Adolescent Development

The Desktop Guide to Good Juvenile Probation Practice was developed by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the National Center on Youth Law. The guide lays out a new approach to juvenile probation practice including trauma-responsive and strength-based strategies. The guide provides tools and resources to help juvenile probation officers and other professionals working with youth improve outcomes for youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

A Trauma Primer for Juvenile Probation

The updated Guide to Good Juvenile Probation Practice includes a new chapter titled "A Trauma Primer for Juvenile Probation." This chapter provides an overview of trauma and its impact on youth, as well as strategies for assessing and addressing trauma in the juvenile justice system. The updated guide also includes new sections on equity in practice, case management, and guiding values.

Guiding Values

The updated guide includes new sections on equity in practice, case management, and guiding values. These values, aimed at informing the juvenile justice system, guide professionals in their work with youth.

Explore the Guide

The Desktop Guide to Good Juvenile Probation Practice is available for download on the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges website. The guide is designed to provide guidance to juvenile probation officers and other professionals working with youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

We are eager to hear from you!

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