

REDIRECTION PROJECT FACT SHEET

(cumulative data since project inception Oct. 2004)

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In 2004, the Florida Legislature and Florida's Department of Juvenile Justice partnered with Evidence-Based Associates (EBA) to launch the **Redirection project** in order to "redirect" troubled youth from residential commitment to more effective, family-focused, evidence-based treatment options. The treatment options available through Redirection are Brief Strategic Family Therapy (BSFT), Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and Multisystemic Therapy (MST). Access to these evidence-based programs is made available through provider organizations across the state. Since inception, Redirection has consistently improved public safety and produced better outcomes for youth and families, while costing far less than the existing alternatives for high-risk youth.

# of youth served:	6,719
Total dollars saved:	Each youth that graduated from the Redirection project saved the state an average of \$31,419* in 2009 for a cumulative savings of \$211,104,261 overall for the 6,719 youth served since Oct. 2004. *Difference between DJJ's calculation of \$41,970 for residential placement per youth (08-09 DJJ CAR Report) less \$10,550, which is the cost of each youth that successfully completed Redirection.
Recidivism rate:	The current recidivism evaluation for Redirection youth released in fiscal year 2008-09 indicates that in comparison to those completing residential commitment services Redirection youth achieved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 percent decrease in re-arrests. • 31 percent decrease in felony reconviction. • 21 percent decrease in subsequent commitment in adult system.
Redirection criteria:	In 2011 the Legislature removed all exclusionary criteria and the program can serve any youth referred by DJJ or the court.
Current funding:	Redirection is currently funded by a legislative proviso of \$9,364,831.
Capacity:	Funding allows 372 slots annually or about 1250 youth per year. Current wait list for Redirection averages 165 youth.
Males served:	71%
Females served:	29%
Caucasian served:	53%
African-American served:	46%
Hispanic served:	16%
Number of circuits involved:	17 (out of 20)
# of Redirection providers:	11
# of FFT teams:	8
# of MST teams:	6
# of BSFT teams:	3