

b. How and why target population was selected:

**In accordance with the intent of the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program, the Lowndes County Juvenile Court is choosing to prioritize the target population of youth who are committed to DJJ custody due to a felony commitment or STP admission as well as new youth who receive secure confinement or youth placed in secure detention. The overwhelming majority of these youth are African-American and male. Reducing the reliance on residential placement for these priority populations is consistent with the Court's mission to safeguard both long-term public safety and youth development outcomes and provides a research-based low-cost, high benefit intervention for improving outcomes for Lowndes County youth.**

c. Number of projected youth to be served:

**Lowndes County projects 36 youth and families to be served in the FFT program in FY 2023.**

d. Gender:

**Both male and female youth**

e. County or counties to be served (please only apply for counties you are able to serve):

**Lowndes County**

f. Other demographics, including at-risk population(s):

**The demographics and referral behaviors of youth served in FFT are likely to reflect similar demographics as youth in the at risk category (as of available data from 2019):**

- **42% Black, 47% White, 9% Hispanic, 2% Asian**
- **Majority 13-18 year olds**
- **Delinquency and related at-risk behaviors that may include substance abuse, truancy, negative peer groups, youth and family involvement in child welfare and mental health systems and lacking effective parental control.**

g. List assessment instruments to be used for selected target population and how they will be used to screen youth (described more extensively in Section 4.e).

**After determining the offending youth meets the criteria for referral to FFT, and it is deemed appropriate by the judge, a standard written consent form will be presented to the parents whose agreement must be secured for enrollment into the FFT program. Parent/guardian orientation addresses expectations, family and youth rights, and grievance procedures. Intake forms and needs assessments are both obtained in order for a youth to be fully**