

**MICHIGAN JUVENILE JUSTICE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM  
FISCAL YEAR 2019 STATISTICS AND FISCAL YEAR 2020 TRAINING PLAN**

**Overview**

Since 2013, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Juvenile Justice Programs (JJP) has been providing certification training for administering the Michigan Juvenile Justice Assessment System (MJJAS) to private, contracted juvenile justice facility workers, MDHHS field workers and supervisors, and to juvenile court personnel. More than 700 juvenile justice staff have been trained. This report reviews MJJAS training activities that occurred in fiscal year 2019 and details the plan for MJJAS training through fiscal year 2020.

**Background**

The MJJAS is a research-based, validated assessment instrument developed by the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute (UCCI). The MJJAS was adapted from the Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS). The MJJAS is a structured decision-making assessment tool which identifies the likelihood that a youth will participate in future delinquent behavior and helps inform placement and treatment decisions. When used over time, scores show changes in risk level based upon changes in a youth's behavioral profile and life situation.

The MJJAS assessment system is based on research involving 2,457 youth in Ohio across all counties, courts, and rehabilitative programs of the juvenile justice system. The MJJAS was incorporated into Michigan's public juvenile justice residential facilities as part of the treatment planning process by MDHHS in 2010. Since 2013, MJJAS is the risk assessment tool used by MDHHS public and private, contracted juvenile justice residential facilities.

In addition, a number of county juvenile courts use the MJJAS and/or have staff certified to administer the MJJAS instruments. To date, staff from 34 county juvenile courts have been trained in the counties of: Alcona, Alpena, Berrien, Benzie, Charlevoix, Crawford, Dickinson, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Iron, Isabella, Kent, Lapeer, Lake, Livingston, Manistee, Marquette, Menominee, Missaukee, Midland, Montcalm, Monroe, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oakland, Oceana, Ogemaw, Otsego, Roscommon, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee, Wexford and Washtenaw.

MJJAS training must be provided by UCCI-certified trainers. Currently, MDHHS trainers and several county court-based trainers are certified to present MJJAS training. MJJAS train-the-trainer training was conducted in October 2019, and an additional four MDHHS employees were certified.

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**Summary of Fiscal Year 2019 Training Activities**

Eleven MJJAS trainings were held statewide at the locations listed below. Either initially or upon re-testing, 91 of 94 were certified to administer the MJJAS risk assessment instruments.

*End User Training Location and Attendance:*

<b>Training Date</b>	<b>Training Venue</b>	<b>Number of Trainees</b>
October 2018	Gaylord OWDT Center	10
October 2018	Whitmore Lake OWDT Center	7
November 2018	Manistee	7
December 2018	Detroit OWDT Center	7
February 2018	Shawono Center	3
February 2018	Grand Rapids	15
April 2018	Gaylord OWDT Center	4
April 2018	Saginaw MDHHS Office	10
May 2018	Dimondale Secondary Complex	12
May 2018	Marquette County Court	3
June 2018	Delta County MDHHS Office	3
August 2018	Whitmore Lake OWDT Center	13
<b>Total Trainees</b>		<b>94</b>

*Trainee demographics:*

- MDHHS field services and state operated residential facilities: 36
- Private, contracted residential facilities: 30
- County courts: 25
- Interns or other: 3

*Training Evaluations:*

Trainees participated in a brief survey to assess training value. There were 88 respondents. Summarized responses included:

- All respondents stated that the training provided the essential information and instruction needed to administer the risk assessment instruments.
- All respondents stated that the training enabled them to conduct the MJJAS risk assessment independently, without further assistance.

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Of the 88 respondents, 80 were “very satisfied” with overall quality of the training, and 8 were “satisfied” with the training.

**Fiscal Year 2020 Training Plan**

MJJAS training sessions for fiscal year 2020 are listed below. Maximum enrollment for each two-day session is generally limited to 20 participants per session, dependent on classroom capacity. Training attendees complete two full, consecutive days of training to be eligible for certification testing.

- December 5 - 6, 2019 – Detroit, Cadillac Place Building  
MDHHS - Office of Workforce Development Training (OWDT) Training Room #9-300  
(ninth floor)  
3038 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48202
  
- January 8 - 9, 2020 – Saginaw, Saginaw County MDHHS Building  
Classroom C, 4<sup>th</sup> floor  
411 E. Genesee, Saginaw, MI 48605
  
- February 20 - 21, 2020 – Grand Rapids, Candlewood Suites  
Conference Room  
5401 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
  
- March 18 - 19, 2020 – Lansing, Hampton Inn West  
Conference Room  
900 N. Canal Rd., Lansing, MI 48917
  
- April 15 - 16, 2020 – Gaylord, Otsego County MDHHS Building  
OWDT Classroom  
931 S. Otsego Ave., Gaylord, MI 49735
  
- May 14 - 15, 2020 – Lansing, Hampton Inn West  
Conference Room  
900 N. Canal Rd., Lansing, MI 48917
  
- June 4 - 5, 2020 - Escanaba, Delta County MDHHS Building  
Conference Room  
305 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829

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- August 12 - 13, 2020 - Saginaw, Saginaw County MDHHS Building  
Classroom C, 4<sup>th</sup> floor  
411 E. Genesee, Saginaw, MI 48605
- September 17 - 18, 2020 – Lansing, Hampton Inn West  
Conference Room  
900 N. Canal Rd., Lansing, MI 48917
- October 15 - 16, 2020 – Gaylord, Otsego County MDHHS Building  
OWDT Classroom  
931 S. Otsego Ave., Gaylord, MI 49735