

TABLE 1.1

Comparing Juvenile and Criminal Justice System Terms

JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM TERM	CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TERM
Adjudicated delinquent – Found to have engaged in delinquent conduct	Conviction
Adjudication hearing – A hearing to determine whether there is evidence beyond a reasonable doubt to support the allegations against the juvenile	Trial
Aftercare – Supervision of a juvenile after release from an institution	Parole
Commitment – Decision by a juvenile court judge to send the adjudicated juvenile to an institution	Sentence to prison
Delinquent act – A behavior committed by a juvenile that would have been a crime if committed by an adult	Crime
Delinquent – A juvenile who has been adjudicated of a delinquent act in juvenile court	Criminal
Detention – Short-term secure confinement of a juvenile for the protection of the juvenile or for the protection of society	Confinement in jail
Detention center – A facility designed for short-term secure confinement of a juvenile prior to court disposition or execution of a court order	Jail
Disposition – The sanction imposed on a juvenile who has been adjudicated in juvenile court	Sentence
Disposition hearing – A hearing held after a juvenile has been adjudicated	Sentencing hearing
Institution – A facility designed for long-term secure confinement of a juvenile after adjudication (also referred to as a training school)	Prison
Petition – A document that states the allegations against a juvenile and requests a juvenile court to adjudicate the juvenile	Indictment
Taken into custody – The action on the part of a police officer to obtain custody of a juvenile accused of committing a delinquent act	Arrest

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