

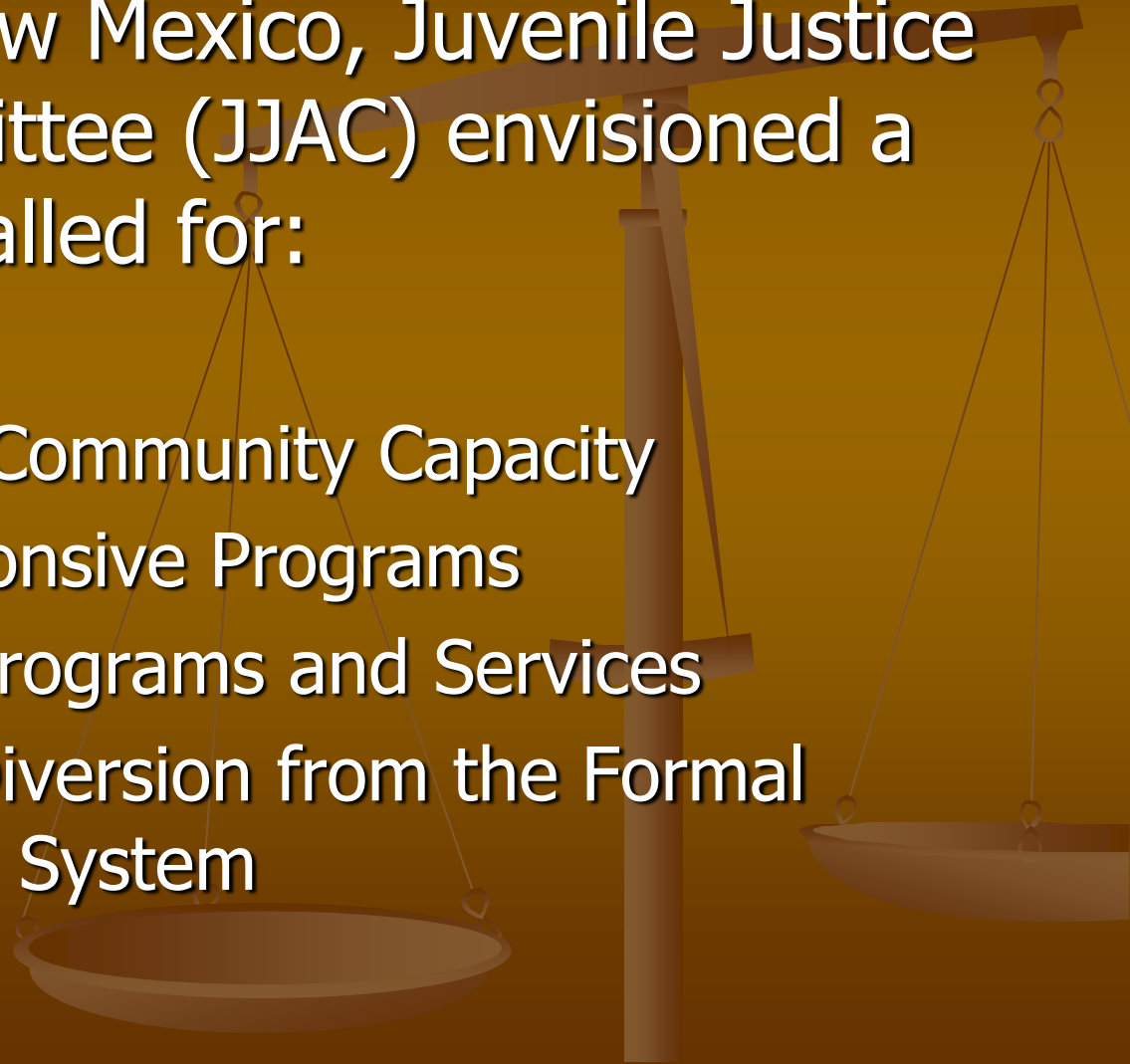
New Mexico's Juvenile Justice Continuum Model



Developing a Diversity Framework
through
Community Collaboration and Innovation

Formalizing Statewide Juvenile Justice Systems in Statute

- The State of New Mexico, Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC) envisioned a statute which called for:
 - Local boards
 - Assessment of Community Capacity
 - Culturally Responsive Programs
 - Continuum of Programs and Services
 - Prevention or Diversion from the Formal Juvenile Justice System



Adopting the Continuum Concept

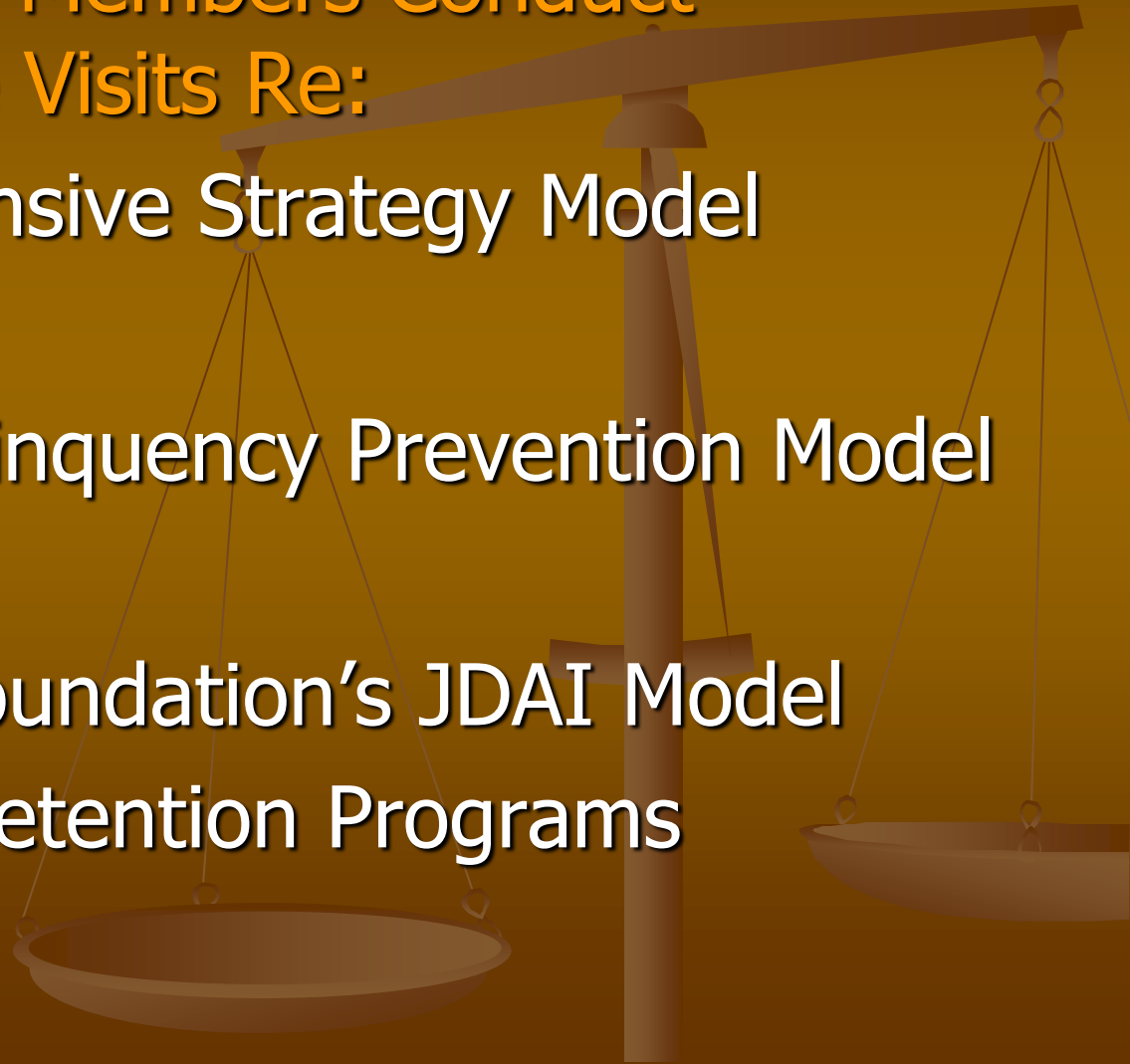
Local Staff & SAG Members Conduct
Research & Site Visits Re:

