

**JUVENILE JUSTICE INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM 2023 REQUEST FOR  
PROPOSALS (RFP) - LOWNDES COUNTY**

**Proposal Narrative**

**1. Statement of Need/Summary**

a. Statement of the community problem.

**Lowndes County is seeking funding to reduce the number of youth who are currently at risk of involvement in or who are already part of the juvenile justice system, including approximately:**

- **At-risk population: 26,943**
- **New instances of secure detention (RYDC): 106**
- **Cases resulting in commitment to DJJ: 22**
- **New instances of confinement in secure juvenile correctional facilities (YDC): 22**
- **Adjudicated Offense: 93**
- **PDRA Scores: 90 (2 or higher)**
- **Gender: 24 Female, 66 Male**
- **Age: 13-18 years old**
- **Race/Ethnicity: 22 White, 66 Black, 2 Other**
- **Average days in service with PDRA score breakdown**
  - **Dismissal/Removal High: 134**
  - **Successful High: 138**
  - **Dismissal/Removal Medium: 66**
  - **Successful Medium: 113**
  - **Administrative High: 25**
  - **Administrative Medium: 0**

b. A description of how the problem relates to the mission of the implementing agency.

**The Juvenile Court of Lowndes County aspires to achieve excellence by providing quality services for the positive development of children, the safety of the community, and the preservation of the family unit. Given clear research evidence that evidence-based practices reduce recidivism and improve positive youth and family outcomes, it is a clear extension of the Court's mission to implement these alternatives to the County's current detention and commitment practices.**

c. Overview of the target population to be served.

**The target population as described above in part 1.a includes an at risk population of 26,943 youth. Any youth that is at risk of out of home placement with a PDRA score of 2 or higher**