UTAH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND YOUTH SERVICES POLICY AND PROCEDURES	
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DETENTION RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL	
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.* *Related Policies, Applicable Standards, Statutes: 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; R547-13 Guidelines for Admission to Secure Youth Detention Facilities*	
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I. **DESCRIPTION**

   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. **DEFINITIONS**

   The following terms are defined for this policy as:

   A. **Detention Facility**: A Juvenile Justice and Youth Services (JJYS) facility that is considered a short-term place of secure confinement where minors are detained.

   B. **Detention Risk Assessment Tool (DRAT)**: A tool supported by evidence, 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 JJYS staff in making detention determinations.

III. POLICY

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

    B. The DRAT shall be administered using the Court and Agencies Record Exchange (CARE).

IV. PROCEDURE

    A. Based on the result of the DRAT, minors shall 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 JJYS supervision; or
4. JJYS Youth Services Center.

    B. Prior to releasing a minor to a detention alternative, the minor shall sign the Alternative to Detention Contract (Form 03-08A).
1. If the minor refuses to sign the Alternative to Detention Contract (ADC), staff shall educate the minor regarding the consequences of being admitted to detention for refusing to sign the ADC.
2. Minors shall be given the opportunity to speak to their parent or guardian prior to signing the ADC.

    C. The parent or guardian shall sign the ADC when taking custody of the minor.
1. If the parent or guardian refuses to sign the ADC, staff shall note the parent's or guardian's refusal and provide a copy of the Contract to the parent or guardian.
2. The minor may then be placed in a JJYS Youth Services Center if the parent or guardian refuses to take the minor home.

    D. Staff shall obtain authorization from the detention intake supervisor, or designee, prior to releasing the minor.

    E. Staff shall coordinate transportation if the minor needs to be taken to a JJYS Youth Services Center.

    F. The minor shall be assigned to DRAT in CARE.
1. Staff shall screen the minor using the Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument (MAYSI-2), PTSD Screening Inventory (PSI), and Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS) and note the results in the ADC.
2. Staff shall upload the ADC to CARE as a JJS Docs under document type JJS Intake Data.

V.   CONTINUOUS REVIEW

This policy shall be reviewed every three 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 and Youth Services Executive Management Team, and is approved upon the signature of the Director.

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Brett Peterson, Director   Signature Date
Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services