OJJDP Comprehensive Strategy Model

OJJDP Title V Delinquency Prevention Model

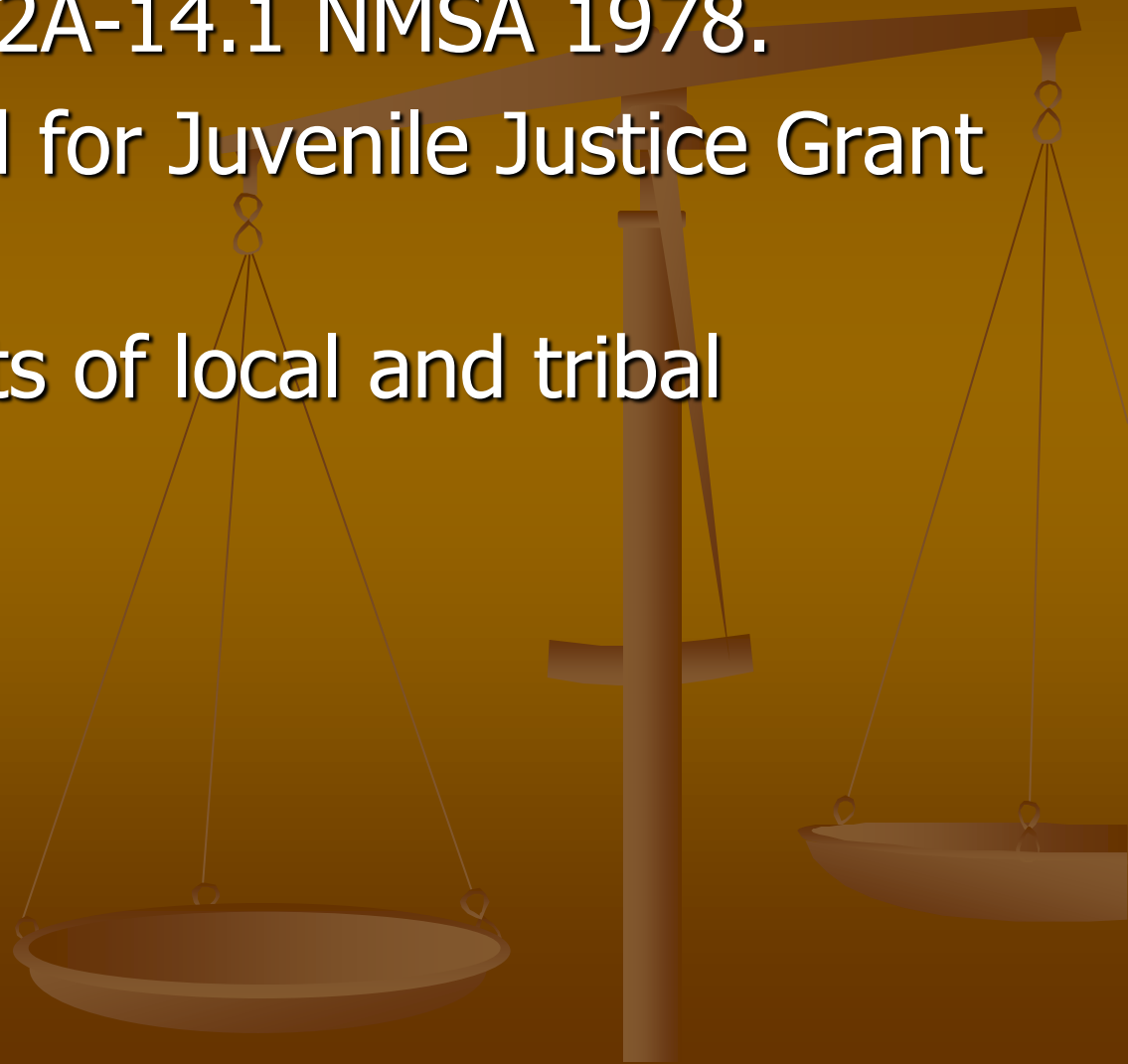
Annie E. Casey Foundation's JDAI Model

- Alternative to Detention Programs



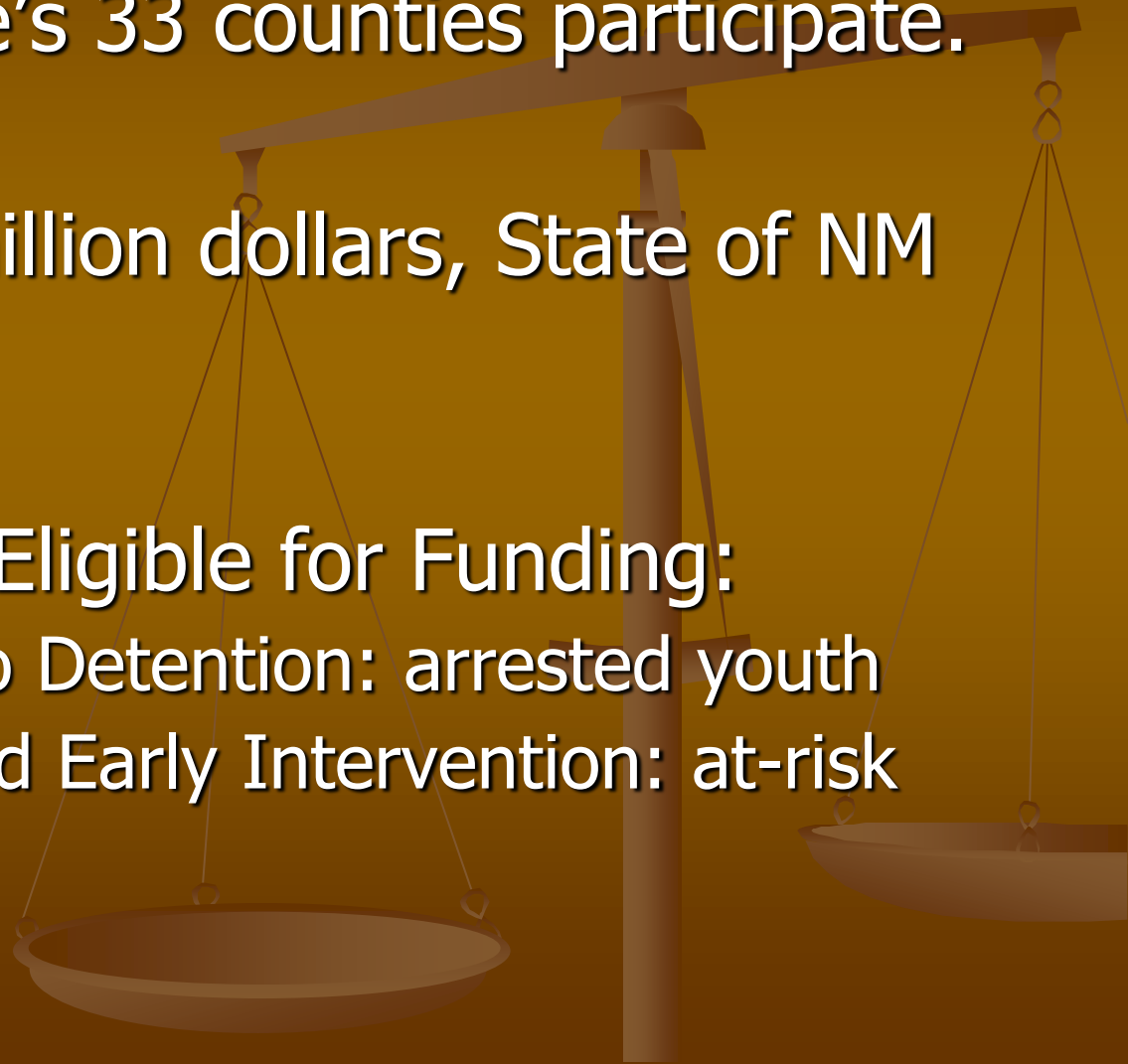
The Juvenile Continuum Act was enacted in 2007 Section 9-2A-14.1 NMSA 1978.

