The Deep End Highway
Bernalillo County, NM

DELINQUENT BEHAVIOR

Legend

EXIT — Off-ramp, diverting from placement

On-ramp back to the highway, deeper system involvement and possible placement

EXIT 1 Behavior not criminalized

EXIT 2 School links youth/family to community-based services

EXIT 3 Police warn and release (no system referral)

EXIT 4 Probation's Prevention and Intervention Unit screens case and diverts from formal processing

Refer to Children's Court Attorney

EXIT 5 Children's Court Attorney (CCA) rejects case (no further action)

EXIT 6 CCA diverts from formal filing, with conditions attached

Formal filing due to non-compliance with conditions

EXIT 7 CCA and Child's Attorney agree to Time Waiver (post-filing)

Returned to court for adjudication due to non-compliance

EXIT 8 Court orders Consent Decree (includes probation supervision)

Returned to court for adjudication due to non-compliance

EXIT 9 Court orders probation

Technical violation/s filed

Placement Recommendation

EXIT 10 Probation grants early release from supervision *(sometimes requires court approval)*

ARREST/ REFERRAL

DETENTION (at any point) = increased likelihood of later placement

FORMAL FILING/PETITION

ADJUDICATION

Triage

COMMITMENT OR OTHER OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT

Deep End Highway Definitions

- **Adjudication** is a trial hearing where both the State and the Child present evidence to the Judge, and the judge determines if the State proved its case beyond a reasonable doubt. If the Judge finds the child has violated the law or his/her term of probation, a disposition hearing is set.
- **CCA:** Children's Court Attorney-this is the attorney that prosecutes the youth's case in court.
- **Consent Decree**: A court order that places the court proceedings on hold in order to allow a child to be supervised by juvenile probation for a period of time (6 months to 1 year). Successful completion of the period of a consent decree results in a dismissal of the case without a finding that the child committed the delinquent offense and allows the matter to be immediately sealed.
- **Formal filing**: When a District Attorney charges a child with delinquent offenses, they file a petition to formally bring the case before the judge for resolution.

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- **Probation**: A disposition outcome granted by the judge to a delinquent child to encourage a child's behavioral changes away from criminal activity to lawful conduct, all while remaining in the community with access to family, education, and individual supports and services.
- **Time Waiver:** Agreement between the Child, Child's Attorney and the Children's Court Attorney that if the child does not receive any new charges for a designated period of time, usually 6 months, the case will be dismissed and the case sealed.
- **Technical Violation:** If the youth does not follow the conditions of probation, the JPO can inform the CCA of the violation. The CCA will review information from JPO and the CCA decides if a Petition to Revoke Probation will be filed.
- **Triage:** Meeting between the child and the child's attorney if a case is pending; the parent; the probation officer; the supervisor; the behavioral clinician; and the clinical supervisor to determine if a youth need to be in an out of home placement (Group Home; RTC)