

**MICHIGAN JUVENILE JUSTICE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM
FISCAL YEAR 2020 STATISTICS AND FISCAL YEAR 2021 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 2020 and details the plan for MJJAS training through fiscal year 2021.

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, several county juvenile courts use the MJJAS and/or have staff certified to administer the MJJAS instruments. To date, staff from 40 county juvenile courts have been trained in the counties of: Alcona, Alpena, Bay, Berrien, Benzie, Calhoun, Charlevoix, Crawford, Dickinson, Grand Traverse, Ionia, Iosco, Iron, Isabella, Kalkaska, Kent, Lapeer, Lake, Lenawee, Livingston, Manistee, Marquette, Menominee, Mecosta, 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.

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Summary of Fiscal Year 2020 Training Activities

Seven MJJAS trainings were held statewide at the locations listed below. It is noted that training was moved to a virtual platform due to state in-person meeting restrictions related to COVID-19. Either initially or upon re-testing, 73 of 74 were certified to administer the MJJAS risk assessment instruments.

End User Training Location and Attendance:

Training Date	Training Venue	Number of Trainees
October 2019	Lansing, MI	18
January 2020	Saginaw, MI	9
February 2020	Grand Rapids, MI	18
June 3-4, 2020	Virtual	10
June 17-18, 2020	Virtual	12
August 2020	Virtual	4
September 2020	Virtual	3
Total Trainees		74

Trainee demographics:

- MDHHS field services and state operated residential facilities: 44
- Private, contracted residential facilities: 17
- County courts: 11
- Interns or other: 2

Training Evaluations:

Trainees participated in an optional brief survey to assess training value. There were 68 respondents. Of the 68 respondents, 56 were “very satisfied” with overall quality of the training, and 11 were “satisfied” with the training. All respondents stated that the training provided the essential information and instruction needed to administer the risk assessment instruments and enabled them to conduct the MJJAS risk assessment independently, without further assistance.

Fiscal Year 2021 Training Plan

MJJAS training sessions for fiscal year 2021 are listed below. Maximum enrollment for each two-day session is generally limited to 20 participants per session. Training attendees complete two full, consecutive days of training to be eligible for certification testing.

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- December 16-17, 2020 – Virtual
- January 13-14, 2021 – Virtual
- February 10-11, 2021 – Virtual
- March 18-19, 2021 – Virtual
- April 15 – 16, 2021 – Virtual
- May 12 – 13, 2021 – Virtual
- June 2-3, 2021 – Virtual
- August 4-5, 2021 – Virtual
- September 8-9, 2021 – Virtual
- October 14-15, 2021 – Virtual