

Milestones Process (Revision 2019)

The two (2) main criteria to look for in identifying a potential "Milestones" youth are:

1. Any time a threat or serious risk of violence is identified. This threat or serious risk of violence may involve another person (student), an authority figure (teacher) or an institution (school).
2. There has been a serious violent act completed or a history of violent behaviors.

If one of the above criterion is met and any/some of the following characteristics are present:

- A. Conflicted or limited parent cooperation/participation.
- B. Has any affiliation with gangs or cults.
- C. Feels isolated, or ostracized from others, displays resentment against the general public or specific groups, suffers from low self-esteem, displays unkempt or unusual dress.
- D. Has access to weapons and/or has a preoccupation with weapons.
- E. Has a mental health diagnosis.
- F. Has excessive interest in violence or violent thoughts, e.g., violent music, expression of violence through art, excessive interest in previous killings, historical acts of violence, or destruction/fire/explosions.
- G. Has been a victim of violence and/or lives in a violent home.

Two Alternative Paths Based Upon Legal Involvement* (*The behaviors may or may not be criminal)

Has There Been a Referral to Juvenile Court for Any Juvenile Crime?

Yes

No

Milestones – Juvenile Court Involved

JPO Identifies Youth as Potential Milestones Kid

1. Probation Officer reviews case with Juvenile Probation Milestones Representative and Director of Juvenile Court. Director will send a brief email to the Milestones Team regarding the case
2. Probation Officer prepares summary of concerns, risk factors, legal status and actions taken.
3. Probation Officer requests the court to allow communication with partners/schools, service providers, etc.
4. Probation enters data into Website-identifying it as a "**Milestones' Risk Review Case**"
5. Director of Juvenile Court brings information, as permitted, to "**Quarterly Milestones Risk Review Committee Meeting**"
6. Director of Juvenile Court attends the meeting and brings back to the team any constructive feedback/suggestions for additional risk reduction actions.

Traditional Milestones

Community Member/Milestones Partner Identifies Youth as a Potential Milestones Kid

1. Initial report by or to (teacher, law enforcement, probation, etc.) yields concerns of a potential violence from a student...per criteria at top of page.
2. Reporting party meets with their supervisor to discuss Milestones option.
3. Area leads host meeting (person, phone) of site-based partners to determine Milestones status.
4. Milestones Committee meets (person, phone) and makes final determination.
5. Parental consent/approval
6. Milestones Team meets, with parent present, and services are planned and provided as determined by the team
7. Ongoing communication to all partners

**Tasks and Purpose of the
Quarterly
Milestones Risk Review
Committee Meetings *****

- Review all cases of adjudicated youth brought by JPO for additional layer of risk assessment and make recommendations back to the team.
- Review all cases of non-adjudicated youth that were deemed "Milestones".
- Plan ongoing training of schools and partner agency personnel
- Problem solve solutions to identified system problems, barriers or potential lapses in Milestones process
- Document the review and recommendations made.
- Receive updates on recommendations followed or not followed with reasons and outcomes.

*** If numbers of new referrals are low, a paper review of updates and team input can substitute for an in -person meeting.