

The Lowndes County Juvenile Court will implement Functional Family Therapy (FFT) with a focus on achieving measurable reductions in juvenile justice system involvement while improving outcomes for youth and families. FFT will be provided with the following goals:

1. Reduce felony commitments to DJJ and STP admissions in Lowndes County.
2. Increase the use of evidence-based practices in Georgia's juvenile justice system by initiating community-based juvenile justice programs.
3. Reduce the recidivism rate of youth involved with Georgia's juvenile justice system.
4. Reduce the annual secure detention rate of Lowndes County.
5. Reduce the annual secure confinement rate of Lowndes County.
6. Demonstrate a cost-savings to Georgia citizens through provision of research-informed services to youth in the juvenile justice system.

Additionally, FFT program goals include increasing family engagement, reducing negative peer association, increasing prosocial activities, and leveraging the support of the community.

- b. List the required program objectives as outlined in the RFP. List any additional program objectives in a clearly defined and measurable manner.

To achieve these goals, the program will adhere to clearly defined performance objectives aligned with CJCC requirements, to include:

1. The DAI and PDRA will be used on all youth considered for grant funding with all scores reported in JTS or the Juvenile Data Exchange (JDEX).
2. All participants will score medium to high on the PDRA.
3. At least 75% of participants will complete program requirements.
4. At least 55% of youth completing services will not re-offend as calculated using this recidivism definition below: A new charge (within three years of the initial post-adjudication community placement) which results in a juvenile court delinquency adjudication OR adult criminal court conviction.
5. Each project will report cost-savings per youth by calculating average cost to provide targeted intervention subtracted from average cost to detain youth.

- c. Explain fully how all stated goals and objectives will be reached and evaluated.

Lowndes County Juvenile Court will achieve these goals through the implementation of Functional Family Therapy (FFT) in partnership with Evidence Based Associates (EBA) and Grace Harbour, Inc. Services will be targeted to medium- and high-risk youth, consistent with the Risk-Need-Responsivity (RNR) model, ensuring that interventions are matched to each youth's level of risk and specific criminogenic needs.

FFT is delivered as a structured, phase-based intervention that addresses key drivers of delinquent behavior, including family conflict, negative peer influence, and poor behavioral regulation. By engaging families in their home environment and tailoring interventions to