

Michigan Juvenile Justice Assessment System (MJJAS) Training Overview

Class Summary Statement

This two-day training instructs participants in use of the MJJAS risk assessment system tools and upon successful completion certifies participants to administer the risk assessment tools. Successful completion requires participants to pass a written and a practical examination.

Class Description

The MJJAS risk assessment originated as the Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS). The MJJAS is a structured decision-making system that identifies the likelihood of a youth engaging in future delinquent behavior, providing information for appropriate risk classification of youth. There are five MJJAS risk assessment tools, each designed for use at different levels of involvement in the juvenile justice system. They are: Diversion, Detention, Disposition, Residential, and Re-Entry.

The training utilizes power-point presentations, video presentations, didactic instruction, and guided practice. Participants work in large and small groups, and individually to achieve essential learning. All materials, including workbooks, are provided for participants.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will become familiar with MJJAS risk assessment development, principles, validity, and definitions.
- Participants will learn appropriate applications of the MJJAS tools.
- Participants will learn to administer each of the five assessment tools.
- Participants will learn how to score each tool.
- Participants will learn acceptable use of overrides
- Participants will demonstrate competency in administration of the tools.

Who Should Attend: DHS Juvenile justice specialists and supervisors with active juvenile justice cases, as well as public and private residential providers writing treatment plans for DHS juvenile justice youth. Note: DHS has designated MJJAS as the state's risk assessment instrument and MJJAS will be used in the new juvenile justice case management system being developed within MiSACWIS for field and residential services.