

THE PROMISE TEAM

The Promise Team believes in the promise and potential of each girl. Given the right supports, she will be a productive and vital contributor to our community. The Promise Team works to build on the individual strengths and interests of girls to provide support, resources, and opportunity necessary for them to be safe, grow strong and to make positive decisions in their lives.



TARGET POPULATION

- Girls actively on Probation through Juvenile Court with a history of trauma
- Recent open case with the Division of Children and Family Services (within last 90 days),
- Diagnosed with a current behavioral health disorder (mental health and/or substance abuse issues must be clinically determined)

BENEFITS OF PROMISE TEAM

- Every family will receive a Mental Health Coordinator, DCFS Child Protection Specialists, and behavioral health clinicians (EBP) who will receive ongoing training and consultation to ensure a trauma-informed and gender-responsive approach.
- Collaborative case planning based on the idea that the girls are not at-risk, but rather, at-promise.
- Every family will receive an evidence-based treatment program. (MST, ICT, or TF-CBT), educational services, mentoring and access to prosocial services and funds.
- Treatment team meetings will be held regularly based on phases within the program and girls will progress through phases of the program based on progress in meeting treatment and case plan goals.
- Each girl will receive an aftercare plan upon successful completion.

REFERRAL PROCESS

- Referrals can be identified through the Early Intervention and Diversion Center, the Probation Department, or Courtrooms.
- The referring Probation Officer will complete a referral request through ICASE and will email the referral form to program referrals.
- The referring Probation Officer will ensure all required documents on the checklist are submitted to Promise Team Manager.
- The Promise Team will hold a review committee to identify if the youth meets eligibility requirements for acceptance.
- If the youth is accepted, the case will be transferred to the Promise Team.
- The Promise Team does not require a Court order prior to approval by the Promise Team.