

CHAPTER 9 - COMMUNITY JUVENILE SERVICES BOARDS

**14-9-101. Short title.**

This act shall be known as the "Community Juvenile Services Act".

**14-9-102. Purpose.**

(a) The purpose and intent of this act is to:

(i) Establish, maintain and promote the development of juvenile services in communities of the state aimed at allowing early identification and diversion of children at risk of entry into the juvenile court system and preventing juvenile delinquency; and

(ii) Allow decisions regarding juvenile services to be made at the local level.

**14-9-103. Definitions.**

(a) As used in this act:

(i) "Account" means the community juvenile services block grant account created by this act;

(ii) "Community board" means a community juvenile services board providing juvenile services under this act;

(iii) "Department" means the department of family services;

(iv) "Juvenile services" means programs or services provided to children at risk of coming under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. Programs or services may include:

- (A) Needs screening and evaluation;
- (B) Treatment planning and follow-up;
- (C) Case management;
- (D) Family preservation services;
- (E) Mental health treatment;

- (F) ♦ Substance abuse treatment;
- (G) ♦ Mentor and tracker services;
- (H) ♦ Community service and restitution programs;
- (J) ♦ Out-of-home placement;
- (K) ♦ Remedial education services;
- (M) ♦ Pretrial diversion programs and graduated sanctions.

(v) ♦ Repealed By Laws 2008, Ch. 57, ♦ 2.

(vi) ♦ Repealed By Laws 2008, Ch. 57, ♦ 2.

(vii) ♦ "This act" means W.S. 14-9-101 through 14-9-108.

**14-9-104. ♦ Account created.**

There is created the juvenile services block grant account into which shall be deposited all funds appropriated by the legislature for the purposes of this act.

**14-9-105. ♦ Community juvenile services boards.**

(a) ♦ A county may, in accordance with the Wyoming Joint Powers Act, enter into an agreement with one (1) or more counties, any or all cities within the county or counties, and any or all school districts within the county or counties, to form a joint powers board to serve as a community juvenile services board under this act. ♦ The board shall include representation from the following entities within the jurisdictional boundaries of the community juvenile services board:

(i) ♦ A representative of local field offices of the department of family services;

(ii) ♦ A representative of local public health;

(iii) ♦ A representative from the local school districts;

(iv) ♦ A representative from prosecuting attorneys' offices;

(v) ♦ A representative from local police departments and sheriff's offices;

(vi) ♦ Representatives from the boards of county commissioners;

(vii) ♦ A representative from a local or regional mental health or substance abuse provider;

(viii) ♦ A representative from the public defender's office;

(ix) ♦ Any other professional the board of county commissioners or joint powers board may appoint, who has particular knowledge or expertise in children or young adult services.

**14-9-106. ♦ Community boards; powers and duties.**

(a) ♦ A community board may:

(i) ♦ Receive funds from any source;

(ii) ♦ Employ staff using any available funds;

(iii) ♦ Expend funds to provide directly, or to contract for, juvenile services.

(b) ♦ Subject to this act, a community board shall:

(i) ♦ Review existing community juvenile services within its jurisdiction;

(ii) ♦ Develop a community juvenile services strategic plan and provide for periodic review of the plan;

(iii) ♦ Ensure that the community board's system of juvenile services provides for:

(A) ♦ Use of a uniform screening instrument;

(B) ♦ Assessments of referred children by licensed professionals who may include medical, mental health, social service and educational personnel;

(C) ♦ Clear and comprehensive procedures to facilitate referrals of youth and families of youth needing services by:

(I) ♦ School districts;

(II) ♦ Law enforcement;

(III) ♦ Licensed mental health care providers;

(IV) ♦ Licensed health care providers;

(V) ♦ A court;

(VI) ♦ The department of family services;

(VII) ♦ Community youth organizations;

(VIII) ♦ Families of youth needing services;

(IX) ♦ Self-referred youth.

(D) ♦ Repealed By Laws 2008, Ch. 57, ♦ 2.

(iv) ♦ Ensure that juvenile services funded under this act are established and maintained;

(v) ♦ Repealed By Laws 2008, Ch. 57, ♦ 2.

(c) ♦ The community board shall not provide any services to any child without first obtaining written consent from the child's parent or guardian unless participation in the program or service offered by the community board is a condition of court ordered probation or suspension of sentence. A court of limited jurisdiction may authorize the community board to provide services to a child if, after a hearing, the court finds that the child's parent or guardian unreasonably refused to provide written consent for the child to receive services.

**14-9-107. ♦ Department of family services to administer block grant program; powers and duties.**

(a) ♦ The department of family services in cooperation with the department of health and education shall administer a community juvenile services block grant

program to assist communities to develop and maintain juvenile services.

(b) ♦ The departments of education, family services and health shall promulgate reasonable rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this act including rules relating to:

(i) ♦ Grant application procedures;

(ii) ♦ Grant eligibility;

(iii) ♦ Procedures for distributing block grants;

(iv) ♦ Research based strategies;

(v) ♦ Graduated sanctions and intervention levels for all juveniles.

**14-9-108. ♦ Grant eligibility; allocation of funds.**

(a) ♦ To qualify for a grant under this act, an applicant shall:

(i) ♦ Be created as a community board as provided by W.S. 14-9-105;

(ii) ♦ Submit a grant application;

(iii) ♦ Receive certification from the department of family services that the strategic plan developed by the community board addresses the purposes of this act;

(iv) ♦ Develop a system approved by the department for:

(A) ♦ Central intake and assessment of juveniles with an initial point of contact established within the community;

(B) ♦ The development or adoption of criteria for juvenile diversion, short-term detention and longer-term shelter care services, including standards for assessments, admissions, twenty-four (24) hour intakes, predispositional detentions and shelter care standards;

(C) ♦ The development of a continuum of nonsecure services, including early intervention, diversion, community service and other sanctions which may include citations, counseling, parenting education, day treatment and aftercare following twenty-four (24) hour placements; and

(D) ♦ The identification of other funding sources for local juvenile services.

(b) ♦ Repealed By Laws 1998, ch. 8, ♦ 2.

(c) ♦ Services for juveniles under this section shall be paid cooperatively by the departments of family services, health and education to the providers of those services.

(d) ♦ Systems approved by the department under this section shall provide for confidential proceedings and records.