



## JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY CABINET

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### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

#### BETWEEN

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

#### AND

LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, Department of Juvenile Justice (Department) is responsible for monitoring those juveniles who are probated or committed to the Department as public offenders or sentenced as youthful offenders;

#### AND

WHEREAS, the Department believes that a collaborative approach to the delivery of services to probated or committed juveniles attending the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Lexington Day Treatment Center (LDTC) may lead to the provision of more appropriate and effective delivery of services;

#### AND

WHEREAS, the Department believes such collaboration may ultimately allow the agencies providing treatment and services to provide additional services to juvenile offenders within existing consolidated resources;

#### AND

WHEREAS, the Department and Lexington Day Treatment Center share a common goal to help young people acquire knowledge and develop skills that lead to positive and productive lifestyles;

THEREFORE, the Lexington Day Treatment Center and the Department of Juvenile Justice agree to further their collaboration by implementing a pilot program for the 2014-2015 academic school year, with their primary objective being to help young people remain in the community without additional court involvement.

Either party may cancel or terminate this agreement at any time during the length of the agreement.

A. The Department of Juvenile Justice:

1. MISSION:

The mission of the Department is to improve public safety by providing balanced and comprehensive services that hold youth accountable, and to provide the opportunity for youth to develop into productive, responsible citizens.

2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Department of Juvenile Justice agrees, to the extent permitted by law and subject to availability of resources:

1. To appoint a current and mutually agreed upon Department staff member to serve as a liaison in order to maintain and enhance all lines of communication between the LDTC and the Department.

Liaison Duties Include:

- a) Participate in Department probated and committed youth's treatment team meetings.
  - b) Assist the LDTC with making appropriate outside referrals to meet the individual needs of Department probated and committed youth.
  - c) Serve as the contact person to address problems, review statistical data for evaluation purposes, and maintain all contacts according to Department policy.
2. Review every Department probated or committed youth's academic and behavioral progress weekly.
  3. Staff cases with Juvenile Services District Supervisor and/or Clinical Director as needed.
  4. Liaison will collaborate with LDTC's Clinical Manager and/or Social Workers during evidence based (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Dialectical Behavior Therapy skills, etc.) group sessions as needed.
  5. The pilot program will be evaluated at the end of each academic semester (December and May) to determine success and address any issues regarding the collaboration.

B. Lexington Day Treatment Center:

1. MISSION:

To provide our clients with the behavior, academic and social skills needed to successfully transition back to their home schools and graduate, while remaining in the community and without additional court involvement.

2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Lexington Day Treatment Center agrees, to the extent permitted by law and subject to availability of resources:

1. Provide the Liaison with weekly behavioral and academic progress for Department probated and committed youth.
2. Contact youth's parent or guardian and notify Liaison when youth is absent from school.
3. The Clinical Manager and/or master level social workers will continue to provide evidence based (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, dialectical behavior therapy skills, etc.) individual and group counseling sessions.
4. Conduct on-going team meetings with parents and collaborative partners, and implement transition/follow-up services.
5. Day Treatment will review and consult with Liaison on all Department probated and committed youth's cases prior to unsuccessfully discharging youth from the program.

The following signatures verify that Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government have discussed the agreement and agree to all items herein.

Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, Department of Juvenile Justice

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Signature

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Title

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Printed Name

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Date

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Department of Social Services Lexington Day Treatment Center

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Signature

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Printed Name

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