What can we do?

Continue investment in diversion programs, such as civil citations, that keep young people out of the front door of the juvenile justice system. Ensure that there are adequate community-based services available to address the high rates of mental health and substance abuse needs among juvenile offenders.

Reinvest money spent on juvenile correctional facilities in community-based services that prevent and treat mental health and substance abuse services before a Baker Act is initiated.

**Data in your area**

To see trends in Baker Acts, arrests and civil citations in your community, visit
- Florida KIDS COUNT floridakidscount.org/index.php/fkcblog
- Baker Act Reporting Center www.usf.edu/cbcs/baker-act/

The intersection of these two trends highlights the need to ensure that the services in the community are available and responsive to the needs of these youth and their families. To do this, the service array needs to
1. Be trauma-informed,
2. Be integrated, collaborative and community-based,
3. Use evidence-based programs whenever possible, and
4. Ensure that interventions are culturally and linguistically competent.

---

**See our Terminology & Sources page for citations & methods.** http://floridakidscount.org/docs/fkc-mh-jj-sources.pdf
### Involuntary Baker Act Exams for Children Under 18

| County       | PMS 342 | CMYK: 100/0/71/43RGB: 0/111/81 | CMYK: 50/0/100/0 | Florida | Baker | Brevard | Clay | Columbia | Citrus | Collier | Duval | Escambia | Flagler | Franklin | Gadsden | Gilchrist | Glades | Gulf | Hamilton | Hardee | Hendry | Hernando | Highlands | Hillsborough | Holmes | Indian River | Jackson | Jefferson | Lafayette | Lake | Lee | Leon | Levy | Liberty | Madison | Manatee | Marion | Martin | Monroe | Nassau | Okaloosa | Okeechobee | Orange | Osceola | Palm Beach | Pasco | Pinellas | Polk | Putnam | Saint Johns | Santa Rosa | Sarasota | Seminole | St Johns | St Lucie | Sumter | Suwannee | Taylor | Union | Volusia | Wakulla | Walton | Washington |
|--------------|---------|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------|------|--------|------|---------|-------|--------|-------|---------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|---------|-------|-------|---------|-------|------|---------|-------|---------|----------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|---------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|---------|----------|--------|--------|---------|-------|---------|---------|-------|--------|---------|-------|--------|---------|