GEORGIA JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM FLOW

State of Georgia Juvenile Intake Process

JUVENILE COURT AND GEORGIA DJJ

Offense Occurs

SB440 Offense
If the youth is charged as an adult, the case will be processed in Superior Court.

Department of Corrections or Department of Community Supervision

Youth is referred to Juvenile Court

Detention Decision
Detention Assessment Instrument (DAI) completed

Detained at Regional Youth Detention Center (RYDC)

Detention Hearing

Released to Parent/Guardian

Continued in Detention or Alternative to Detention Placement

Dismissed/ Released

Complaint is filed with the clerk

Informal Processing

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE

Dismissed
Decides not to file

Petition filed with District Attorney

Superior Court Transfers

Dismissed/ Released

Adjudication Hearing

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Pre-Disposition Risk Assessment (PDRA)
Structured Dispositional Matrix (SDM)

Disposition Hearing

Probation
Supervision and services provided by Juvenile Court Staff in Independent Courts and DJJ staff in Dependent Courts

Short Term Program
May be a standalone order or in conjunction with Probation or Commitment

Commitment
Supervision and services provided by DJJ staff

Placement at Home with Parent/Guardian

Detained in RYDC Awaiting Screening/Placement

Released to Community Awaiting Screening

GEORGIA DJJ

State of Georgia Assessments and Placements for Adjudicated Juveniles

Needs Assessment

Screening

Placement at Home with Parent/Guardian

Placement at a Community Residential Program

Placement at a Secure Facility serving Restrictive Custody

Class B Stepdown to a Community Residential Program for eligible youth

LEGEND

- Superior Court
- Assessment
- Placement
- Court Hearing
- Offense/Disposition