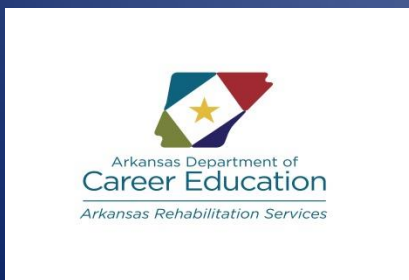


Conway Juvenile Court Work Experience Program

Improving Transition Outcomes for
Youth Involved in the Arkansas
Juvenile Court System





Objectives

1. *Explain research how to meet the Need*
2. *Discuss how the program was initiated*
3. *Review the enrollment criteria*
4. *Connect the program to the research
and to Pre-ETS Services*



Meeting the Need

- Guideposts
 1. School-based preparatory experiences; (*HS and Transition Counselor*)
 2. Career preparation and work-based experiences; (*Paid Work in the Community*)
 3. Youth Development and Leadership Opportunities; (*Mentoring*)
 4. Connecting support and community services; (*Milestones*)
 5. Family Involvement and Supports. (*Meetings/Celebrations*)

In the Beginning...

Making the connection and the call.

**Twentieth Judicial Circuit,
Judicial Division: Division 2**

Faye Shepherd, Chief of Staff

Honorable Judge Troy Braswell

Dr. Deandriea Bass-Carrigan, ARS District V
Manager

Andrea Gilliam, Certified Vocational Rehabilitation
Counselor



Criteria for Enrollment

- ✓ High School Student with a disability.
 - ✓ court psycho/social report.
 - ✓ age requirement.
- ✓ Screened by the court for participation & ongoing relationship support from probation officers.



Why Juvenile Courts?

- ✓ court selection/mandate
 - ✓ delinquency;
 - ✓ dependency-neglect or
 - ✓ family- in-need-of-services (FINS) cases.

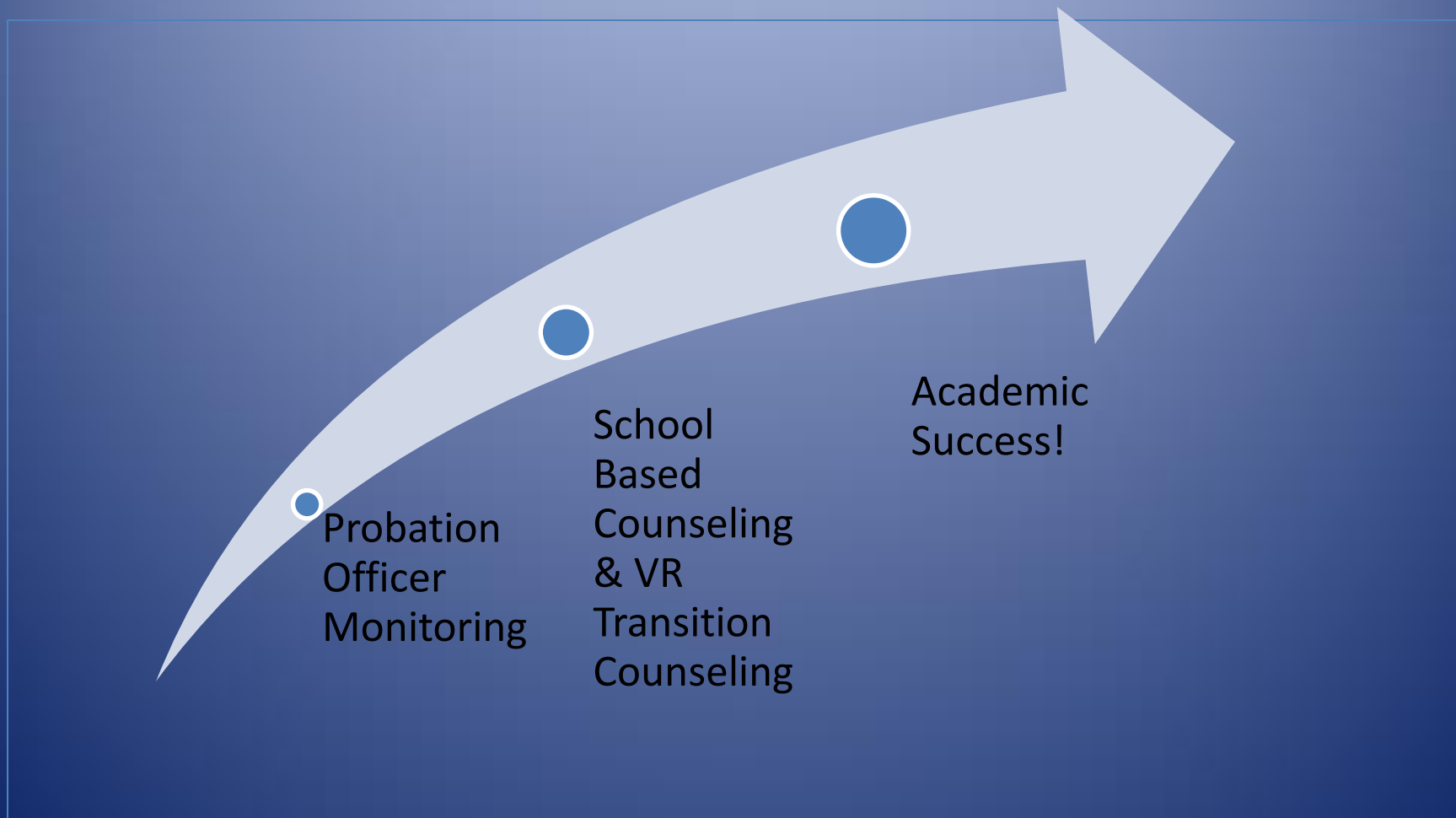


Working for Independence Now!

- Basic Structure
 - 8 weeks
 - Soft Skills Training; Hands-on Participation
 - Community Work Placements
 - Meetings with probation officers
 - Court reports
 - Monthly Progress
 - Graduation



Guidepost 1. School Based Preparation.



Guidepost 2. Career Preparation and Work-Based Learning

Assessment

- Court Assessment Report, SDS, My Plan

Work Readiness

- Anger Management-Conflict Resolution, Accepting Authority/Feedback, Communicating

Supervision and Supports

- Youth-Employer Matching, Job parameters, responsibilities, assistance with follow-through

Guidepost 3. Youth Development and Leadership

Mock
Interviews



Situational
Assessments

Role Playing

Guidepost 4. Connecting Support



Guidepost 5. Family Involvement

- Orientation Meetings
- Family Based Treatment (Substance Abuse/Mental Health)
- Graduation Ceremonies





*Thank you for supporting
work and the futures of
our most vulnerable
young people.*

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