

## Risk-based juvenile justice system

**Question:** Do we want/have/need a risk-based system?

**Issues:**

- There needs to be an agreement that the focus is on risk of recidivism
- How are we assessing risk?
- Are we assessing risk?
- What resources are needed to effectively serve those high-risk youth in counties?
- Are there low-risk youth in high-risk placements? Who are they?
- Recidivism: four variables, national model, multiple measures
- Recidivism is not based on risk profile, but on crime types and demographics

**Other Documents:**

- Dr. Andrews' work which finds that placing low-risk youth in with high-risk youth does more harm than good; punish alone does not work (in packet)
- RNA
- JCP
- Distribution of youth based on risk: probation, close custody (juvenile and DOC youth), juvenile parole
- Analysis on recidivism
- OJJP Articles