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**Track One:** Pre-Plea. In this case the youth is not required to enter into a plea. If the youth successfully completes JDBP, the case will be dismissed.

**Track Two:** After entering into a plea, but before going to disposition, the youth is certified to JBDP. If the youth successfully completes JBDP the case will be dismissed.

**Track Three:** At disposition, or after a motion to revoke probation has been filed, the probation officer, defense counsel, assistant attorney general, or the Court may recommend a respondent for JBDP. Track Three requires that the respondent be placed on probation with participation in JDBP as a condition. If the respondent successfully completes Track Three, his/her probation supervision may be terminated early.

### What is Juvenile Behavior Diversion Program (JBDP)?

JBDP is a mental health based solution or specialty court that provides intensive case management to youth in the juvenile justice system who have serious mental health concerns.

The juvenile appears before the Court for frequent reviews so the Court may stay abreast of the progress and to commend the juvenile on his/her progress. Routine contact allows the Court to address challenges or problems as they arise and for community mental health and treatment partners to provide input on a regular basis.

Each juvenile is assigned a probation officer selected to guide and support the youth through this process.

*The mission of the Juvenile Behavioral Diversion Program of the Family Court Social Services Division is to assist the judiciary in the administration of justice and to comprehensively monitor and address the emotional, behavioral, and substance abuse needs of Court involved youth and their families.*



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