

Mission Statement

Our mission is to identify, diagnose, and treat mental health concerns of appropriately identified juveniles, ages 12-17, by utilizing evidence-based assessments and clinical interventions in conjunction with collaborative case management as an alternative to formal court proceedings.

A Coordinated Effort By :

- Douglas County Juvenile Court
- Douglas County School District
- Douglas County Department of Juvenile Justice
- Douglas County KidsNet
- Douglas County Health Department
- Parents Educating Parents and Professionals (PEPP, Inc.)



Project SAFE
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A Juvenile Mental Health
Diversion Program
Of
The Douglas County
Community Services Board

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PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- Youth ages 12-17 with moderate behavioral health concerns or a co-occurring substance abuse or dependency diagnosis
- Youth participating must have Medicaid, Managed Care Medicaid, Peachcare, or be uninsured and eligible for a reduction in fees based on income.
- Youth must be a non-violent first time offender (OR fit one of following criteria):
- Youth that are not first time offenders, but deemed appropriate by DJJ or Court staff (charge must still be non-violent) will be reviewed for consideration on a case by case basis
- Youth with DFCS involvement that have began DFCS involvement with prior legal charge or incurred a legal charge while under involvement with DFCS. (May be non-violent first time or non-violent repeat offender)
- While the program has no formal exclusion criteria with respect to charges or mental illness, youth deemed to pose a serious public safety threat may be excluded from the program.

THE PROGRAM

Project SAFE is a diversion program that targets juvenile offenders, ages 12-17, who have behavioral health challenges. Referrals primarily come through the Douglas County Juvenile Court and the Douglas County Department of Juvenile Justice.

Project SAFE offers mental health treatment, creative interventions, supportive social services, and service coordination to youth to help prevent detention and address previously unidentified and untreated mental health concerns.

PROGRAM LENGTH

Each child is unique and the length of time it takes for someone to successfully complete the program will vary. Everyone will have an individualized treatment plan designed to outline specific goals that the youth will need to successfully achieve in order to complete the program. Youth will be expected to complete the program within a 90 day to 6 month period.

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