

Juvenile Justice & Youth Services

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Community Programs Overview

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The Utah Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services (JJYS) provides a continuum of intervention, supervision, and rehabilitation programs to youth offenders while assuring public safety. The services provided under Community Programs are:

- Adult Living for Transitional Achievement (ALTA)
- Case Management
- Day Skills Intervention (DSI)
- Gemstone
- Youth Services Plan Managers

Services



Adult Living for Transitional Achievement (ALTA)

ALTA provides temporary housing, reentry support services, and skills development for youth returning to the community following a placement in a secure facility. The goal of ALTA is to reduce recidivism by helping youths to successfully reintegrate into the community following out-of-home-placement.

Springville - Assistant Program Director, Eli Valenzuela, evalenzu@utah.gov



Case Management

Case management services are provided to all delinquent youth placed in JJYS custody. On a daily basis, a case manager makes placement decisions, monitors progress, helps determine consequences for non compliance with rules, shoulders responsibility for the documentation required for the Division to collect federal entitlement payments, coordinates with providers, communicates with the youth's family, and represents the Division in court. Case Management services continue after youth are released from a secure facility.

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Day Skills Intervention (DSI)

We provide responsive support to youth during the school day, including education, evidence based groups, family support services and skills development for court-involved youth. The goal of Day Skills Intervention is to reduce recidivism by helping youths acquire the skills to successfully function in their homes, schools, and communities.

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Gemstone

Gemstone provides residential responsive support to youth that includes education, evidence based groups, family support services, and skills development for youth who are moving toward an action or maintenance stage of change. The goal of Gemstone is to reduce recidivism and risk by assisting youths to successfully implement their needs assessment service plan.

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Youth Services Plan Managers

The Youth Service Model is a “No Wrong Door” approach to early intervention. Through this model, Utah delivers evidence-based, individualized youth and family plans with early screening, assessment, plan management, and comprehensive access to services—all driven by the youth and family strengths and needs. We provide direct mental health treatment for youth ordered to secure care.

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