- Creating a fund for Juvenile Justice Grant Awards
- Available to units of local and tribal government.



Structure

- 21 of the state's 33 counties participate.
- Budget: \$2 million dollars, State of NM General Fund.
- Programs are Eligible for Funding:
 - Alternatives to Detention: arrested youth
 - Prevention and Early Intervention: at-risk youth

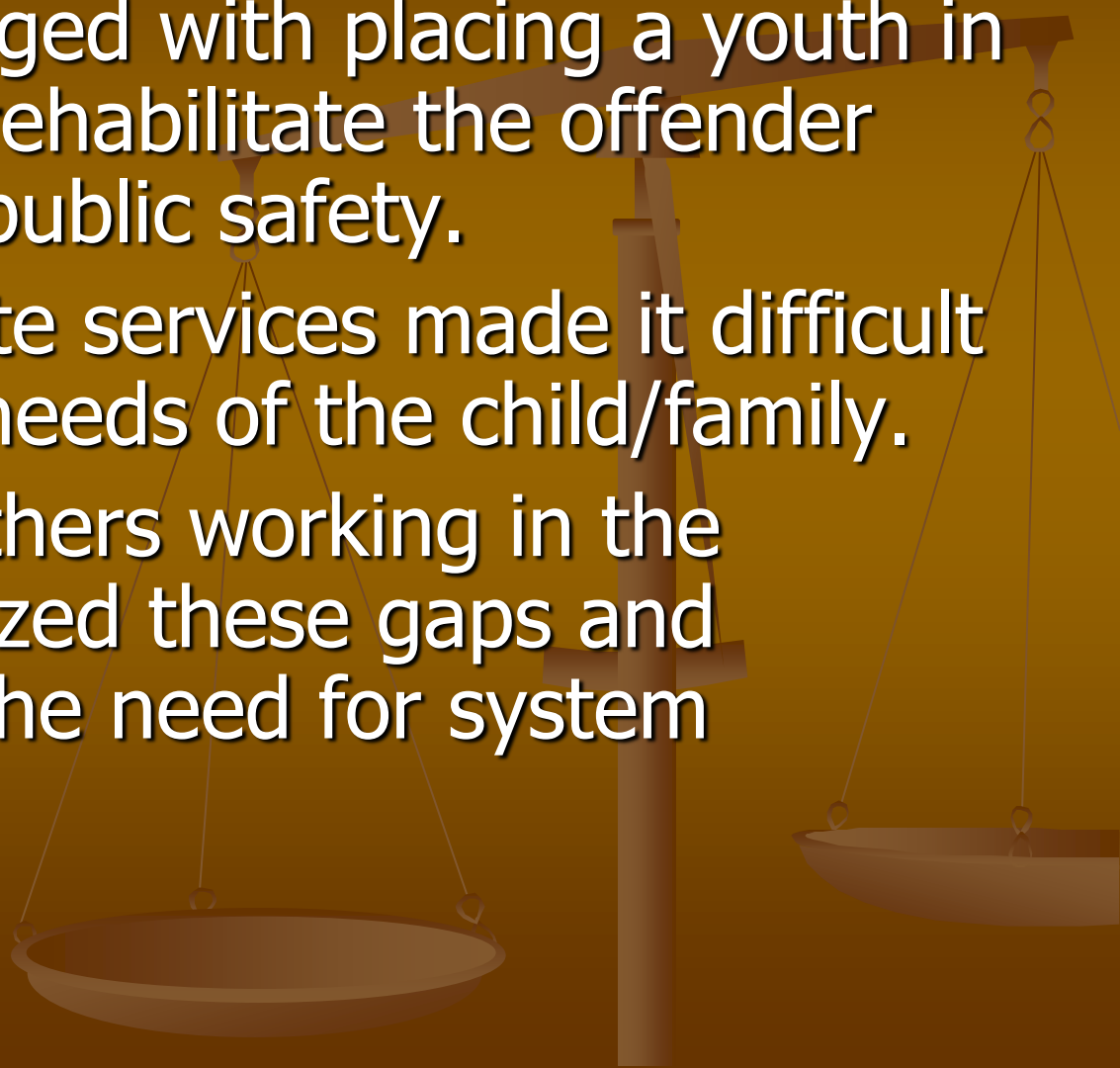


Judicial Involvement

The Judge is charged with placing a youth in services which rehabilitate the offender while ensuring public safety.

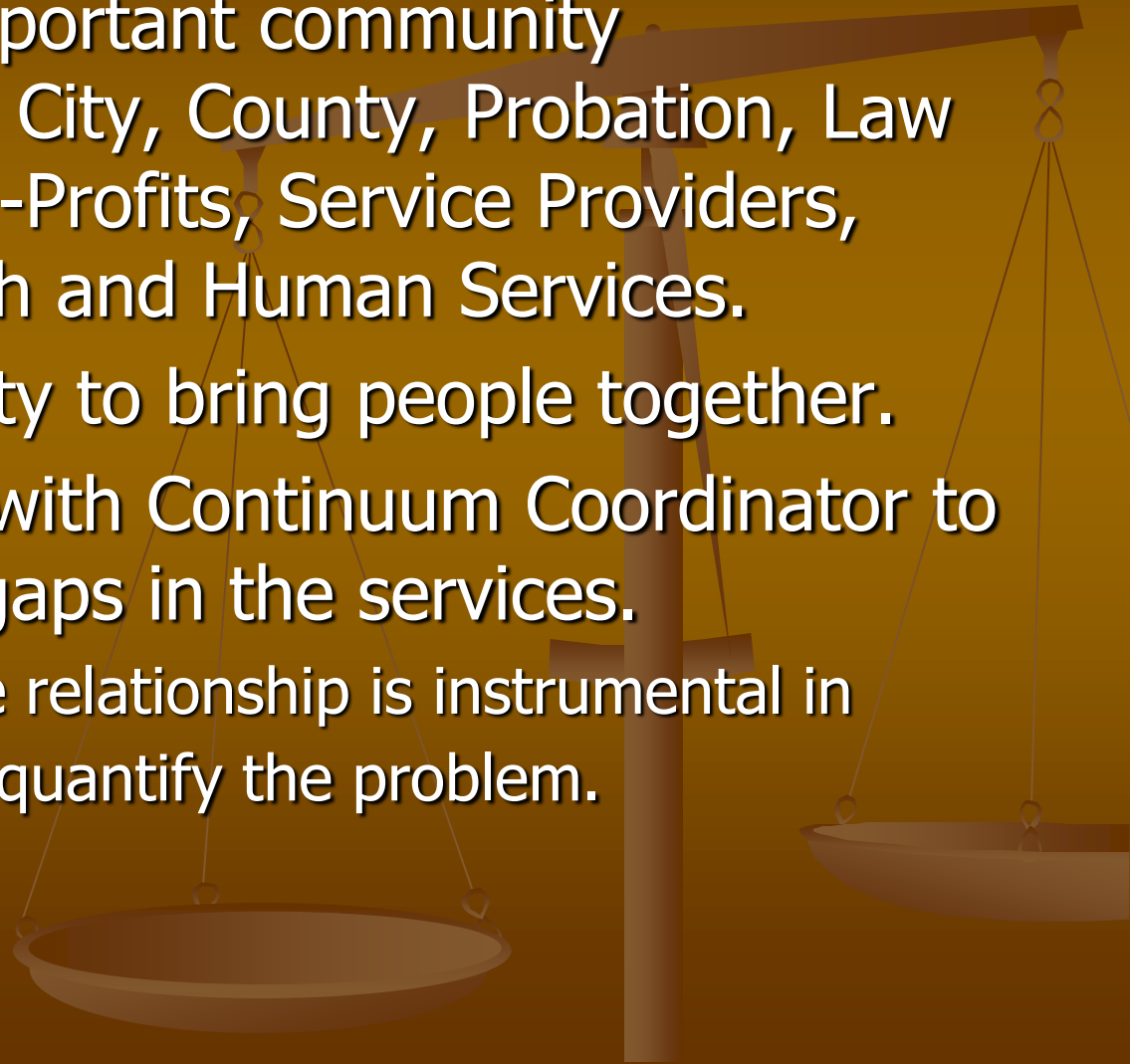
Lack of appropriate services made it difficult to address the needs of the child/family.

