

**For Discussion at November 10, 2025, Meeting of the
Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission**

NRS 62B.620 Annual quality assurance review of each state facility for the detention of children and regional facility for the treatment and rehabilitation of children; facilities to develop facility improvement plan.

1. The members of the Commission shall conduct an annual quality assurance review of each state facility for the detention of children and regional facility for the treatment and rehabilitation of children. Each review must use a validated service assessment tool, selected by the Commission, which includes, without limitation:

- (a) An analysis of the facility's service delivery;
- (b) A review of the facility's case management procedures;
- (c) A review of the facility's policies on supervision and behavior management of children placed in the facility; and
- (d) An analysis of the facility's procedures relating to the release of children from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

2. Before conducting a review pursuant to subsection 1, a member of the Commission must receive training on the use of the validated service assessment tool selected by the Commission pursuant to subsection 1.

3. The members of the Commission who conduct a review pursuant to subsection 1 shall share the results of the review and recommendations for improvement with the facility and the Division of Child and Family Services or a local department of juvenile services.

4. A facility shall develop a facility improvement plan, in coordination with the Division of Child and Family Services or a local department of juvenile services, if such a plan is required to address any issues raised in the review. Not more than 60 days after receiving the results of the review and recommendations for improvement pursuant to subsection 3, the facility shall submit the facility improvement plan to the Commission. The Commission shall compile all such facility improvement plans and submit the plans to the Governor and to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau with its annual review.

(Added to NRS by [2017, 4381](#))

NRS 62B.625 Implementation of risk assessment tool and mental health screening tool; compliance with policies and protocols for risk assessment tool; allocation of cost of implementation and operation of tools.

1. On or before July 1, 2018, the Division of Child and Family Services and each department of juvenile services shall:

(a) Implement the validated risk assessment tool and the validated mental health screening tool selected by the Commission pursuant to subsection 3 of [NRS 62B.610](#); and

(b) Comply with the policies and quality assurance protocols set forth by the qualified vendor or other provider selected to provide technical assistance for the validated risk assessment tool pursuant to subsection 4 of [NRS 62B.610](#).

2. The costs of implementing and operating the validated risk assessment tool and the validated mental health screening tool pursuant to subsection 1 must be allocated in the following manner:

(a) In Fiscal Year 2017-2018, the Division of Child and Family Services pays 100 percent of the costs incurred by each department of juvenile services associated with the validated risk assessment tool and the validated mental health screening tool.

(b) In Fiscal Year 2018-2019, the Division of Child and Family Services pays 50 percent of the costs incurred by each department of juvenile services associated with the validated risk assessment tool and the validated mental health screening tool.

(c) In Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and in every subsequent fiscal year, each department of juvenile services is responsible for 100 percent of the costs that the department incurs associated with the validated risk assessment tool and the validated mental health screening tool.

(Added to NRS by [2017, 4381](#))

NRS 62B.610 Establishment of procedures to determine effectiveness of juvenile justice system and outcomes of juveniles; selection of risk assessment tool and mental health screening tool; contract for technical assistance. In addition to the duties set forth in [NRS 62B.615](#) and [62B.620](#), the Commission shall:

1. On or before July 1, 2018, establish a uniform procedure for the Division of Child and Family Services, the Youth Parole Bureau and each department of juvenile services to use for developing performance measures to determine the effectiveness of the juvenile justice system, including, without limitation, performance measures for juvenile court referrals and dispositions, supervision of a child subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, services provided by agencies which provide juvenile justice services and rates of recidivism.

2. On or before July 1, 2018, establish standard procedures for measuring outcomes for a child subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, including, without limitation, standard procedures for measuring and reporting rates of recidivism in accordance with [NRS 62H.200](#), and define any necessary terms.

3. On or before January 1, 2018, select:

(a) A validated risk assessment tool that uses a currently accepted standard of assessment to assist the juvenile court, the Division of Child and Family Services and departments of juvenile services in determining the appropriate actions to take for each child subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court; and

(b) A validated mental health screening tool that uses a currently accepted standard of assessment to determine the appropriate actions to take for each child in need of supervision pursuant to this title.

