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7 Core Practices Key to Success

1. Routine early identification
2. Agreement on set of sought outcomes (usually including reduction of recidivism, placement/home stability, behavioral health stabilization/improvement, educational engagement or achievement)
3. Use of validated screening and assessment instruments to support collaborative decision making
4. Emphasis on alternatives to formal processing at earliest opportunity and key decision points
5. Engagement of families/caregivers and prosocial familial and community supports
6. Early convening of multi-disciplinary team process, including youth and family and
7. Coordination of case planning, court processes (delinquency and dependency), and case management