The Judge, like others working in the system, recognized these gaps and acknowledged the need for system improvement.

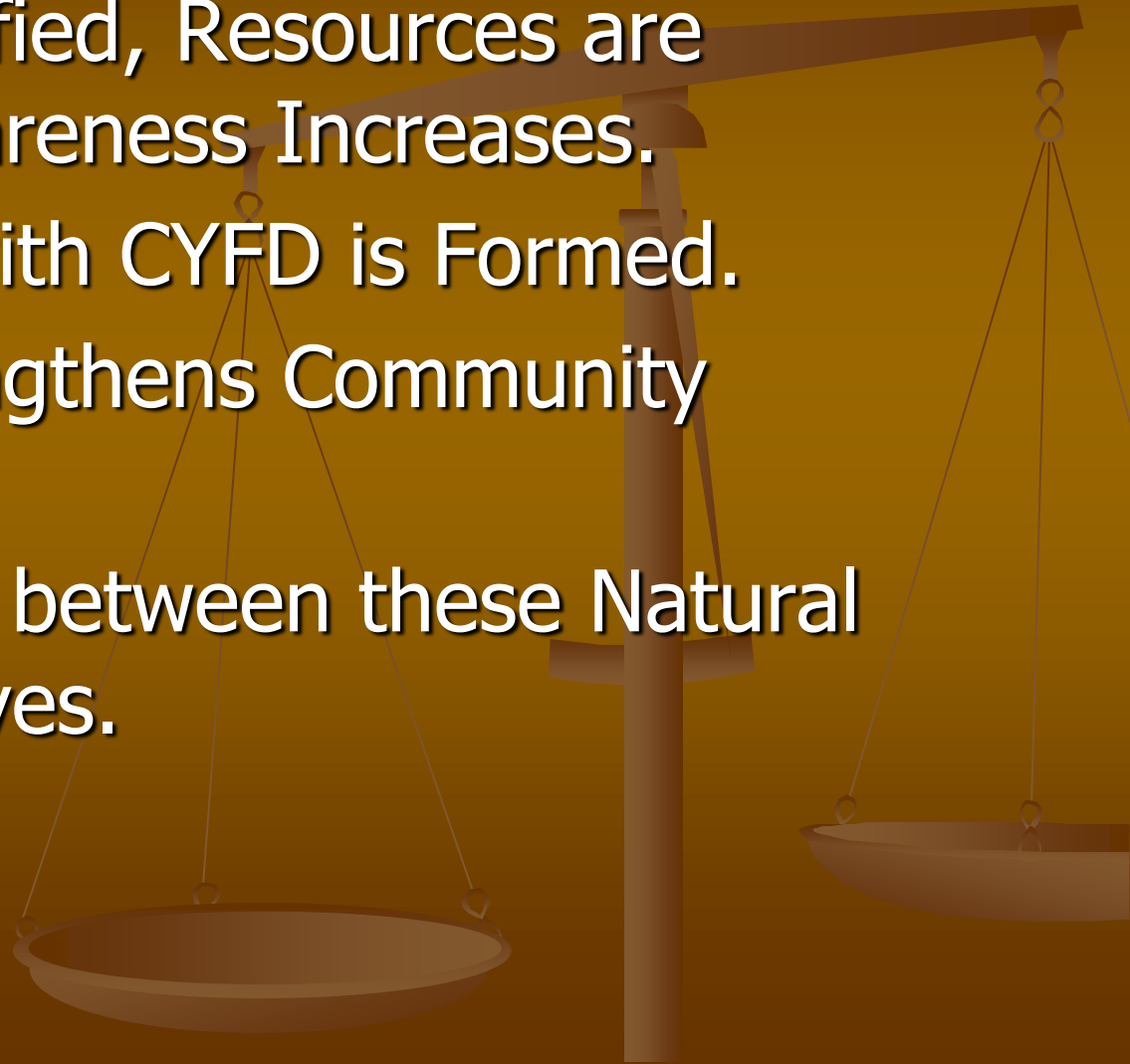


Bringing Together Stakeholders:

- Judge contacts important community stakeholders from City, County, Probation, Law Enforcement, Non-Profits, Service Providers, Schools and Health and Human Services.
- Leverages authority to bring people together.
- The Judge works with Continuum Coordinator to demonstrate the gaps in the services.
 - Coordinator-Judge relationship is instrumental in gathering data to quantify the problem.

