

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES
POLICY AND PROCEDURES

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Subject: Detention Risk Assessment Tool		

I. Policy Statement

A standardized Detention Risk Assessment Tool shall be administered to determine whether placement in a juvenile detention facility or referral to an alternative to detention is appropriate.

II. Rationale

The purpose of this policy is to standardize the screening process for minors entering a Division detention facility who may be eligible for alternative placement in the community, as required by Rule 547-13 Guidelines for Admission to Secure Youth Detention Facilities; Section 80-5-203, Detention Risk Assessment Tool; Section 80-6-203 Temporary custody of a minor -- Notification of a child's parent, guardian, or custodian -- Taking a minor to a detention facility; and Section 80-6-205 Admission to detention -- Alternative to detention -
- Rights of a minor in detention.

III. Definitions

“Detention Facility” is any Juvenile Justice Services’ facility that is considered a short-term place of confinement where minors are detained.

“Detention Risk Assessment Tool (DRAT)” is an evidenced based tool required by Section 80-5-203. The DRAT assesses a minor’s risk of failing to appear in court or reoffending pre-adjudication and is designed to assist JJS staff in making detention determinations.

IV. Procedures

- A. A DRAT shall be administered to each minor who meets the guidelines for admission to secure detention (R547-13).

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- B. The DRAT shall be administered using the Court and Agencies Record Exchange (CARE).
- C. Based on the result, minors will either be admitted to detention or released to one of the following approved alternatives to detention:
 - 1. Parent or guardian with a promise to appear,
 - 2. Parent or guardian with restrictions,
 - 3. Parent or guardian with JJS supervision, or
 - 4. Youth Services Center.
- D. Prior to releasing a minor to a detention alternative, the minor shall sign the Alternative to Detention Contract (Form 03-08A, attached to this policy).
 - 1. If the minor refuses to sign the Alternative to Detention Contract, staff shall educate the minor regarding possible consequences, which may include being admitted to detention.
 - 2. Minors shall be given the opportunity to speak to their parent/guardian prior to signing the Alternative to Detention Contract.
- E. JJS staff shall coordinate transportation if the minor needs to be taken to a Youth Services Center.
- F. The parent/guardian shall sign the Alternative to Detention Contract when taking custody of the minor. If the parent/guardian refuses to sign the Alternative to Detention Contract staff shall note the parent's/guardian's refusal and provide a copy of the Contract to the parent/guardian.
- G. Staff shall obtain authorization from the detention intake supervisor, or designee, prior to releasing the minor.

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VI. Continuous Renewal

This policy shall be reviewed every three (3) years to determine its effectiveness and appropriateness. This policy may be reviewed before that time to reflect substantive change.

This policy has been reviewed by the Division of Juvenile Justice Services Executive Management Team, and is approved upon the signature of the director.



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Signature Date