Good Practices and Experiences

CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW
FACT & REALITY

Strategies
Outcomes
Perspectives
PARLIAMENT & CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
We are Professionals with Passion for People

Singapore Boys’ Home (Jurong West)  
In operation since 1999

Singapore Girls’ Home (Defu Ave)  
In operation since 2006
Probation and Community Rehabilitation Service

Effective rehabilitation of offenders in the community with maximum participation of families and the community

WE BELIEVE IN CHANGE
Cultivate Progressive Culture
Honour Integrity
Aspire to Inspire
Nurture Collaborative Relationships
Grow Capabilities
Embrace Respect
Guiding Principles
Number of Arrest

Source: Ministry of Home Affairs
Statistics were last updated on 14 April 2016.
Diversionary Programmes

Pre-Court Diversion (GP)
- Minor offences
- Played a minor role
- Repeat offenders (e.g., received police warning previously)
- Age: 10 to below 19 years old

Gang Intervention Programme (SWP)
- Gang members or associates
- Societies Act
- Age: 13 to below 19 years old

Pre-Court Diversion (ESWP)
- Minor offence with gang element
- Gang members or associates
- Age: 13 to below 19 years old

Drug Intervention Programme (YES)
- First arrest for drug consumption
- Undergoing urine supervision
- Age: below 21 years old
Triage

- Youth aged below 19 years arrested at 6 land police divisions
- Early identification of risks and needs
- Match intervention to rehabilitation needs
- Divert youths from criminal justice system
- Refer for support services
Evidence Based Approaches

- Risks and Needs Responsivity
- Motivational Approaches
- Restorative Approaches
- Good Lives Model
Targeted Intervention

- Prior/Current Offences/ Dispositions
- Family Circumstances/ Parenting
- Education/ Employment
- Peer Relations
- Substance Abuse
- Leisure/ Recreation
- Personality/ Behaviour
- Attitudes/ Orientation
Case discussion with psychiatrists / case workers

Updates from school / employer / parents

Intensive specialised programmes

School Conferences and Home Visits

Weekly reporting sessions

Establish Daily contact

7 – 10 curfew checks per week

Intensive Probation

Offender Supervision
KEY FIGURES AT A GLANCE

637 CASES

148 JUVENILE CASES

489 ADULT CASES

73% (447/637) PLACED ON INTENSIVE OR SPLIT (INTENSIVE-SUPERVISED) PROBATION

OF NEW JUVENILE CASES PLACED ON INTENSIVE OR SPLIT (INTENSIVE-SUPERVISED) PROBATION

97% OF NEW ADULT CASES PLACED ON INTENSIVE OR SPLIT (INTENSIVE-SUPERVISED) PROBATION

66%

CASES PLACED ON PROBATION IN 2015

81% (614/760) COMPLETED PROBATION SUCCESSFULLY

30% PLACED ON ELECTRONIC MONITORING

20% PLACED IN A HOSTEL

4 PROBATIONERS WERE GRANTED EARLY DISCHARGE FROM PROBATION FOR GOOD PROGRESS
From Theory to Reality

Practices

Principles ↔ People
Thoughts

- Whole of Government Approach
- Restorative Justice
- Family Involvement
- Community Involvement
Child-centric Perspectives

Prevention:
- Child-centric
- Education
- Awareness
- Border safety

Arrest:
- Child-centric
- Responsible adult
- Interpreter

Prosecution:
- Restorative
- Accountability

Rehabilitation:
- Restoration
- Family or significant others engagement
- Community Support
Perspectives

Intervention: Legislation, Guidelines, Protocols, Performance Indicators
Plan: Child Specific, Restorative Values
Challenges: Fidelity, Capability, Data, Research
Recommendation: Support, Funding, Outcome
“A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step”