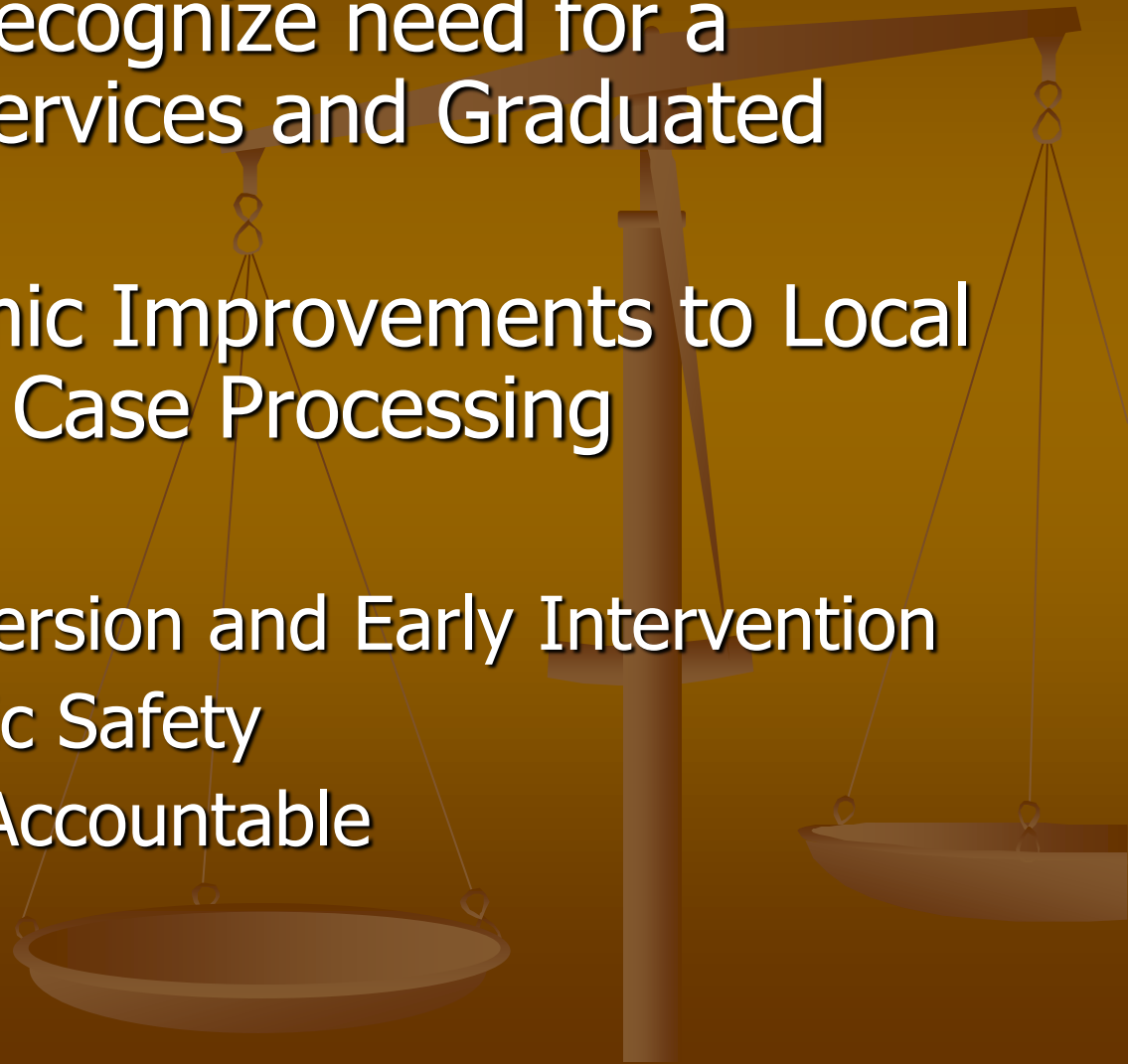


- Stakeholders Collaborate to Identify Underutilized Existing Services/Programs.
- Gaps are Identified, Resources are Leveraged, Awareness Increases.
- A Partnership with CYFD is Formed.
- The Court Strengthens Community Connections.
- Communication between these Natural Partners Improves.

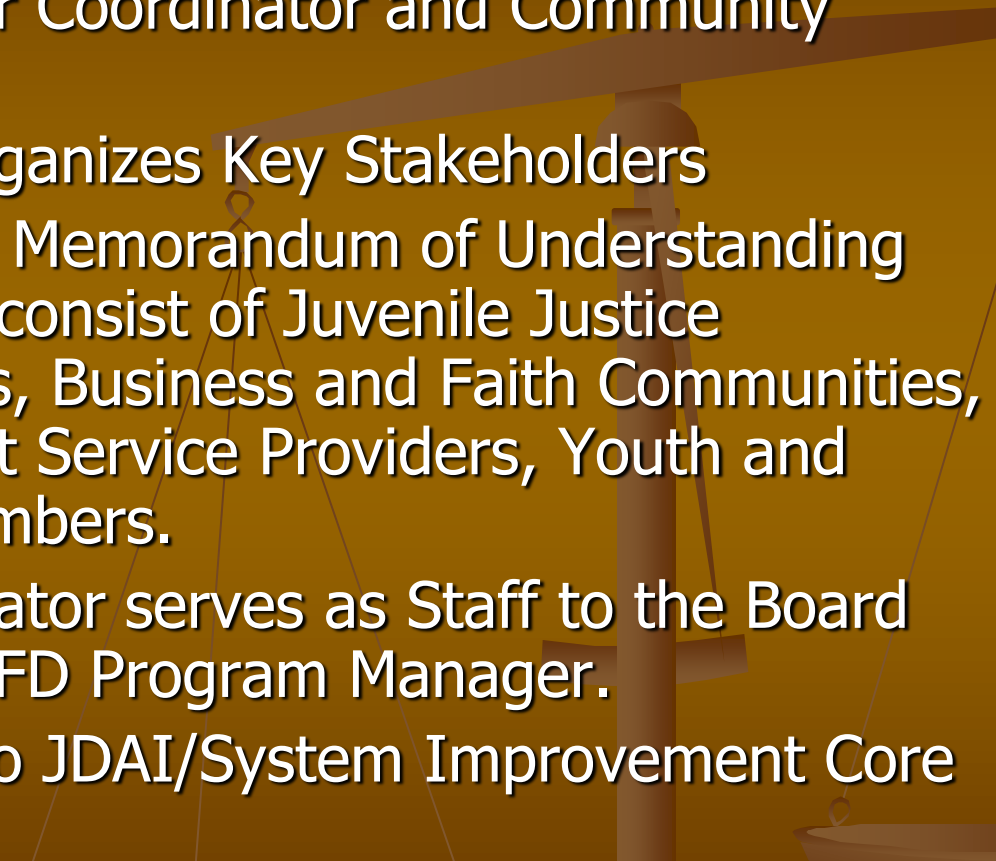


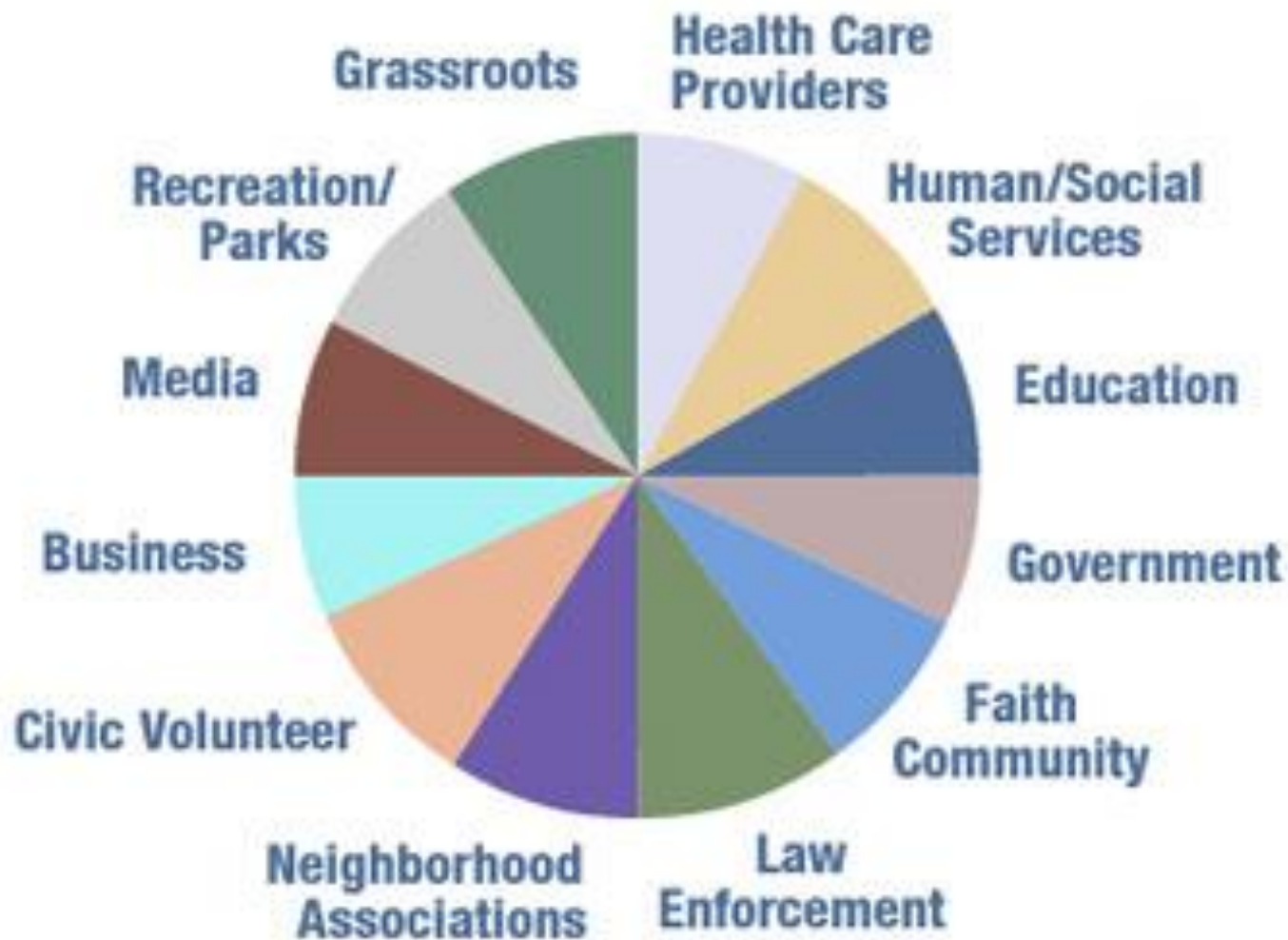
Continuum Board Development

- Local partners recognize need for a Continuum of Services and Graduated Sanctions
- Priority: Systemic Improvements to Local Juvenile Justice Case Processing
- Focus:
 - Prevention, Diversion and Early Intervention
 - Protecting Public Safety
 - Holding Youth Accountable



