

## **Youth Justice – FTAP Criteria**

Basic Principles for case management of youth justice clients specifies the following:

- The level of supervision should correspond to the level of risk.
- The type of service should correspond to needs.
- Resources will be aimed at higher risk cases and will target the youth's needs that are linked to their criminal conduct.

The purpose of Full-Time Attendance Programs is to provide levels of support and supervision greater than that which is available in the youth's normal environment. By complementing regular probation supervision, FTAPs act as a direct alternative to custody. Youth accepted into a FTAP should meet the criteria for custody under section 39 YCJA as they are a higher priority to service than youth who could not receive a custodial sentence upon sentencing. Youth Probation Officers are required to refer youth who have a condition on a Court order to attend a FTAP, these youth are sometimes lower risk and may not necessarily meet the criteria for custody however the program does maintain the ability to accept these youth on a case-by-case basis and under exceptional circumstances.