



The Office of Juvenile Institutional

Services, under the Somerset County Department of Human Services, is responsible for ensuring the fiscal and programmatic management of juvenile detention and youth intervention programs under contract to Somerset County.

Since 1995, JIS has actively explored ways to address the ever-changing needs of at-risk youth and families in our community. By collecting data and studying trends, JIS has been able to develop programs that benefit the County and residents both financially and socially.

There are no costs or fees to participants in any JIS programs.



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Our Programs

JUVENILE DETENTION SERVICES

Juveniles who are charged with a delinquent offense or have been adjudicated delinquent may be confined to a secure facility through the Superior Court - Family Part.

JIS acts as a liaison between the detention center and county/state agencies involved with detained youth, and gathers pertinent information and provides advocacy for Somerset County youth in detention.

JUVENILE JUSTICE INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT (JJICM)

Provides intensive case management and crisis intervention to youth who have been formally charged with an offense, are currently on probation or parole, or who are incarcerated; with the goal of achieving and maintaining compliance with court, probation, and/or parole requirements.

Somerset County youth between the ages of 10-18 years are eligible for this program. Anyone can make a referral.



HOME DETENTION PROGRAM (HDP)

Provides intensive case management, 24/7 electronic monitoring via an ankle bracelet, and regular face-to-face contact for juveniles ages 12-18 who would otherwise be placed in secure confinement.

Referrals are made by court order through the Superior Court-Family Part.

ADVANCED HOUSE ARREST (AHA)

Provides biometric voice recognition monitoring for youth pending disposition in Superior Court.

Youth are monitored 24/7 by random phone verifications during periods when they are expected to be in the home.

Referrals are made by court order through the Superior Court-Family Part.

FIREWATCH (908) 704-6353

Provides immediate risk assessment and linkage to fire safety education for youth suspected of inappropriate use of fire. Firesetter specific mental health evaluation is also provided for youth who score in the "definite risk" or "extreme risk" categories.

Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren County youth of all ages are eligible for the program. Anyone can make a referral.

ADVANCED STATION HOUSE ADJUSTMENT (ASHA)

Provides intensive case management, community service activities, and referral to support services as needed for youth who have a police contact after completing a Station House Adjustment at Middle Earth.

Referrals are made by police departments directly to the Station House Adjustment Coordinator at Middle Earth in Bridgewater, who then determines if assignment to ASHA is appropriate.

QUESTION AND ANSWER LINE (QAL) (908) 704-6355

Assists callers who are seeking information about local support services for youth in the community, or who need assistance navigating the court, educational or behavioral health systems.

The phone line is monitored 24/7, and messages are returned within 24 hours.