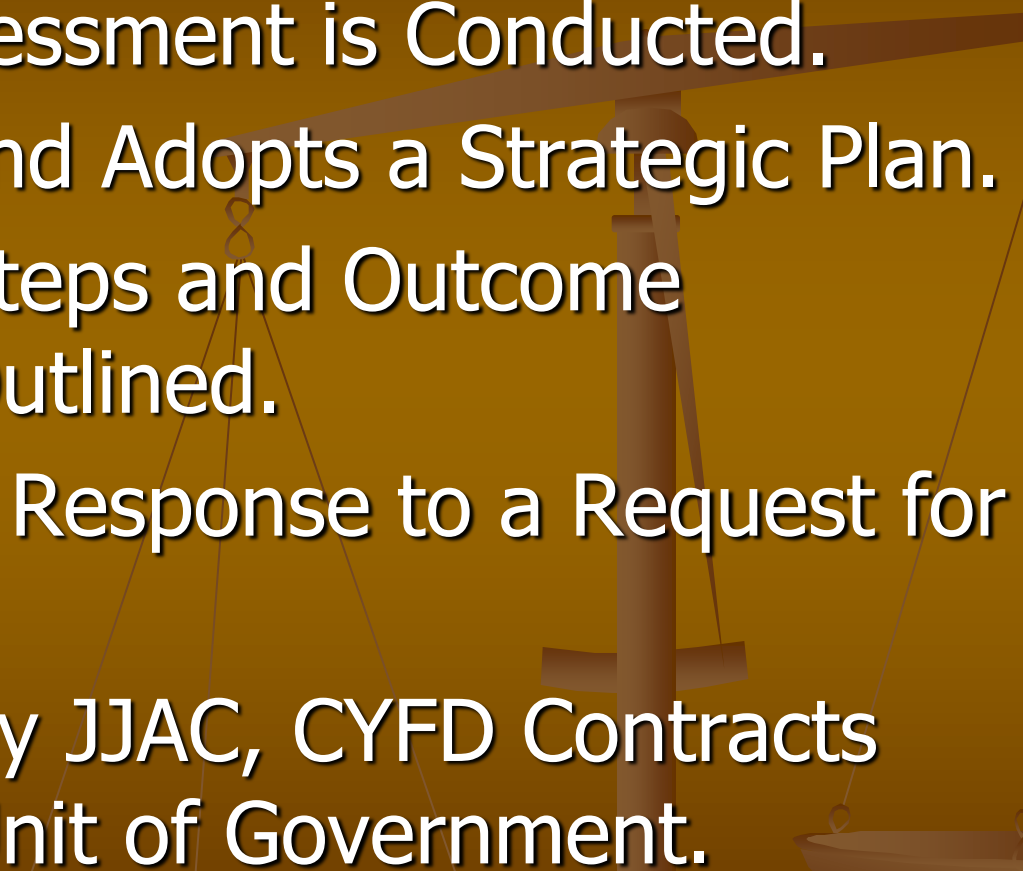
Local Government Contracts with State Agency (CYFD)

- Start-up funds pay for Coordinator and Community Assessment.
 - Local Government Organizes Key Stakeholders
 - Formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Local Boards consist of Juvenile Justice Professionals, Schools, Business and Faith Communities, Private and Non-Profit Service Providers, Youth and Adult Community Members.
 - A Continuum Coordinator serves as Staff to the Board and Liaison to the CYFD Program Manager.
 - Board is Committed to JDAI/System Improvement Core Strategies.
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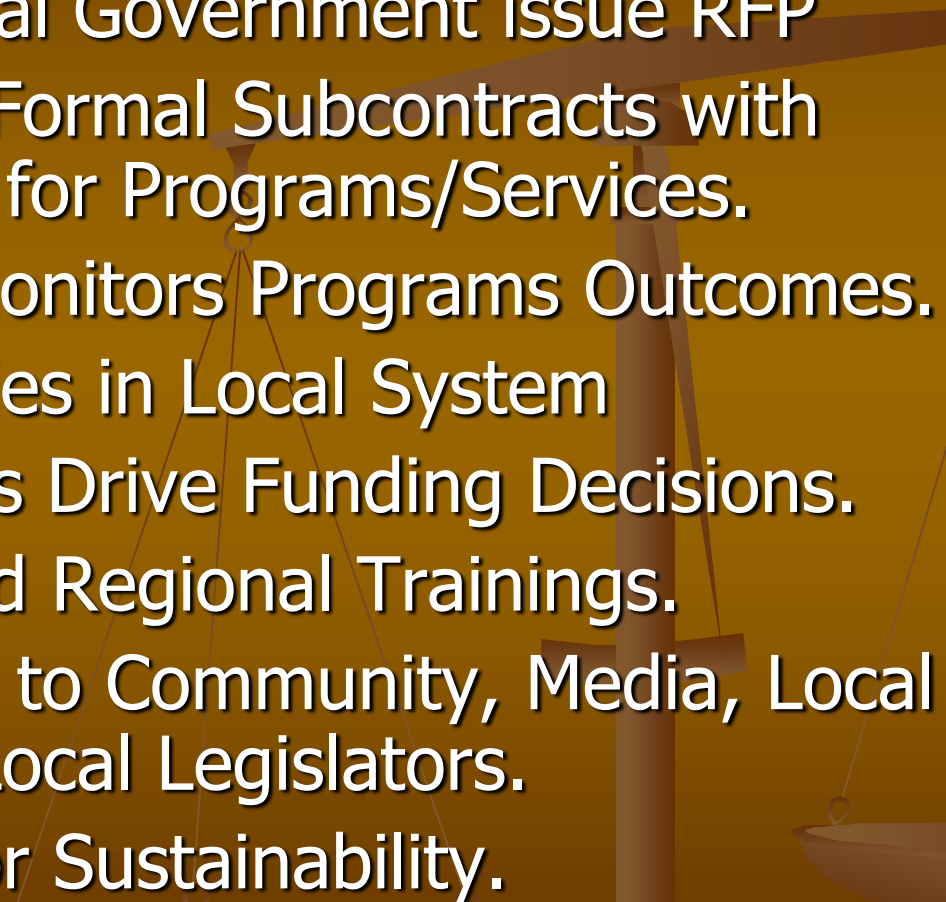
The Community Wheel

Community Assessment & Strategic Planning



A Community Assessment is Conducted.
Board Develops and Adopts a Strategic Plan.
Implementation Steps and Outcome
Indicators are Outlined.
Plan Submitted in Response to a Request for
Proposal.
When Approved by JJAC, CYFD Contracts
with the Local Unit of Government.

