

WHAT IS ISST?

TYPES OF ISST

E-ISST | Expedited (Juvenile Justice)

S-ISST | School-based

C-ISST | Child

ORIGIN OF E-ISST

ISST began in 2018 as a pilot program of the 4th Judicial District in response to an increasing amount of detained youth lingering in detention awaiting FEMs.

AGES SERVED

Joint Initiatives serves children and youth from birth to age 21.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The importance of neutral facilitation and shared responsibilities among partners
- Partners' commitment to staffing cases that may not necessarily be assigned to their program or agency
- Pushing systems to expedite things and explore change
- Building the DREAM TEAM –
 identifying people and agencies
 that have resources and the
 power to make decisions

ISST is a service and support planning process for children and youth, which involves the whole family. This collaborative process focuses on the unique needs of each child/youth and family.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Consider least restrictive services/placement
- Family and child/youth voice and choice throughout all phases
- Shared decision making and responsibility among parties
- Trauma-informed and responsive process

BENEFITS OF ISST

- Complex/behavioral or at-risk referral
- Community Table
- Reduces confusion and miscommunication
- Access to services/referrals
- Written plan
- Strengths- and needs-based
- Neutral facilitation
- Voice and choice
- Shared decision-making and costs
- Trauma-informed

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