



## PARENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

*The purpose of this FAQ sheet is to provide families with an overview of a juvenile's length of stay guidelines, as defined by the State of Arizona and the Department of Juvenile Corrections.*

### **How long will my child be assigned to one of the facilities?**

All youth will be assigned to a minimum of 30 days or longer in a secure care facility. The judge may also order a minimum length of stay over 30 days. For example, a judge could order your child to 4 months in a secure care facility. Your child would stay in the facility for at least 4 months and have met the conditions for release before they can leave.

### **How will I know if my child is eligible for release or will stay longer?**

#### **If your child has a minimum release date of 30 days:**

Within the first 30 days, we will hold a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) meeting to determine your child's risk to the community, treatment needs and whether your child has met the conditions for release. If your child has not met the conditions for release, they will be considered again for release in another 90 days.

#### **If the Judge set a minimum release date over 30 days for your child:**

Your child's progress will be reviewed by a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) every 30 days. You will be invited to attend each of these meetings.

### **Who are the people on the Multi-Disciplinary Team?**

The MDT may include youth program supervisors, psychology associates, youth program officers, education staff, youth corrections officers, a parole officer, recreation staff, and of course, parents and guardians.

### **Will I be contacted for all meetings?**

Yes. You are invited to attend meetings regarding your child's case plan and release decisions because we value your input and opinion. Case Management staff will contact you by letter or phone call with information regarding the date and time of all meetings. Please confirm if you wish to attend any or all of the meetings.

### **What meetings will help me understand my child's progress?**

In general, there are two types of meetings:

#### **Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) meetings:**

These meetings are held every 30 days to measure your child's progress in treatment.

#### **Juvenile Community Reentry Board (JCRB):**

As your child approaches his/her Minimum Release Date, a Juvenile Community Reentry Board (JCRB) will be held. At this meeting, ADJC Administrators will determine if your child has met the conditions for release. The victims of any crimes committed by your child will be invited to appear and present concerns. The judge and prosecutor will also be asked for their concerns regarding the release of your child at that time. You will be invited to attend this meeting as well. The JCRB makes the final determination about whether or not your child will be released.