



DJS State Advisory Board Fatality Review Subcommittee (FRS): Findings / Proposed Recommendations  
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The Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) Fatality Review Team (FRT) presented the case(s) of youth who suffered a fatality while under DJS supervision. The Fatality Review Subcommittee (FRS) of the DJS State Advisory Board (SAB) developed the following findings and proposed recommendations for the SAB to review and finalize. Below are the key findings and recommendations proposed to the DJS SAB:

**Findings:**

- The youth had no identifying events that indicated suicidal tendencies other than explaining to the Case Manager feelings of stress.
- The family did not feel counseling or additional mental health treatment was necessary and **declined counseling services**.
- The youth had poor school attendance and a low number of earned credits.

**Recommendations:**

- Incorporate suicide resources provided at intake, continuous case management transfer, detention release, post disposition orientation and committed re-entry that are available to youth and families.
- Utilize DJS Continual Case Management Module to incorporate suicide prevention services that are available.
- Ensure all DJS staff have had Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) training and it is implemented at all levels throughout the agency.