



The Juvenile Inventory For Functioning (JIFF®) In Juvenile Justice

What the JIFF® is

The JIFF is an interactive computer program that is self-administered by the youth and parent or caregiver. Derived from the CAFAS®, which has been the gold standard for assessing the functioning of youth for more than 20 years, the JIFF:

- Provides a fast, standardized assessment of how the youth is functioning in school/job, home, family life, peer relationships, community behavior, feelings (trauma, depression, anxiety), self-harm, substance use, thinking, and health
- Quickly generates an action plan based on the youth's responses that can be used at any *point of contact* to help guide decision-making, coordinate services and evaluate outcomes
- Includes software training and support which does not require professional training.

Benefits of the JIFF®:

- Addresses recidivism by clearly pinpointing youth and family needs
- Serves to reduce overrepresentation of minorities
- Reduces unnecessary cost of court proceedings and detainment when used to divert youth from arrest, adjudication, or detention
- Produces informative assessments because youth like it, enjoy operating the program themselves and feel more comfortable divulging information to a computer
- Engages parent or caregiver by asking for their input and including them as part of the solution
- Can be repeated to generate program outcomes thereby reinforcing and validating support for effective programs

90%

Success Rate

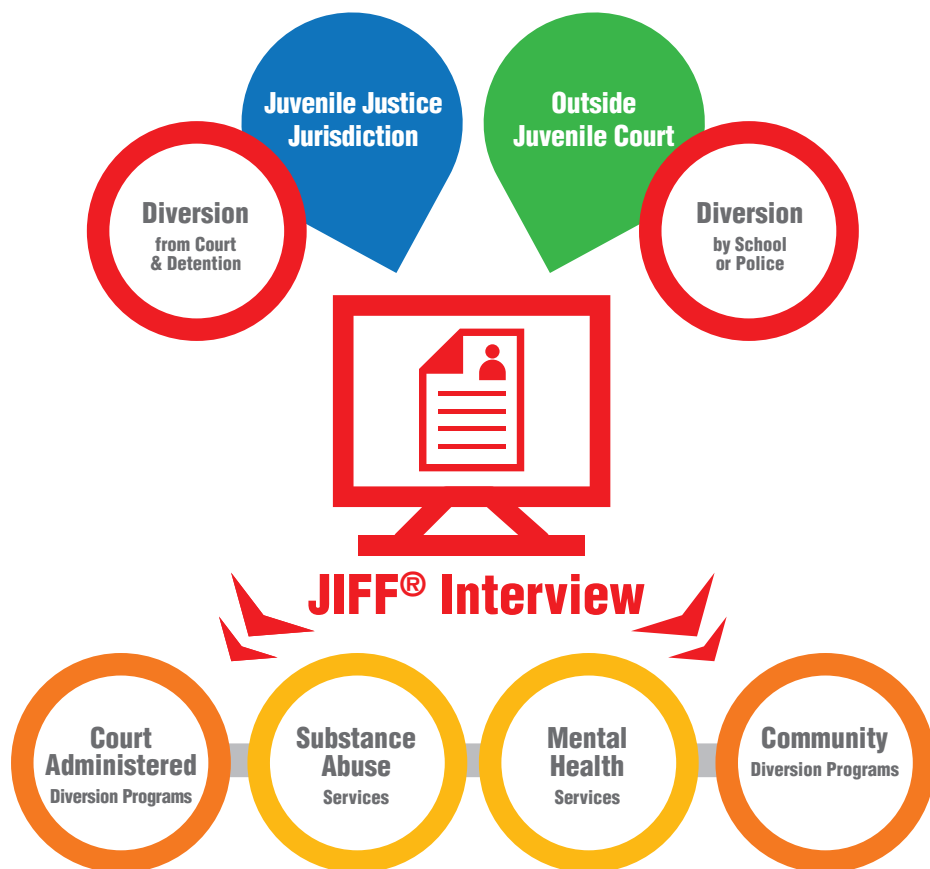
Using JIFF's sound, timely assessments for localized service intervention, Michigan's Wayne County Diversion demonstrates 90% success rate. Recidivism is less than 10%.

“Our system has enjoyed very significant cost-savings, low recidivism and increased family satisfaction using the JIFF.”

Cynthia J. Smith, President/CEO,
Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) for Wayne County, Michigan

10 Major Life Domains Assessed

- At School / Your Job
- At Home
- Family Life
- You & Your Friends
- You & Your Neighborhood
- Your Feelings
- Dealing With Bad Feelings
- Alcohol & Drugs
- Thinking
- Your Health



The JIFF® involves two steps:

1. JIFF Interviewer™

Open-ended questions solicit the youth's personal perspective across major life domains. The JIFF® is appropriate for youth ages 9-19 (caregivers can report on youth as young as 7). The computer program reads the questions aloud (in English or Spanish) to the youth or caregiver who then select their answers on the computer screen. The interview takes about 20 minutes.

2. JIFF Service Plan

After the interview, staff immediately views the findings and prints the JIFF® Summary Report. A one-page Service Plan with a list of suggested goals for the youth is automatically generated by the software based on the respondent's answer. It invites input from the family and is completed quickly by staff. After selecting and ranking individualized goals for the youth and family, staff then assigns local services tailored to their needs.

See the JIFF® in action

To learn more about the system, or to view a live demonstration today, please contact us at software@fasoutcomes.com!

More information and comprehensive documents can be found at www.fasoutcomes.com

“Use of the JIFF for diversion of pre-dispositional youth has allowed us to access Community Mental Health services quickly and provide community-based agencies with targeted treatment goals and initial treatment plans for over 3,000 youth in fiscal year 2010.”

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