The Division is committed to professionalism in its delivery of juvenile probation and parole services. Through the application of balanced and restorative justice principles, the development and imposition of graduated sanctions, and consistent with public safety, we promote personal accountability and acceptance of responsibility by juveniles who commit offenses. DJJS also promotes the safety of juveniles who are endangered because of the actions or inactions of others responsible for their care or supervision, or as a result of their own harmful behaviors. This juvenile probation and parole policy is established to reflect these commitments.

**Purpose**

This policy establishes a work standard for the use of computers by JPPOs and JPPSs to monitor certain Internet web sites know to be frequented by young people. Monitoring is narrowly and specifically limited to the gathering of intelligence information regarding unauthorized, unlawful and unsafe activities of the youth they supervise.

**Policy**

This policy governs the use of computers and Internet access provided by the Department to JPPOs. The use of Department computers on non-Department networks or with non-Department Internet access providers is prohibited. Further, JPPOs shall follow the requirements of OIT’s *Computer Use Agreement* (7-22-04), regarding computer usage.

I. Monitoring Authorization: Internet Intelligence Monitoring shall only be performed by JPPOs who are specifically authorized by the Division to perform this function and have successfully completed all requisite training.

II. Prohibitions: Given the sensitive nature of intelligence monitoring the following will be prohibited:

A. The gathering and use of intelligence as described in this policy for any non-work related purpose;

B. Online, Internet “posting” of information by JPPOs; and

C. Online, Internet communication by JPPOs with youth and other persons on these web sites.
III. Law Enforcement Referral: JPPOs who discover information regarding illegal activities gathered while performing Internet intelligence monitoring will report the information to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

IV. Probation/Parole Violations: Before initiating probation or parole violation proceedings based upon the intelligence information gathered pursuant to this policy, JPPOs must verify and confirm the relevant facts from other sources.