



# The Many Meanings of 'Screening'

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# Framing the 'picture'



# What is a 'screen'?

- Types
  - Mental Health and Substance Abuse (Maysi-2)
  - Physical Health
  - Socio-economic

# Features of Screening Instruments

- **High sensitivity (but not high specificity)**
- **Brief**
- **Low cost and no cost**
- **Minimal staff training required**
- **All staff can administer**

# When?: Points of 'intercept'

- Juvenile Intake: Pre-Disposition Pre-Adjudication
- Disposition resulting in supervision
- Decision to Place
- Secure Residential placement: Post - Adjudication

# Juvenile Intake: Front –End

## Juvenile Intake:

- Screened at intake
- Medicaid placed in file; or
- Application filed/referral for application

## IV-E Eligible Placement: Pre/Post - Adjudication

- Court - Ordered to non secure placement
- Screened at decision to place
- Placed in an eligible setting
- IV-E application filed
- Medicaid eligible upon certification

# JPC Medicaid Program

- IV-E approved facility
  - Non-Secure less than 24 beds
  - Or privately owned
  - Licensed by child welfare
- Not IV-E eligible
- Independent youth
- Back up for delay in IV-E processing



# JPC Medicaid Program

Youth placed in  
eligible setting



Application  
sent to CBS



Youth placed  
on JPC  
Medicaid



# Secure Post-Adjudication & Term Detention Pilot

# Why 'screen'?:

## “Inmate of a Public Institution”- Post Adjudication and Detention

- Detention > 30 days
- CY 2005:
  - Detention: 5722
  - Post Adjudication: 3660
  - Total: 9382
- Estimate 49% Medicaid Eligible = 4692

# Objectives of pilot

1. Expedite and streamline enrollment or reactivation of Medicaid/Chip
2. Identify barriers to implementation
3. Identify resources needed to integrate process across the State
4. Identify policy issues and recommendations

# Barriers

Texas = 6 month continuous eligibility

## Application

- Word document
- Who can sign?
- What is an eligible setting?

## HHSC infrastructure

- Different applications processed in different divisions

# Future Steps

- 12 month continuous eligibiltliy
- Suspension versus termination
- Propose re-examination of “inmate of a public institution” definition