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Probation System Review

The Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, led by Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps, has developed frameworks, tools, and resources for juvenile probation system enhancement and improvement based on a body of work in multiple jurisdictions across the country during its participation in the MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change Initiative. The RFK National Resource Center advances this work through publications, technical assistance, and the formation of a Probation System Review Practice Network.

The body of Probation System Review work is represented in the **Publications** of the RFK National Resource Center. The **Probation Review Guidebook**, authored by Janet K. Wiig and John A. Tuell, present a roadmap for the probation review process, in which departments can assess their functioning in relation to their goals and objectives. **Probation Review Implementation: How Best Practices Meet Everyday Practices**, authored by Dr. John Ryals, Jr., chronicles the implementation of recommendations developed through the use of the Probation System Review Guidebook in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

Using these and other resources, the RFK National Resource Center provides **Technical Assistance** to communities seeking to undertake a probation system review. RFK National Resource Center staff support local and state jurisdictions addressing core competencies in probation supervision skills, probation management, and court processing. Emphasis is placed on addressing the need for effective use of validated risk and screening tools and methodologies, enhanced data collection, management and performance measurement, and effective interagency processes.

In addition to providing resources and support, the RFK National Resource Center is home to the **Probation System Review Practice Network**, which brings together local leaders in juvenile probation improvement to cultivate leadership, enhance models, and develop additional resources and tools to accelerate reform nationwide in this critical area of youth-serving practice.



“ A critical benefit of this review was identifying proven practices that were empirically linked to improved client outcomes, including those related to public safety. Evidence-based practices were recognized as more effective and less costly, than time in detention.”

Roy L. Juncker Jr., Director, Jefferson Parish Department of Juvenile Services (Louisiana) and Member of the RFK National Resource Center's Probation System Review Practice Network

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