Board Responsibility and Authority

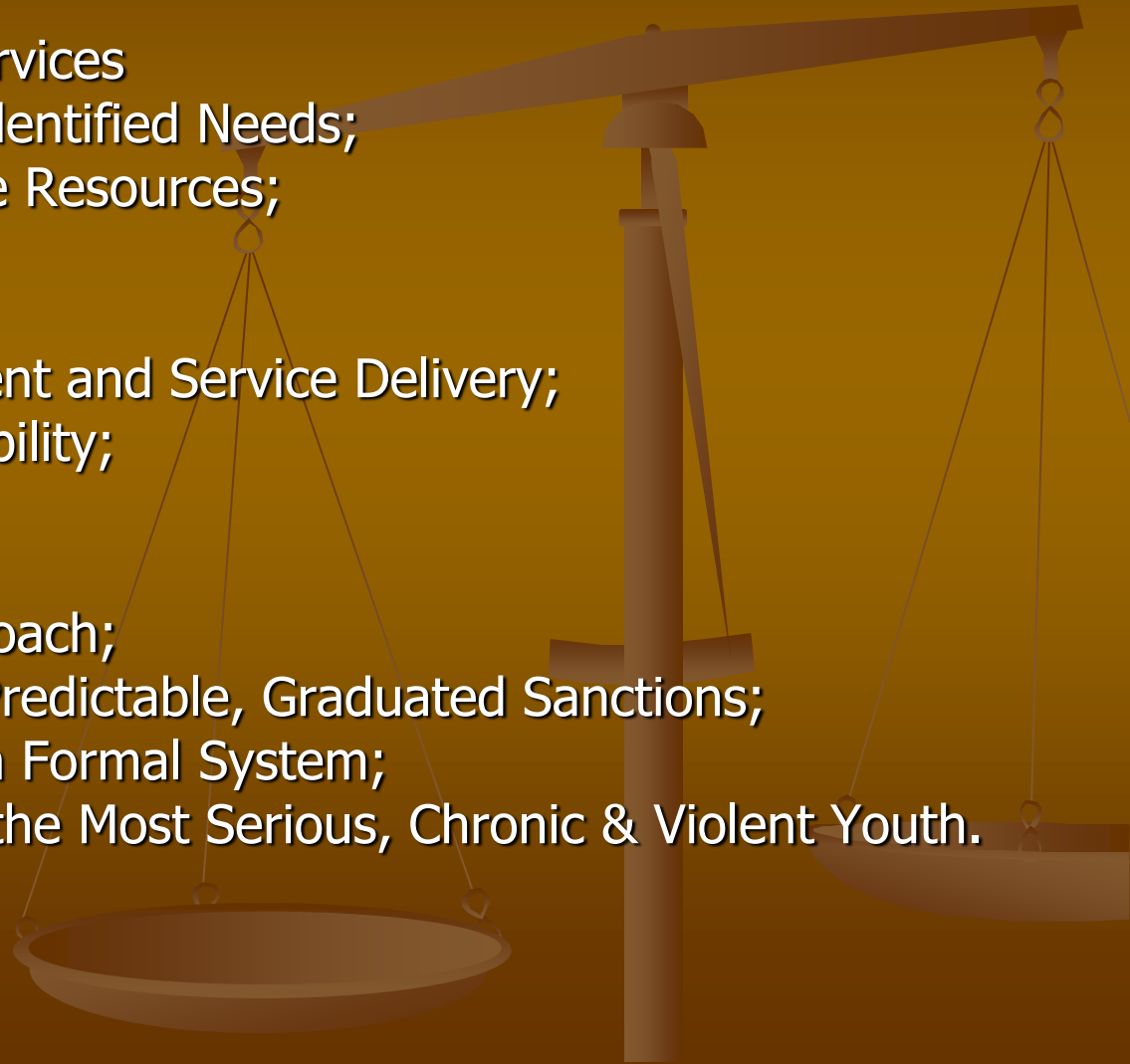
- Board and the Local Government issue RFP
 - Board enters into Formal Subcontracts with Selected Agencies for Programs/Services.
 - Meets regularly, Monitors Programs Outcomes.
 - Considers Disparities in Local System
 - Program Outcomes Drive Funding Decisions.
 - Sponsors Local and Regional Trainings.
 - Markets Initiatives to Community, Media, Local Government and Local Legislators.
 - Develops a Plan for Sustainability.
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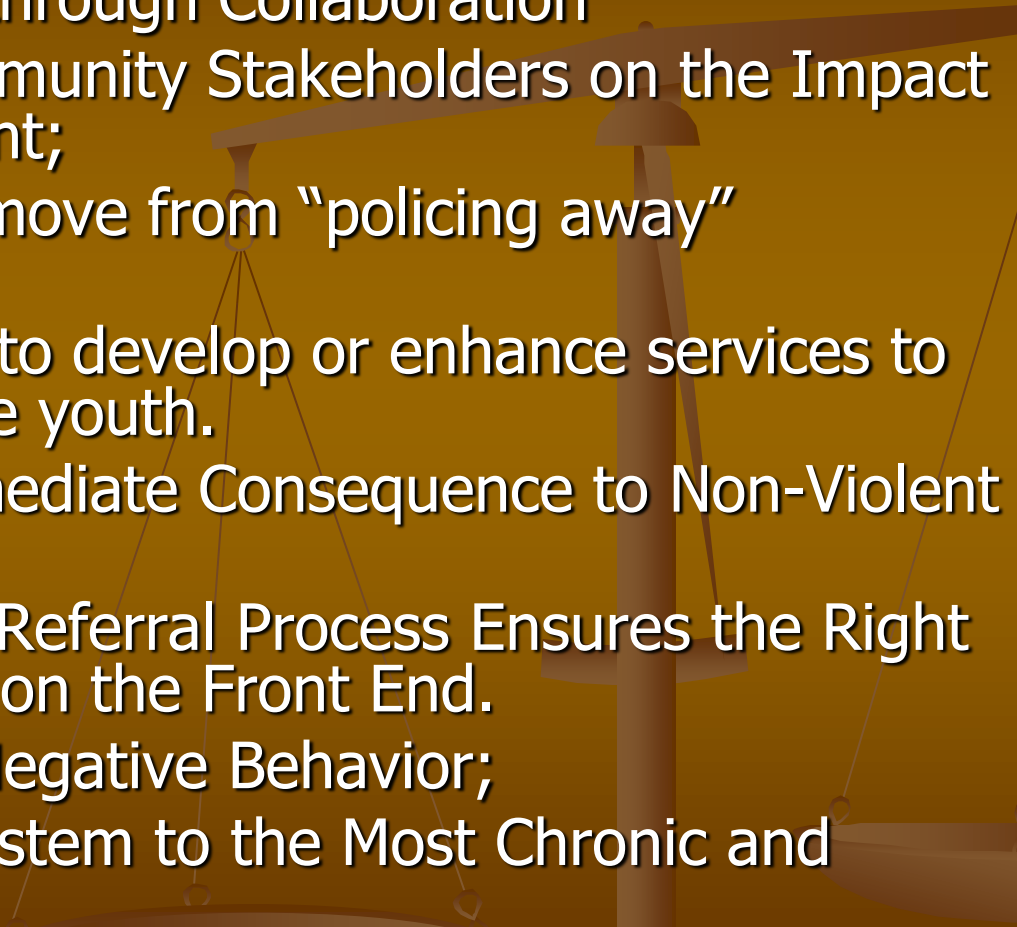
Continuum of Programs & Services

GOALS:

