



CJCJ's Sentencing Service Program Releases Juvenile Placement Manual

For more than two decades, the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice Sentencing Service Program (SSP) has provided technical assistance to courts, counsel and correctional personnel throughout the state and nationwide. In addition to researching and testifying on the current state of California's Division of Juvenile Justice facilities, SSP staff also develop sentencing, fitness and disposition reports for individuals facing criminal sanctions. Reports are prepared using information gathered from defendants, their families, friends, teachers, colleagues and other supports and includes extensive social history, family input, educational and vocational goals, and planning, as well as recommendations for possible placement.

The Sentencing Service Program was developed in 1985 to ensure that appropriate information is discovered and shared with the courts during the sentencing phase. The reports serve to provide counsel, the court and probation with a more complete picture of the defendant, whose background, goals, illnesses and other issues may have been neglected throughout the criminal process.

To assist all participants in the important task of determining an appropriate placement for juvenile offenders, the Sentencing Service Program first released its Juvenile Placement Manual in 2002. The manual proved itself to be a valuable tool for defense counsel, prosecutors and probation as it contained information about juvenile placement options throughout California and the nation. After five years of successfully circulating the manual, CJCJ recognized a need to update information and include additional resources. After six months of extensive research and many phone calls, CJCJ is pleased to announce the release of its second Juvenile Placement Manual.



The manual contains information on over 200 alternative placement options for juvenile offenders. Every placement listing describes services offered, rate classification level, gender, number of beds and contact information. The manual is divided into Northern and Southern California placement options, and includes a special index on placements specializing in the treatment of juvenile sex offenders.

CJCJ is pleased to offer its Juvenile Placement Manual for purchase as a bound copy for \$20 per copy (this includes postage). Email ssp@cjcj.org with your contact information and the number of manuals desired. An invoice will be sent with the manual(s) to the mailing address provided. CJCJ prefers check as the form of payment. For more information about SSP or its services, please contact SSP by telephone at (415) 621-5661 ext. 309 or by email at ssp@cjcj.org or cmccracken@cjcj.org.