



## Component # 16: Placement Alternative Program

The Lighthouse 2911 Placement Alternative Program (PAP) provides an alternative for the incidences of and the need for the placement of juveniles outside the home in a traditional long term residential program.

Lighthouse 2911 Placement Alternative Program (PAP) reduces the need for and provides an alternative to removal from the home by providing services in the form of multiple in person, home, phone, parent, school, and other collateral contacts. The intensive contact reduces incidences of inappropriate behavior, re-offending, and other anti-social behaviors that result in an out-of-home placement.

### **Duration:**

Participation in the PAP shall be for a minimum of 90 day periods of time, each separately authorized by the supervising JPO.

### **Lighthouse 2911 PAP Staff:**

- o PAP Case Manager assigned by the Program Director
- o LH 2911 Program Director supporting and involved in all PAP participants

### **Crisis Management:**

The out-of-home placement of a child is a traumatic event in the life of a juvenile as well as the parent. It is the forced removal of a child from their home. This becomes necessary when a child's life is out of control. In this critical time, successful and meaningful intervention can be more effective than at any other time. To take advantage of this crisis, for the good of the child, and parents, participation in the Placement Alternative Program (PAP) may be the best course of action.

### **Program Case Management Intervention Goals:**

1. Address areas of family crisis
2. Address areas of juvenile faulty thinking
3. Address negative associations
4. Parental education in indetified areas of need
5. Overall stabilization of the juvenile and family

### **Home Detention:**

Each juvenile placed in the PAP will need to be placed on a strict Home Detention for the first 30 days of the program and shall be placed under the usual Juvenile department Home Detention Order, unless otherwise stipulated by the Referring JPO. After the initial 30 day Home Detention, the conditions of the Home Detention Order for the remaining 60 days of the PAP will be modified to give the juvenile an opportunity to test his newly learned life skills. During the final 2 weeks of the program the Home Detention Order may be again modified to give a juvenile further freedoms if their participation and

progress has been exemplary.

**A summary of the elements of services to be provided by PAP during each week is as follows:**

1. Participation in existing Weekly Life Skills Classes and any other PALS activities
2. At least one significant one on one Juvenile contact
3. At least one significant one on one Parent contact
4. At least one significant parent/juvenile joint sessions
5. Significant daily Juvenile/Parent phone contacts (weekday non in-person contact days)
6. 24 Hour day Crisis Intervention, in person if necessary and by phone if possible
7. If appropriate, inclusion in the Summer Camp experience
8. If appropriate, inclusion in the 6 week Summer Program
9. If appropriate and needed, inclusion in the Education Services Program

**Sanctions Summary for non-compliance:**

Failure on the part of the juvenile or parent to fully comply, participate, and cooperate in any one of the above elements of services shall be grounds for immediate placement and or detention or both.

**Referral and Duration:**

Referral to the program shall be via Lighthouse 2911 Referral Form and a phone call to the LH 2911 Program Director or local PAP Case Manager indicating the initial **90 day period**. Participation in the Placement Alternative Program shall be for **90 Day Periods** of time. Each subsequent 90 day program shall be re-authorized by the Supervising JPO via a Lighthouse 2911 Referral Form indicating **the next 90 day period** the juvenile will be in the program. Home Detention Orders for subsequent 90 day Programs shall be at the discretion of the Supervising JPO with recommendations from the PAP Case Manager.

**Initial Probation Office Contact:**

The referring/supervising JPO shall set up the first appointment at the Juvenile Probation Dept. office between the Supervising JPO, Both Parents, juvenile participant, and the Placement Alternative Program (PAP) Case Manager. Subsequent contacts will be scheduled managed by the PAP Case Manager.

**Initial Program Contact:**

The PAP Case Manager will make the first in-home contact with the juvenile and parent no later than the next business day or as requested by the Supervising JPO. If the next business day falls on a weekend the first in-home contact shall be on Monday unless otherwise requested by the JPO.

**Financial Goals:**

1. Save approximately 75% of the expense of each 30 Day Placement based on a \$3,000 per month

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placement expense.

2. Due to the potential stabilization of the child and family, the need for an out-of-home placement can be averted entirely.

**Exceptions:**

All juveniles will not necessarily be appropriate for PAP including but not limited to the following: (Exceptions to these are possible and will be made on a case by case basis.)

1. Violent Offenders including sex offenders
2. Substance Abusers with a significant addiction that may require immediate treatment

The Lighthouse 2911 PAP Case Manager under the advisement of the LH 2911 Program Director may request a child not be included, or be removed from the program for safety reasons.

**Financial Considerations:**

Lighthouse 2911 shall be compensated at \$25 per day per child referred to the program. The date on each referral form shall establish the program begin date. Other billing agreements shall be according to the original contract specifications.