on an ongoing basis from January 1 through June 30, 2026. Drug testing will occur twice weekly per participant, case-management contacts will occur at least weekly, treatment engagement will be supported continuously, and data will be entered within 72 hours of collection. Services will be delivered at the LCJAC office, at treatment provider sites, within schools and community settings as appropriate, and through the contract laboratory facility.

These activities are necessary to maintain accountability, promote rehabilitation, and ensure timely and accurate information for judicial decision-making. Twice-weekly testing provides reliable, current data on abstinence and use. Case-management addresses barriers that often prevent youth from succeeding in treatment, including inconsistent caregiver