



# ACE Symposium Presentation

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## Mission Statement

To enhance public safety through high-quality effective services for youth and families delivered by world-class professionals dedicated to building a stronger, safer Florida.

## Impact Statement

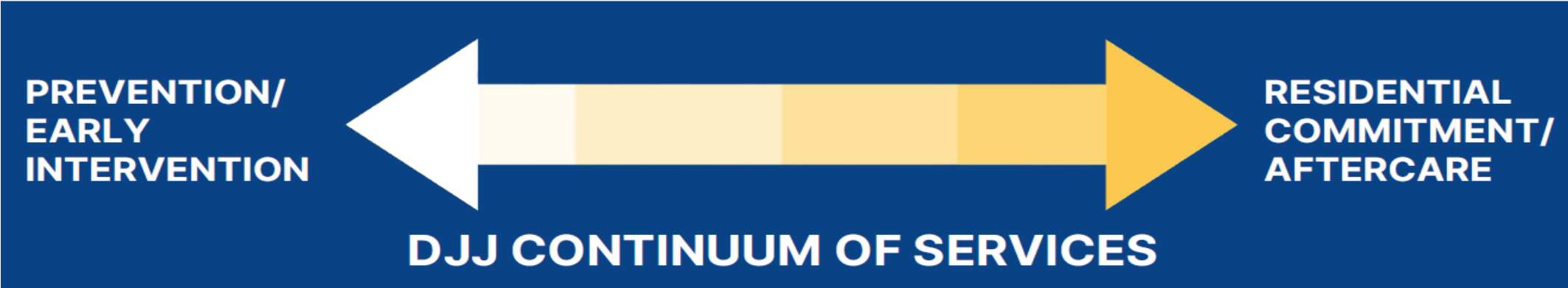
Florida's juvenile justice system will continue to pursue comprehensive system improvement and deploy proven practices that solidify our place as the leading system in the nation.



# THE 4 CORNERSTONES TO SERVICE EXCELLENCE



# Education Across the Department



# Florida Scholars Academy Mission

The mission of the Florida Scholars Academy is to provide a free and appropriate high-quality education to eligible students within the juvenile justice system and to prepare students for gainful employment as productive citizens upon their reentry into the community.



# Project Anchor

- The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice in collaboration with Tallahassee Community College have established a partnership to deliver workforce education and career readiness services
- Project Anchor is a Pilot Program that will provide;
  - Career readiness skills
  - Industry recognized training and certifications
  - Career pathways for youth to continue education at a Florida college or postsecondary institution
  - Opportunities to pursue work-based learning activities
  - Team includes Project Director, Career Navigators and Regional Workforce Coordinators, North, Central, South
  - Probation Services continuum of services





# PROJECT ANCHOR



## Florida Scholars Academy

- K-12 academic education program to complete diploma or equivalency
- Powered by Florida Virtual School
- Taught by Florida Certified educators
- Youth work with Guidance Counselors to determine academic pathway
- Career and Technical Education through career exploration, rapid credentialing, credit course enrollment and pre-apprenticeship opportunities
- Services will begin July 1, 2024

## Project Anchor

- Postsecondary enrollment after graduation or equivalency achieved
- Partnership with Tallahassee State College
- Taught by Industry Certified and credentialed instructors
- Youth work with Career Navigators to determine career pathway
- Career preparation through exploration, enrollment in state or technical college courses, pre-apprenticeships that lead to apprenticeship opportunities
- Year 2 of implementation





# Current Active Youth in Project Anchor

- Approximately 306 graduates reported between June 2023 – April 2024
- 85 youth actively engaged
- 8 under review for onboarding
- 27 colleges
  - Seminole State, Polk State, Erwin Technical, Marion Technical, Tallahassee Community (State), Miami Dade Community College, Florida State College at Jacksonville, Marion Technical, Valencia...
  - Career pathways
  - Academics



# New and Emerging Partnerships

- CareerSource
- Florida Masonry Association
- Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC)
- Florida Trade Academy
- Florida Chamber of Commerce



# Workforce Education and Pre-apprenticeship Programs

- Electricity - Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC)
- Solar
- Craft labor
- Auto Technology
- Manufacturing
- Masonry/Construction
- Culinary Arts
- Future programs will continue to added

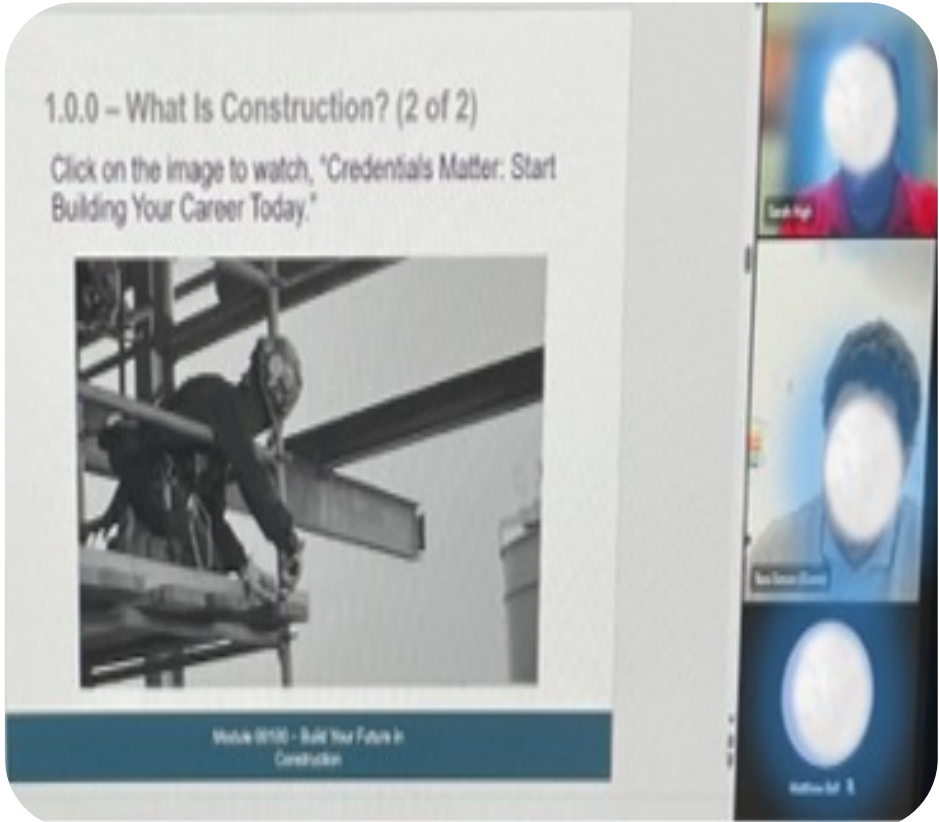


# Britt Technical Youth Academy - Pinellas District Schools/Pinellas Technical College

- 17 Postsecondary workforce education programs
- OCP's to transfer
- Skill attainment
- Industry certifications
- Course completion
- Job placement
- Confidence
- Self worth
- Goals/purpose
- Pride



# Success Stories Highlights



# Success Stories continued



# Investing in Excellence – Student Driven



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