



Project 10 Winter Institutes
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Overview of Secondary Transition in Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Programs

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Technical Assistance-Dear Colleague Letter on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), December 5, 2014 - FAPE in Least Restrictive Environment,

School districts must comply with **all applicable IDEA secondary transition requirements** to facilitate eligible students' movement from secondary education in the **correctional facility** to appropriate post-school activities.



DJJ programs and
county jails

<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/correctional-education/idea-letter.pdf>

DJJ Program Types

- * Detention
- * Prevention (i.e., PACE Center for Girls)
- * Day Treatment (Intervention – i.e., AMIKids)
- * Residential (Commitment) – adjudicated to a different school district

DJJ Residential Program Educational Structure

Sending district:
responsible for
providing educational
records for students
committed to
residential

School district in
which DJJ program
resides is the Local
Education Agency
(LEA)

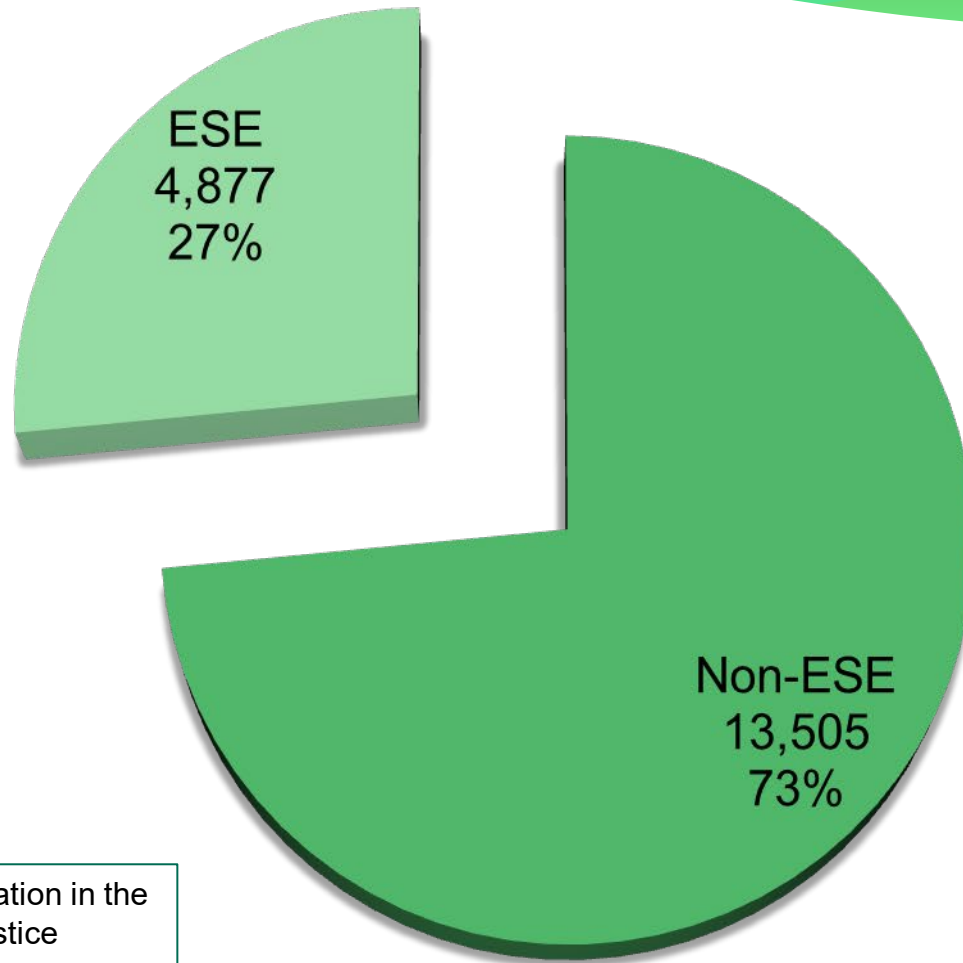
Post-release district:
responsible for
students returning
from residential

