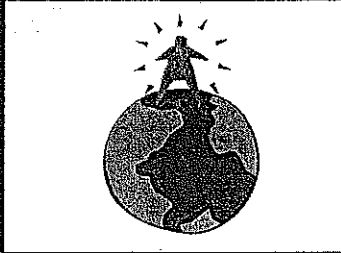
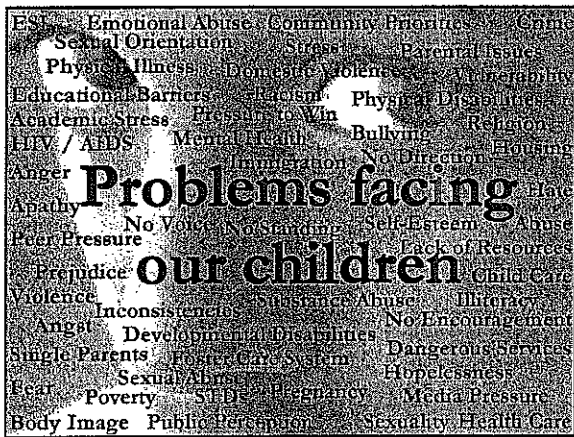


Developing Creative Client-Centered Disposition Plans





Court Should Develop Disposition Plans that:

- Promote Public Safety
- Emphasize Accountability & Responsibility
- Provide Appropriate Consequences, Treatment, Training and Rehabilitation

Disposition Dilemma

- Are Client-Centered Plans Possible?



Yes!

Just remember the ABCs of
Disposition Planning:

- Be Alert
- Be Bold
- Be Creative



Be Alert!

- Determine Client's Disposition Level
- Review Dispositional Options
- Be Aware of Special Conditions

Offense Classifications

Violent: A-E felony

Serious: F-I felony or A1 misdemeanor

Minor: Class 1-3 misdemeanors

Delinquency History

<u>Priors</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>History</u>
A-E Felony	4 points	High
F-I Felony/ A1 Misd.	2 points	Medium
Class 1-3 Misd.	1 point	Low

-2 points added if Client is on probation at the time of the offense!

Delinquency History

	<u>Low</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>High</u>
<u>Offense</u>			
Violent	Level 2 or 3	Level 3	Level 3
Serious	Level 1 or 2	Level 2	Level 2 or 3
Minor	Level 1	Level 1 or 2	Level 2

Disposition Options

Level 1 Community G.S. 7B-2506 (1)-(13)

Level 2 Intermediate G.S. 7B-2506 (1)-(23)

Level 3 Commitment G.S. 7B-2506 (24)

- Court may also ask for Evaluation and Treatment in every case. G.S. 7B-2502

Remember Special Conditions and Rules

Previous Commitment

-Level 2 can become Level 3 if Client has been to YDCI

Extraordinary Needs

-Level 3 can become Level 2 if you show an Extraordinary Need or two!

Chronic Offenders

-Minor can be Major if a Client has Four or More!



Be Bold!

1. Ask for Dismissal
2. Ask for Continued Disposition
3. Protect the Record!

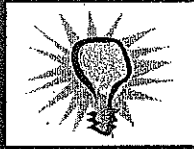
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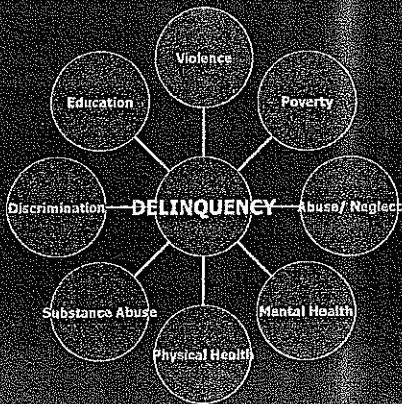
5. When there is an option between two levels, ask for the lower level.

6. Prepare your own report and recommendations!!!

Be Creative!

Think Holistically





Empower Your Client!

- Engage your Client
- Educate your Client
- Encourage Client success



Know Your Community

- Find alternative resources
Services and Placement
- Build strategic partnerships
DJJDP, School District, JGPC, Community Providers
- Consult with other youth professionals
Mentors, Community Advocates



Inform the Court of Special Challenges, Obstacles and Child's Environment

- Substance Abuse
- Mental/Medical Health
- Physical Challenges
- Educational Concerns
- Emotional Needs
- Family Dynamics



Highlight Your Client!



School Certificates

-Trophies and Awards

-Hobbies and Interests

Showcase Support

-Family and Friends

- Affidavits

- Letters (Apology, Thanks, Success)



Developing Creative Client-Centered Disposition Plans Are Possible!

Defenders Should Be:

- Alert

- Bold

- Creative



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