

# JUVENILE TREATMENT COURT

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*MAKING SURE OUR KIDS THRIVE*

# JTC: Mission Statement



The mission of Juvenile Treatment Court is to protect public safety and reduce the recidivism rate of juvenile offenders by increasing their overall wellness. Using an integrated approach involving court supervision, mental health treatment and services, education and personal accountability, the Juvenile Treatment Court seeks positive and long-lasting life changes.

# How Kids Get to Court?

## Examples of Public Offenses



Possession of Handgun by a Minor First Offense (M)

Criminal Mischief Third Degree (M)

Robbery First Degree (F)

Receiving Stolen Property u/\$10,000 (F)

Wanton Endangerment First Degree (F)

Tampering with Physical Evidence (F)

Possession of a Handgun by a Minor Second or Greater Offense (F)

Resisting Arrest (M)

Receiving Stolen Property (Firearm) (F)

Terroristic Threatening Third Degree (M)

# A Critical need: Early Intervention

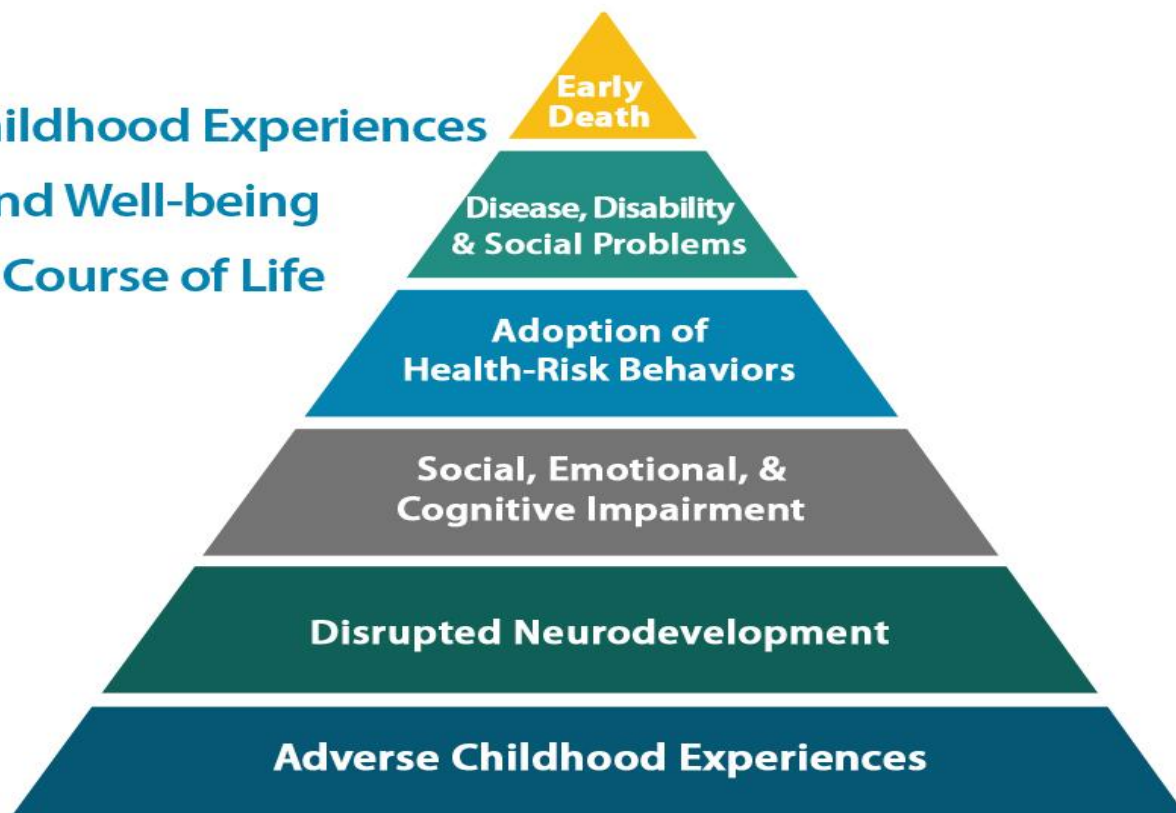


- ▶ Laser focus necessary to address the developing, ongoing and prevalent mental health needs of our kids.
- ▶ More often, than not, kids who are before us facing status and public offenses are battling:
  - ▶ Adverse Childhood Experiences – trauma, abuse, family dynamics
  - ▶ Untreated and undocumented mental health concerns
  - ▶ School-related stressors



# ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES – ACES

How Adverse Childhood Experiences  
Impact Health and Well-being  
Throughout the Course of Life



What happens to kids during childhood shapes who they become as adults

# JTC: MECHANICS OF OPERATION



## Partnerships Make our Dream Work!

- ❖ October 2021:  
Agreement with Administrative Office of Courts, Fiscal Agent
- ❖ November 2021:  
Agreement with Fayette County Public Schools, Hiring Entity for  
Program Coordinator
- ❖ Present:  
Lexington Fayette Urban County Government, Granting Entity

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## What does Court look like?

JTC accepts referrals from:

- ❖ Court Designated Worker
- ❖ Family Court
- ❖ Juvenile Court

JTC implements a 4-phased approach. Each phase includes, but is not limited to, monitoring of:

- ❖ Individual Participant Plan (“IPP”)
- ❖ No new charges
- ❖ Random drug screening
- ❖ Mental Health Services
- ❖ Family and Educational Supports

# JTC: Assessment Tools



## SCREENING TOOLS:

- ▶ Initial screener completed in the assessment:
  - ▶ **GAIN-SS Short**
- ▶ Other tools available for assessment:
  - ▶ Substance Use Assessment – **Brief Screener for Tobacco, Alcohol & Other Drugs (BSTAD)**
  - ▶ Trauma Assessment – **ACES Adverse Childhood Experiences**



# JTC: Statistics Since Inception



Our first court date: March 11, 2022

Total Referrals:	77
Total Accepted:	43
Total Graduates:	12 (9 High school graduates)

Current Participants: 7

- ✓ All 7 youth are receiving mental health services
- ✓ 1 youth graduated from the Appalachian Challenge Academy
- ✓ Youth participated in Why Try with New Vista
- ✓ Youth participated in DBT at ECU Psychology Clinic
- ✓ 3 youth are currently employed

# JTC: Life Lessons for our Kids



## Additional Positive Social Activities/Engagement:

- ✓ Sessions with One Lexington & The Voyage Movement
- ✓ 4-week session for females with Cue the Confetti
- ✓ Vape session presentation by LFUCG Health Department
- ✓ Dual Credit Informational Session by FCPS and BCTC
- ✓ It Takes a Village with Devine Carama
- ✓ Drug education with Panacea
- ✓ Lexington Public Library informational sessions
- ✓ Seeking Safety Program presented by New Vista
- ✓ Spy Coast Farm Luncheon supported by CHI Saint Joseph Health
- ✓ Youth involvement with OMAC
- ✓ Collaboration with ECU Psychology Clinic
- ✓ Collaboration with Woodhill Center for Leadership Academy



# JTC: Our Mental Health Partners

Andrews  
Counseling

New Vista

Champions  
Counseling

Sun Behavioral  
Health

Counseling  
Associates

Trauma Informed  
Counseling Center

New Life  
Counseling  
Services, LLC

Eastern Kentucky  
University



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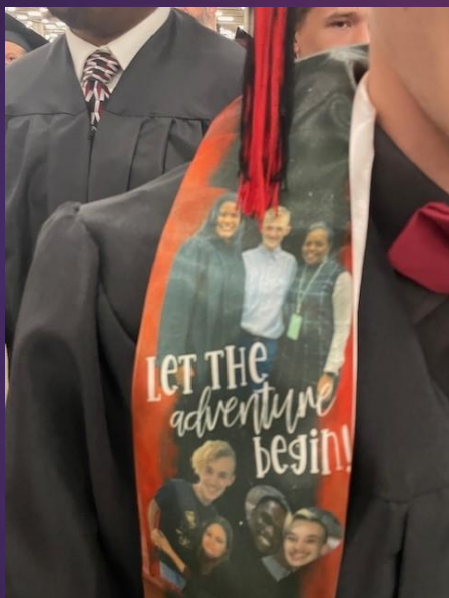
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# Jaden S.

*(Could we get a statement?)*







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CRIME

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BY TAYLOR SIX

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WKYT News at 10:00 PM

By [Amber Philpott](#)



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# Questions?



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