



## New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth and Families Policy Manual

### 1392 DETENTION ASSESSMENT

Chapter: Juvenile Justice Field Services

Section: Case Management

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#### **References Of Note**

Federal Authority:

Statutes: [RSA 169-B](#) and [RSA 621](#)

Administrative Rules:

Case Law

This policy defines the required practices for seeking detention of a youth who is alleged to have committed a new delinquency offense, or violation of conditional release or court orders pursuant to RSA 169-B.

#### **Required Practices**

*Any deviations to the following information must be documented with Supervisory Approval.*

- I. JPPOs must always consider alternatives to detention when a youth is alleged to have committed a new delinquency offense or violation of conditional release/court orders to the degree that the youth cannot meet a standard of safety or are not safe due to their own actions.
  - A. JPPOs will assist law enforcement upon request in considering alternatives to detention and completing the Detention Assessment Screening Instrument as appropriate.
- II. If non-secure options are not appropriate and the JPPO (or law enforcement when assisting) is seeking secure detention, the JPPO will:
  - A. Contact local law enforcement to gather relevant law enforcement history to complete the tool;
  - B. Confirm there will be a new petition or violation;
  - C. Check the DCYF electronic information system for relevant information; and
  - D. Complete the Detention Assessment Screening Instrument (Court Form NHJB-2581-DF) to determine eligibility.
- III. The JPPO will submit the Detention Assessment Screening Instrument along with the appropriate documentation to the Court.
- IV. The Detention Assessment Screening Instrument must be maintained in the case file.

**Standard Operating Procedures**

<b>SOP</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Applicable Disciplines</b>
1392.1	Completing the Detention Assessment Screening	JJS

**Applicable Forms**

<b>Form</b>	<b>Title</b>
<a href="#">NHJB- 2581-DF</a>	Detention Assessment Screening Instrument

**Glossary and Document Specific Definitions**

A - B    C - D    E - F    G - I    J - L    M - N    O - Q    R - S    T - V    W - Z

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