

Core Principles

Strengthen the family in its role to instill moral principles and provide guidance and support to children.

Support core social institutions in their roles to develop capable, mature, and responsible youth.

Promote delinquency prevention as the most cost-effective approach to reducing juvenile delinquency.

Intervene immediately and effectively when delinquent behavior occurs to successfully prevent delinquent offenders from becoming chronic offenders or committing progressively more serious and violent crimes.

Establish a system of graduated responses that holds each juvenile offender accountable, that seeks to repair the harm caused by the offender, protects public safety, and provides programs and services that meeting identified treatment needs.

Utilize asset-based approaches that identify, honor and build upon the strengths and potential of youth, families, and communities.

Identify and control the small group of serious, violent, and chronic juvenile offenders who have committed felony offenses or have failed to respond to intervention and community based treatment.

Promote the utilization of proven, effective practices and programs.

Develop a seamless, collaborative community system from prevention through community based sanctions to aftercare.



Lee County Juvenile Justice Council



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Lee County, Florida

Who We Are

Juvenile Justice Councils are established in each of Florida's 67 counties under Florida Statute 985.664 to provide advice and direction to the Department of Juvenile Justice in the development and implementation of juvenile justice prevention and early intervention programs. Their function is to work in collaboration with the department in seeking program improvements and policy to address the emerging and changing needs of Florida's children who are at risk for delinquency.

Vision

Lee County youth will be given the skills and opportunities to grow into healthy, ethical, and productive adults.

Mission

Parents, families, and community members, united for the welfare of Lee County's youth, will maximize the potential of our children through guidance, education, support, and recognition.

Council Meetings

The Lee County Juvenile Justice Council meets the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the Joseph P. D'Alessandro Building, 2295 Victoria Avenue, Room 165 C-D, Fort Myers. All meetings are open to the public and visitors are welcome.

A schedule of meetings of the Lee County Juvenile Justice Council and its committees is available at www.swfljac.org/lee.htm.



County Juvenile Justice Plan

Juvenile justice councils are tasked by the legislature to develop the county's juvenile justice prevention and early intervention plan. The Lee County Juvenile Justice Plan is available at www.swfljac.org/lee.htm.

The Lee County Juvenile Justice Council includes participation from the following:

Child Advocates
Faith Based Organizations
State and Local Government
Juvenile Justice Programs
Law Enforcement
Parents
School District
Social Service Organizations
Workforce
Youth Programs
Other Interested Citizens
and Organizations

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