

## **Intervention Levels Sanctions, Services, and Supervision**

The use of Intervention Levels to provide delinquency dispositions is an integration of research and best practice in juvenile justice for better outcomes. Placement of youth in the least required intervention level to address risk and protective factors matches the intensity of sanctions, services, and supervision to the youth's assessed risk to reoffend.

Level 1: Youth at this level present with the least need for intervention to provide community protection, and protective factors are evidenced in ensuring youth's success. They require the least restrictive sanction/s and/or supervision and they do not need intensive services to prevent recidivism.

Level 2: Youth at this level present with an increased need for supervision to provide community protection with some protective factors evidenced. More restrictive sanctions and moderately intensive services are needed to prevent recidivism.

Level 3: Youth at this level present with the most serious community protection issues and often lack protective factors. Intensive services and supervision are necessary to engage the youth in addressing risk factors and building protective factors to prevent recidivism.

On a case by case basis, an adjustment to the Intervention Level may be needed if a youth presents with special circumstance/s or there is an accumulation of information that the computed risk level does not reflect the intervention level needed to protect the community and/or hold the youth accountable. This may include information not scored on the JCP that provides a compelling basis for adjusting the Intervention Level. As examples, a youth may have a low score, but for public safety reasons may require a higher level of supervision than the risk score indicates such as those in domestic violence or a youth may have a high score and there may be reasons to believe that the youth will be successful with a lower level of intervention due to the existence of additional protective factors or the youth's prior compliance with supervision.

The Juvenile Court Counselor completing the JCP assessment and assessment summary will determine the least required intervention to prevent recidivism and hold the youth accountable, matching the intensity of sanctions, services, and supervision to the risk level of the youth. The Juvenile Court Counselor may staff the case with the unit's established staffing protocols if needed. The Juvenile Court Counselor will consult with the Community Justice Manager to request an adjustment to the level of intervention as assessment information deems appropriate prior to making a disposition decision when the JCC concludes that an Intervention Level should be adjusted to increase for adjudication.