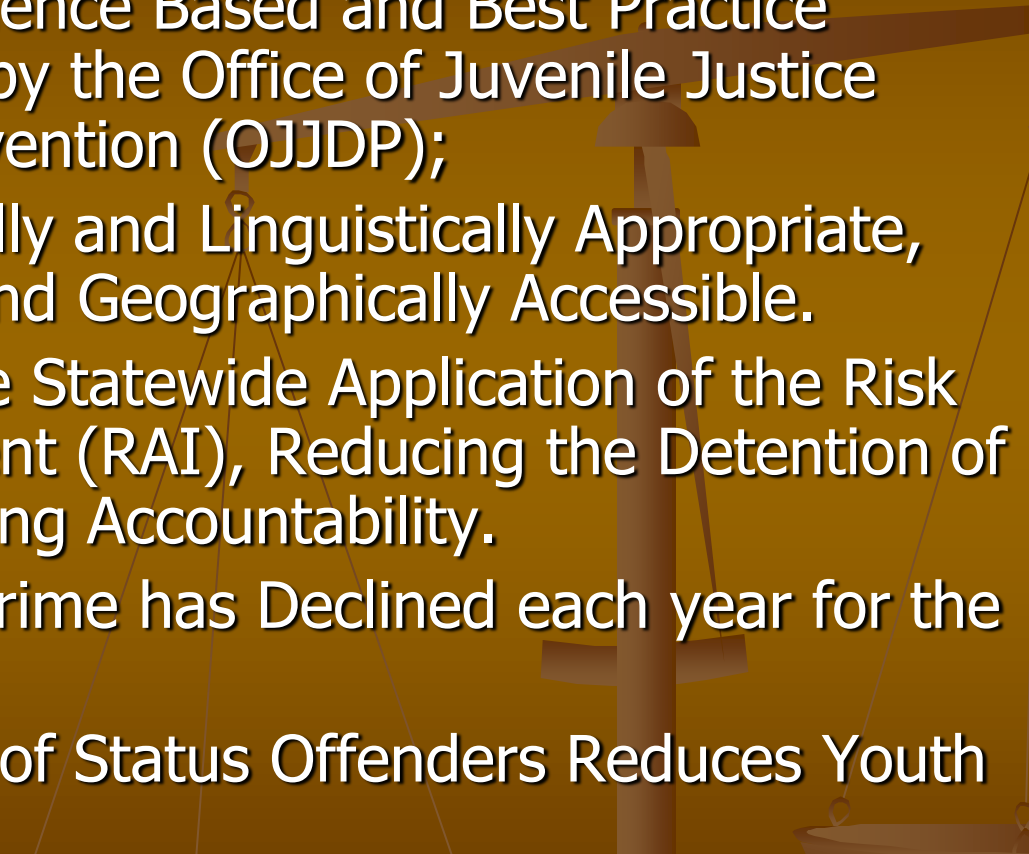
- Reduce Duplication of Services
- Target Funding toward Identified Needs;
- Consolidate and Leverage Resources;
- Reduce Gaps in Services;
- Increase Access;
- Advance Case Management and Service Delivery;
- Uphold Agency Accountability;
- Enhance Public Safety;
- Reduce Disparities;
- Develop a Systemic Approach;
- Provide a Continuum of Predictable, Graduated Sanctions;
- Divert At-Risk Youth from Formal System;
- Formal System Monitors the Most Serious, Chronic & Violent Youth.



Benefits

- Information Sharing through Collaboration
 - Experts Educate Community Stakeholders on the Impact of System Involvement;
 - Proactive approach; move from “policing away” problems;
 - Requires Community to develop or enhance services to meet the needs of the youth.
 - A Cost Effective, Immediate Consequence to Non-Violent Juvenile Offending.
 - The Assessment and Referral Process Ensures the Right Services are In Place on the Front End.
 - Targets the Root of Negative Behavior;
 - Leaves the Formal System to the Most Chronic and Violent Offenders.
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Impact

- Boards Replicate Evidence Based and Best Practice Programs supported by the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention (OJJDP);
 - Programs are Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate, Gender Responsive and Geographically Accessible.
 - Programs Support the Statewide Application of the Risk Assessment Instrument (RAI), Reducing the Detention of Youth while Maintaining Accountability.
 - Statewide, Juvenile Crime has Declined each year for the past Ten Years.
 - Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders Reduces Youth Referred to Courts.
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Exemplary Programs

- The Juvenile Citation Program, a Diversion program in Las Cruces, was Designated as an OJJDP's Best Practices Model Program in 2009;
- The Reception And Assessment Center in Valencia County was the First Rural Assessment Center;
- Reception/Assessment Centers in Bernalillo, Sandoval and Valencia Counties partner with Agencies like Boy Scouts of America, Local School Districts and Tribes.



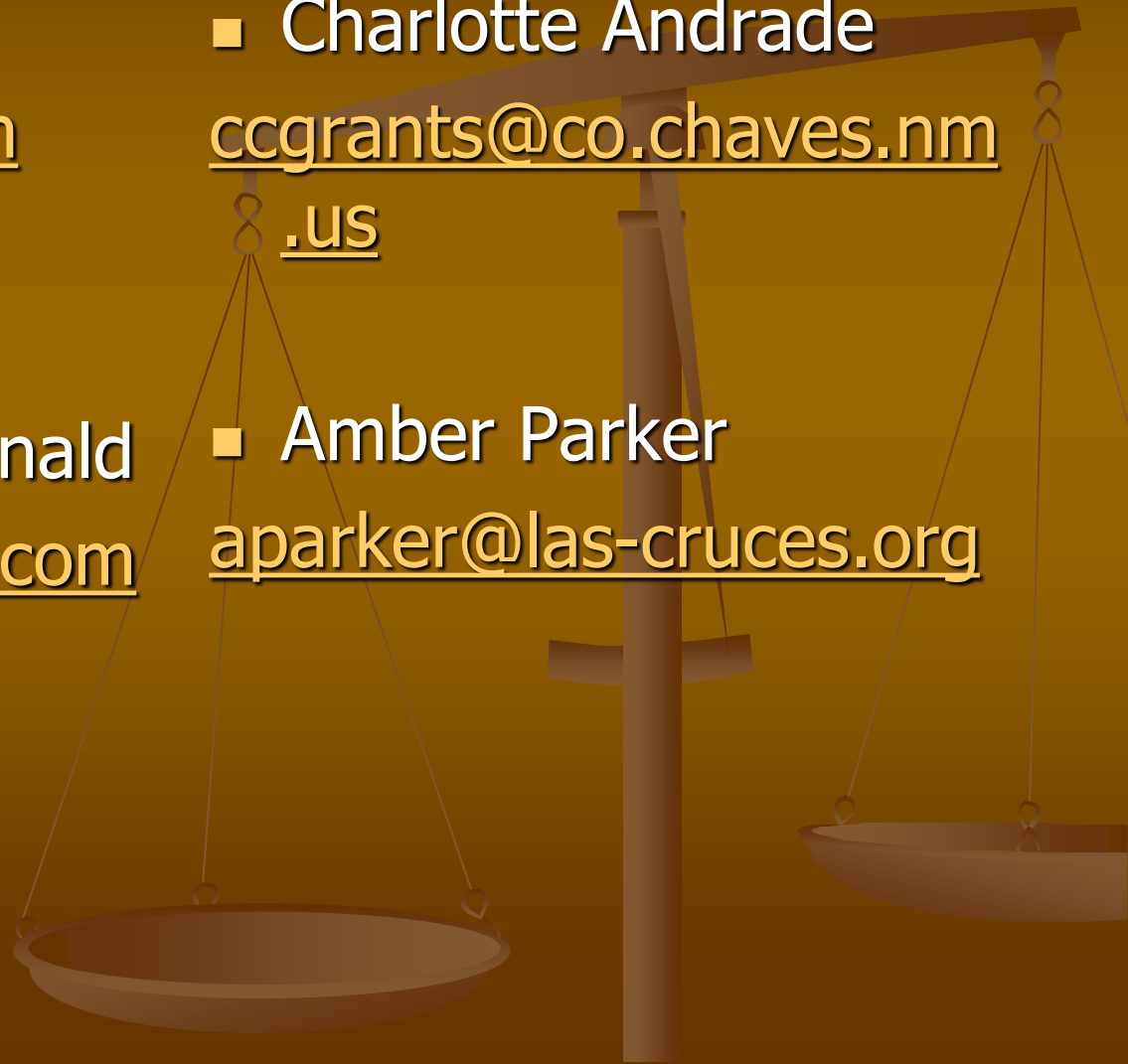
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Helpful Links

<http://cyfd.org/>

<http://www.ojjdp.gov/>

<http://www.sandovalsaveskidsatrisk.com>

<http://www.losalamosjjab.com/>

http://www2.dsgonline.com/dso/dso_program_detail.aspx?ID=778&title=Juvenile Citation Program

