Vision
We will contribute to the quality of life in Washington State through the use of our leadership, resources, and the commitment of our staff to strengthen communities and services to juvenile offenders.

Mission
Our mission is to protect the public, hold juvenile offenders accountable for their crimes, and reduce criminal behavior through a continuum of preventive, rehabilitative, and transition programs in residential and community settings.

Core Values
• Community Protection
• Youth Accountability
• Youth Skill Development
• Staff Development and Participation
• Program Accountability
• Collaboration with Stakeholders
**Functional Family Parole**

Family support is critical to preventing youth from committing new crimes. JRA has radically shifted how it provides parole aftercare services – from a primary focus on the youth to a service delivery model that focuses on the entire family. This model, Functional Family Parole Services (FFPS), began in 2002 and is a key component of JRA’s Integrated Treatment Model (ITM).

**JRA parole counselors help families:**
- Improve how they work together to accomplish family goals.
- Move beyond blaming and negativity with each other.
- Learn strategies to support and reinforce the positive changes their youth has made while in JRA.

**Sex Offender Parole/Services**

A cognitive behavioral approach is used to provide sex offender treatment services.

**Sex offender treatment providers:**
- Focus on relevant core components designed to match to a youth’s treatment needs.
- Provide treatment in some combination of individual, group and family settings.
- Involve families when possible.

**Functional Family Therapy**

Functional Family Therapy (FFT) is a family intervention program that significantly reduces delinquency, re-arrest, out-of-home placement, violence, and substance abuse with at-risk youth.

**Mentor Program**

The goal of the mentor program is to match adult mentors to youth involved in the juvenile justice system. Mentors act as role models to help JRA youth lead a life free of crime and substance abuse. The program is research based and shows a significant reduction in delinquency and re-arrest.

**Mentors:**
- Meet with youth at the institutions for the last three to six months of their sentence.
- Continue to meet with JRA youth when they come back to the community.

**Additional Parole Services**

JRA provides linkage to community programs specific to family needs. Such programs may include but are not limited to:
- Family Integrated Therapy (FIT)
- Aggression Replacement Therapy (ART)

**In addition, parole after-care services may include:**
- Referrals for substance abuse treatment.
- Assistance obtaining Washington State medical insurance.
- Referrals for medication management and counseling.
- Referral to job skill training and employment services.
- Parole Supervision when a family moves to another state; a service called Interstate Compact Supervision.
- Responses to family concerns, a program known in JRA as Graduated Interventions.

**Information**

Please visit the JRA web site at: [www1.dshs.wa.gov/jra](http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/jra)