

and youth development outcomes and provides a research-based low-cost, high benefit intervention for improving outcomes for Lowndes County youth.

- ii. County or counties to be served (please only apply for counties you are able to serve).

Youth and families will be served in Lowndes County.

- iii. State number of youth served and/or cohorts. This should be by program if an applicant plans to implement more than one program.

Lowndes County will partner with Evidence Based Associates and Grace Harbour, Inc to provide FFT to 59 youth and families during this grant period.

- iv. List assessment instruments to be used for selected target population and how they will be used to screen youth. Applicants should include a detailed description of how the DJJ's DAI and PDRA will be utilized to ensure consistency and uniformity in decision-making. Please include any needs assessments conducted for participants.

In accordance with the intent of this CJCC funding opportunity, only those youth assessed as medium to high risk on the Pre-Disposition Risk Assessment (PDRA) tool and their families will be eligible for referral to FFT. This evidence-based program will serve male and female youth and families referred to the Lowndes County Juvenile Court scoring 2 or higher on the Pre-Disposition Assessment Instrument.

4. Methods and Procedures

- a. Fully describe the intake and referral process for a youth receiving services. This should go through all decision points (from charge to disposition and when a youth is referred into services).

Lowndes County DJJ will administer the Pre-Disposition Assessment Instrument (PDRA) to all youth referred to the Court for consideration of appropriate disposition. Only youth scoring medium to high risk of this validated risk assessment instrument will be eligible for consideration for referral and enrollment into the FFT program. Intake Officers are required to complete the DJJ Detention Assessment Instrument in accordance with DJJ policy. Training on proper utilization of the assessment tool is provided along with written instructions. Based on the Assessment Score, the recommendation is made to either detain the offender or release with conditions. PDRA is also conducted on each committed, probated, or superior court youth to support decision making and case planning within the Juvenile Court system. This tool is used to assess criminogenic risk factors, which is useful in determining the appropriate course of action based on the identified needs.

Once it is determined that the offending youth meets the criteria for FFT referral and it is deemed appropriate by the judge for their particular case, the Juvenile Probation Officer will complete the referral form and send it to EBA.