

SCAO Juvenile Justice Monthly Communication

October: SCAO Juvenile Justice Probation Standards & Juvenile Justice Resource Compendium

Juvenile Justice Probation Standards

As part of the Michigan Justice for Kids and Communities legislation, [Public Act 297 of 2023](#) requires courts to utilize research-based juvenile-specific probation standards as developed and approved by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) beginning October 1, 2024. The SCAO developed and approved Juvenile Justice Probation Standards pursuant to MCL 400.117a(13)(d) for use by courts, which can be found here: [Juvenile Justice Probation Standards](#).

Juvenile Justice Reform Resource Compendium

The Juvenile Justice Reform Resource Compendium is a concise collection of the numerous informational and planning resources developed by SCAO with the assistance of the Juvenile Justice Partnership Committee to assist courts and their community partners understand and implement the 2023 juvenile justice legislative reforms.

Link to Resource Compendium:

<https://www.courts.michigan.gov/4a845d/siteassets/publications/manuals/cws/scao-juvenile-justice-reform-resource-compedium-ppt.pdf>

The resources contained in the compedium include:

- **Implementation Planning Tools:** Strategic Plan template, Sample Policy and Procedure template for screenings and assessments, sample detention screening flow-chart, and sample screening and assessment flow-chart
- **Information about Juvenile Screening and Assessment Requirements and SCAO Approved Tools**
- **Juvenile Justice Training in Minute Recordings:** Links to the Training in a Minute series, which provide topic-based, voice-over PowerPoint presentations related to the juvenile justice reform laws for individuals to access relevant information on a topic quickly.
- **Live Webinar Recordings:** Links to the recordings of the completed webinar trainings are available, including webinars on: Screening and Assessment Tools, Court Diversion and Consent Calendar, Two-part webinar series on Community Based Programs, and Multi-Systematic Therapy (MST) Grant Opportunities.

Recently Passed Legislation:

Public Act 123 of 2024 (HB 5393) – Consent Calendar Term Length ([view bill](#))

Signed by Governor: 10/03/2024 Effective: Immediately

- **What it does:** Amends the Probate Code of 1939 (MCL 712A.2f) to extend the time period for a minor to complete the terms of a consent calendar case plan to 6 months, unless a longer period is needed for the minor to complete a specific treatment program.

Public Act 124 of 2024 (HB 5429) – CASA ([view bill](#))

Signed by Governor: 10/03/2024 **Effective:** Immediately

What it does: Enacts the Court Appointed Special Advocates Act, also known as CASA, and outlines the duties and responsibilities of the CASA program and volunteers associated with this program in statute.

Recording of MJJAS/OYAS Detention Screening Tool Informational Webinar for Collaborative Partners

This **informational webinar**, presented by Ms. Tammy Dean, Practice Coordinator/Senior Research Associate, University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute (UCCI) was intended for collaborative partners who work directly with youth, but do not administer the MJJAS/OYAS detention screening tool. The webinar provided an overview of the MJJAS/OYAS detention screening tool. **Recording Link for this webinar:** <https://mji.wistia.com/medias/pa8qnhprxy>

Upcoming MJI Juvenile Justice Webinar

- **October 25, 2024, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm~ Collaborative Justice: Strengthening Partnerships Between Juvenile Justice Professionals and Families**
- **Presentation by~ Cole Williams, Executive Director, The Delta Project**
 - This webinar will explore the critical role of family engagement in the juvenile justice system, providing practical strategies and culturally based practices to foster effective collaboration. Juvenile justice professionals will gain the tools and knowledge necessary to create a unified approach that empowers both families and professionals, leading to better outcomes for youth and a more effective juvenile justice system.
- **Registration:**
https://miscao-sc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Kp5uvPdaQdKrqC-u-QVPmg#/registration

Helpful Hints for Juvenile Justice Reform

- **Data Collection and Reporting Requirements (Fiscal Year 2025) on the use of Screening and Assessment Tools**
Effective October 1, 2024, Michigan courts are required to ensure screenings and assessments are conducted on justice-involved youth at various decision-making points to help inform decisions. The State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) is required to create, and courts are required to comply with, guidelines on the use of the screening tools and risk and needs assessments. The *newly created* [SCAO Juvenile Justice Screening and Assessment Tools Guidelines](#) outlines two requirements:
 - Data Collection and Reporting Requirements (section III(e))
 - The requirement to **submit a plan** for the use of screening and assessment tools

The data collection and reporting requirements in the SCAO Guidelines state that:

- Courts are required to share data related to the use of screening and assessment tools as identified by the SCAO. The frequency and format in which this data will be collected and reported will be determined by the SCAO.
- In addition, courts will be required to report on the usage of the screening and assessment tools pursuant to MCL 400.117a(13)-(16) and as described in the MDHHS Child Care Fund Handbook (section III(e)).

Courts will want to track when justice-involved youth required to receive the following and if they received them (at minimum):

- Risk Screening to inform Diversion and Consent Calendar Decisions
 - Mental Health screening to inform Diversion and Consent Calendar Decisions
 - Detention Screenings to inform detention decisions
 - Risk and Needs Assessments to inform Dispositional recommendations and case planning
 - Overrides for each tool and the reason(s) for override.
- It is not too late to form a County Implementation Team! A County Team with multidisciplinary juvenile justice stakeholder representation can help inform the court's new processes, while also ensuring those working in the system are all aware of the changes in laws and processes.
 - We encourage courts to utilize the sample tools available on the [CWJJS website](#) to assist with implementation processes and data collection. Additional tools are currently under development and will be available soon. Stay tuned!

UPDATE: MJJAS/OYAS Detention Screening Tool Virtual Training & Certification for End Users-

- **More virtual training opportunities COMING SOON!**