School district is
educational provider

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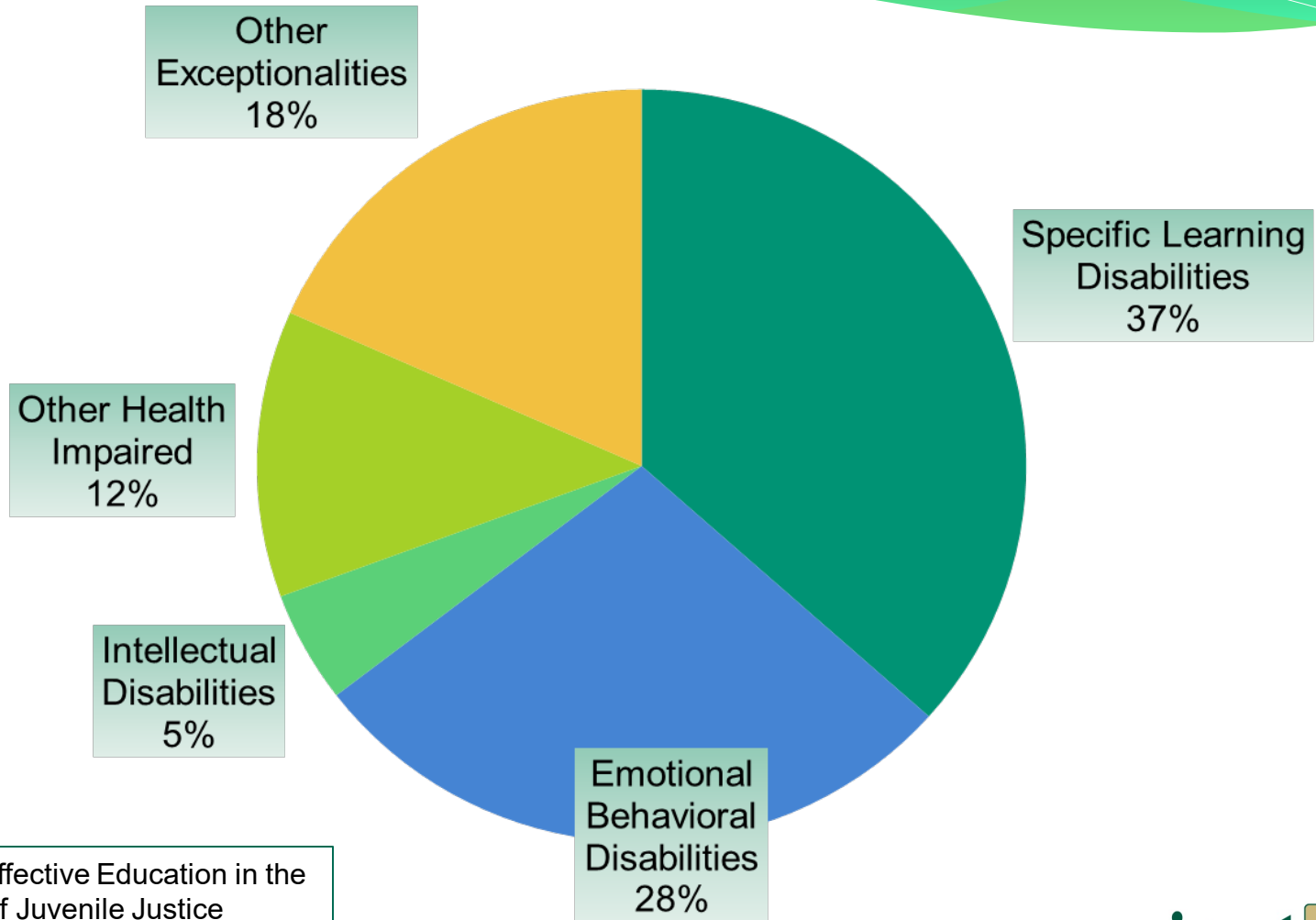
School district
contracts with
private educational
provider

Number of Students Served in DJJ Programs in School Year 2015-2016 = 18,382



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Exceptionalities of Students with Disabilities in DJJ Programs for School Year 2015-2016



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What services do students receive in DJJ residential programs?

Comprehensive Services:

- * Education
- * Exceptional Student Education (ESE) and related services
- * Substance abuse treatment, if applicable
- * Mental health treatment
- * Transition planning

Goals for Educators and Agencies Working with Students with Disabilities in DJJ Programs

1. Increase collaboration between post-release district and district serving the students while in the DJJ program.
2. Increase agency linkages and support services before student is released from the DJJ program.



Timeline of Activities from Entry to Exit in DJJ Residential Programs

Opportunities for sending school district collaboration

Individual Education Plan (IEP) Meeting

Development of Student Education Transition Plan

• Within 30 days upon admission

Transition Conference

• 60-90 days prior to release

Community Re-Entry Team Meeting

• 30 days prior to release

Exit Conference

• 14 days prior to release

*Transition activities intensify as student nears his or her targeted release date.

ENTRY

Student begins transition upon entry

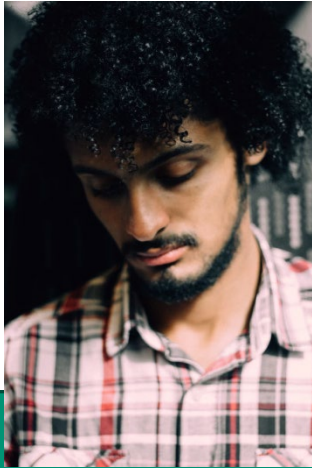
Common Agencies and Support Services Linkages for Students in DJJ Programs

The following can be supported through the post-release district:

- * Multi-Agency Network for Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disabilities (SEDNET)
- * Check and Connect, if available in district
- * Vocational Rehabilitation (revised flowchart)

Why Link to SEDNET?

Rates of Trauma in Juvenile Justice (JJ) Youth



93% of juvenile offenders reported at least one or more traumatic experiences



The average number of different traumas reported was six.



Youth in the JJ population have rates of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder comparable to those of service members returning from Iraq.

Juvenile Justice Education (JJE)



1. Topical webinars and trainings specific to JJE
2. Adapted Early Warning System for Juvenile Justice Schools – to support graduation and attendance

Important to Note when Utilizing an Early Warning System to Track Students when Committed to a DJJ Residential Program

The Federal Uniform Graduation Rate

Credits all students enrolled in DJJ schools back to their **home schools** (if their home school was the last non-DJJ school).



<http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7584/urlt/GradRates1617.pdf>

http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7584/urlt/GradRateHistorical_2014-description-.pdf



Questions and
Thank You!

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