4. Contract with a qualified vendor or provider of technical assistance to assist the Division of Child and Family Services and each department of juvenile services with the implementation of the validated risk assessment tool. Such assistance must include, without limitation, employee training, policy development and the establishment of quality assurance protocols.

(Added to NRS by [2017, 4380](#))

NRS 62B.640 Annual report by the Division of Child and Family Services concerning compliance with evidence-based standards and analysis of performance measures. On or before July 1, 2019, and on or before July 1 of every year thereafter, the Division of Child and Family Services shall submit to the Governor, to the Commission and to the Director of the

Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next regular session of the Legislature, a report detailing the Division's compliance with the evidence-based standards developed by the Commission pursuant to [NRS 62B.615](#) and an analysis of the data collected based on the performance measures adopted by the Division pursuant to [NRS 62H.200](#).

(Added to NRS by [2017, 4383](#))

NRS 62B.615 Development of strategic plan relating to use of evidence-based practices in providing services to children; regulations; submission of plan to Legislature.

1. The Commission shall develop a 5-year strategic plan that establishes policies and procedures for the Division of Child and Family Services and each department of juvenile services relating to the use of evidence-based practices in providing services to children subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. The plan must include, without limitation:

(a) Uniform standards that an evidence-based practice or program must follow, including, without limitation, model programs, staffing requirements and quality assurance protocols;

(b) Strategies, including, without limitation, measurable goals, timelines and responsible parties, to enhance the capacity of the Division of Child and Family Services and each department of juvenile services to:

(1) Comply with the evidence-based standards developed by the Commission; and

(2) Partner with treatment providers that offer evidence-based programs for the treatment of children subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court;

(c) A requirement for the collection and reporting of data to the Commission by each department of juvenile services relating to the programs offered and services rendered by each department; and

(d) Protocols for improvement and corrective action for:

(1) A department of juvenile services that does not comply with the reporting requirements established pursuant to paragraph (c); and

(2) A treatment provider that does not comply with the evidence-based standards established by the Commission.

2. The Division of Child and Family Services shall adopt regulations to implement the provisions of the strategic plan developed pursuant to subsection 1.

3. On or before July 1, 2018, and every 5 years thereafter, the Commission shall submit the strategic plan developed pursuant to subsection 1 to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next regular session of the Legislature.

(Added to NRS by [2017, 4380](#))

NRS 62H.200 Division of Child and Family Services to establish standardized system for collecting and analyzing information concerning juvenile justice; regulations; withholding of state money for noncompliance with regulations.

1. The Division of Child and Family Services shall:

(a) Establish a standardized system for the reporting, collection, analysis, maintenance and retrieval of information concerning juvenile justice in this State.

(b) Be responsible for the retrieval and analysis of the categories of information contained in the standardized system and the development of any reports from that information.

(c) Adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, including requirements for the transmittal of information to the standardized system from the juvenile courts, local juvenile probation departments and the staff of the youth correctional services, as directed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

(d) Adopt such regulations as are necessary to implement the performance measures and evidence-based standards developed by the Commission pursuant to [NRS 62B.610](#) and [62B.615](#).

2. Each juvenile court and local juvenile probation department and the staff of the youth correctional services, as directed by the Department of Health and Human Services, shall comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to this section.

3. The Division of Child and Family Services may withhold state money from a juvenile court or department of juvenile services that does not comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to this section. Before any money is withheld, the Division shall:

(a) Notify the department of juvenile services of the specific provisions of the regulations adopted pursuant to this section with which the department is not in compliance;

(b) Require the department of juvenile services to submit a corrective action plan to the Division within 60 days after receiving such a notice of noncompliance; and

(c) If the department of juvenile services does not submit or adhere to a corrective action plan, notify the department that money will be withheld and specify the amount thereof.

(Added to NRS by [2003, 1093](#); A [2017, 4395](#))