

<b>GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE</b>	Transmittal 18-14	Policy # 20.12
Applicability: <input type="checkbox"/> All DJJ Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Administration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Services <input type="checkbox"/> Secure Facilities	Related Standards & References: O.C.G.A. § 15-11-10, 15-11-500, 502, 503, 504 Uniform Rules for Juvenile Courts in Georgia ACA Standards: 3-JDF-5A-09, 3-JDF-5A-12	
Chapter 20: CASE MANAGEMENT	Effective Date: 7/25/18	
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### I. POLICY:

The Department of Juvenile Justice may use alternatives to secure detention to serve youth in the least restrictive environment possible while continuing to protect the public.

### II. DEFINITIONS:

**Alternative Detention Program:** A non-secure placement and/or program in which the youth has restrictions or conditions placed on his/her liberties and freedom by court order such as, but not limited to, placement in a housebound detention, short-term stay in a contract/group home, tracking, and/or electronic monitoring with or without another detention alternative program.

**Conditional Supervised Release:** The release of a youth from custody or secure detention pending further action by the court with conditions or restrictions.

**Detention:** The placement of a youth in a secure facility or an alternative detention program.

**Electronic Monitoring:** The short-term use of a device to verify the location of a youth under the supervision of the Department or an independent juvenile court and placed in a community-based program or on conditional release in the community.

### III. PROCEDURES:

- A. Prior to placement in a non-secure detention alternative, the youth, parent/guardian, and Community Case Manager (CCM), if assigned, must sign the Conditions of Non-Secure Detention from the Juvenile Tracking System (JTS) or the local court's conditional release form. All signed Conditions of Non-Secure Detention will be uploaded into the Court Order module of JTS.

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- B. In accordance with local court procedures and/or with the concurrence of the juvenile court judge, a determination may be made that the youth will be placed in a non-secure detention alternative.
1. The youth may be released to the parent/guardian with conditions. The conditions will be based upon the nature of the offense, public safety, available community resources, and parental support. The respective CCM or Case Expeditor will document the youth's compliance with the conditions.
  2. The youth may be conditionally released with additional services which may include electronic monitoring, wrap-around, behavioral aide, intensive supervision, housebound detention services, and tracking program. (For youth under current supervision at the time of conditional release, the CCM will continue to provide supervision and case management services while the youth receives these additional services.)
  3. The youth may be placed in a community residential program (i.e. contract/group home).
    - a) If a youth is placed in a residential program as a result of a court ordered non-secure detention alternative, and the youth does not have another source of health insurance coverage through the parent/legal guardian, the Case Expeditor or CCM will complete and submit a Medicaid application in accordance with DJJ 24.1, Medicaid Application/IV-E for Youth in Non-Secure Residential Programs.
- C. Every 15 business days, the Regional Administrator, through the chain of command, must approve for a committed youth to remain in a non-secure detention alternative (including home placement). The Request for Extension of Non-Secure/Secure Detention (DJJ 20.2, Attachment A) will be completed by the CCM and forwarded, through the chain of command, to the Regional Administrator for approval.
- a) Each final approved detention extension will be uploaded in the JTS correspondence module.
  - b) If the Regional Administrator has approved the extensions, the youth may continue in the non-secure detention alternative for up to 90 calendar days.
- D. For committed youth awaiting placement at home, if extensions have not been approved, after 60 calendar days, the home will become the youth's placement.
- E. In areas where Tracking or High Intensity Team Supervision with slots for housebound detention and non-secure detention beds are available, the District Director will be responsible for maintaining program capacity with the assistance of the Case Expeditor.

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**IV. LOCAL OPERATING PROCEDURES REQUIRED: NO**