

Prevention Services FAQs

Q. Are there services available for my child prior to getting charged?

A. Yes, there are prevention and intervention services available for youth who are having behavior issues and may be at risk of getting arrested. Some of the behavioral warning signs may include low academics, drug and alcohol issues, school attendance, runaway problems, anger management, negative peer association, disciplinary problems and mental health Issues. You can call the Prevention Help Line at (866) 757-0634 for services available in your area.

Q. What services does Prevention provide?

A. Prevention provides an array of delinquency prevention and intervention services statewide through community based programs, Children in Need of Services/Families in Need of Services (CINS/FINS), and the Practical Academic Cultural Education (PACE) Center for Girls. Services include case management, needs assessments, mentoring, tutoring, mental health and substance abuse counseling, employment assistance, civil citation initiatives, and neighborhood accountability boards. CINS/FINS services are offered through the Florida Network of Youth and Family Services and gender specific services through PACE.

Q. Are services available in my area?

A. Prevention services are available throughout the state. Please call the Prevention Help Line to determine services available in your area.

Q. What services are provided through CINS/FINS?

A. Services include: shelter, non-residential counseling, case/service plan, case management services, adjudication services, CINS petition, staff secure services, physically secure services, and case termination.

Q. What is a CINS petition?

A. A written request to the court to find that your child is a CINS. It is filed if your child refuses services or continues to exhibit problem behaviors. Going to court is a last resort.

Q. What is PACE Center for Girls?

A. A nationally recognized not-for-profit organization that provides non-residential, prevention, intervention, and diversion services for at-risk girls and young women ages 12 to 17.

Q. What services are provided by PACE Center for Girls?

A. PACE provides assessments to identify each girl's strengths and challenges, individual counseling, academic education in partnership with local public schools, gender-responsive life management curriculum, called "Spirited Girls!", case management services, parental involvement, community volunteer service opportunities, and career preparation.

Q. How do I access CINS/FINS or PACE Center for Girls services?

A. You can contact the provider(s) in your area by going to <http://www.djj.state.fl.us/Parents/youthprograms/index.html>.

