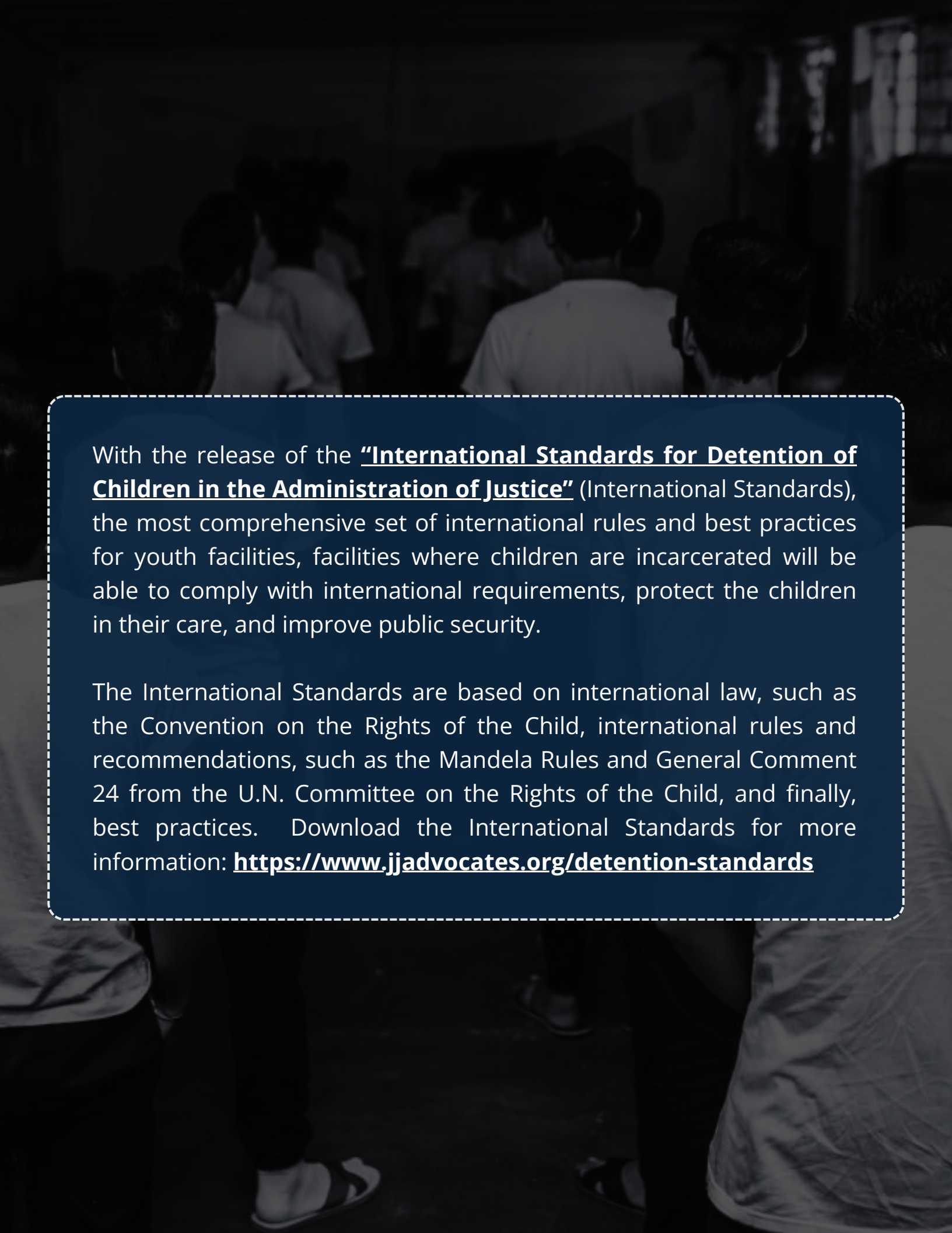


ASSESSING AND CERTIFYING CHILD DETENTION FACILITIES



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With the release of the **“International Standards for Detention of Children in the Administration of Justice”** (International Standards), the most comprehensive set of international rules and best practices for youth facilities, facilities where children are incarcerated will be able to comply with international requirements, protect the children in their care, and improve public security.

The International Standards are based on international law, such as the Convention on the Rights of the Child, international rules and recommendations, such as the Mandela Rules and General Comment 24 from the U.N. Committee on the Rights of the Child, and finally, best practices. Download the International Standards for more information: **<https://www.jjadvocates.org/detention-standards>**

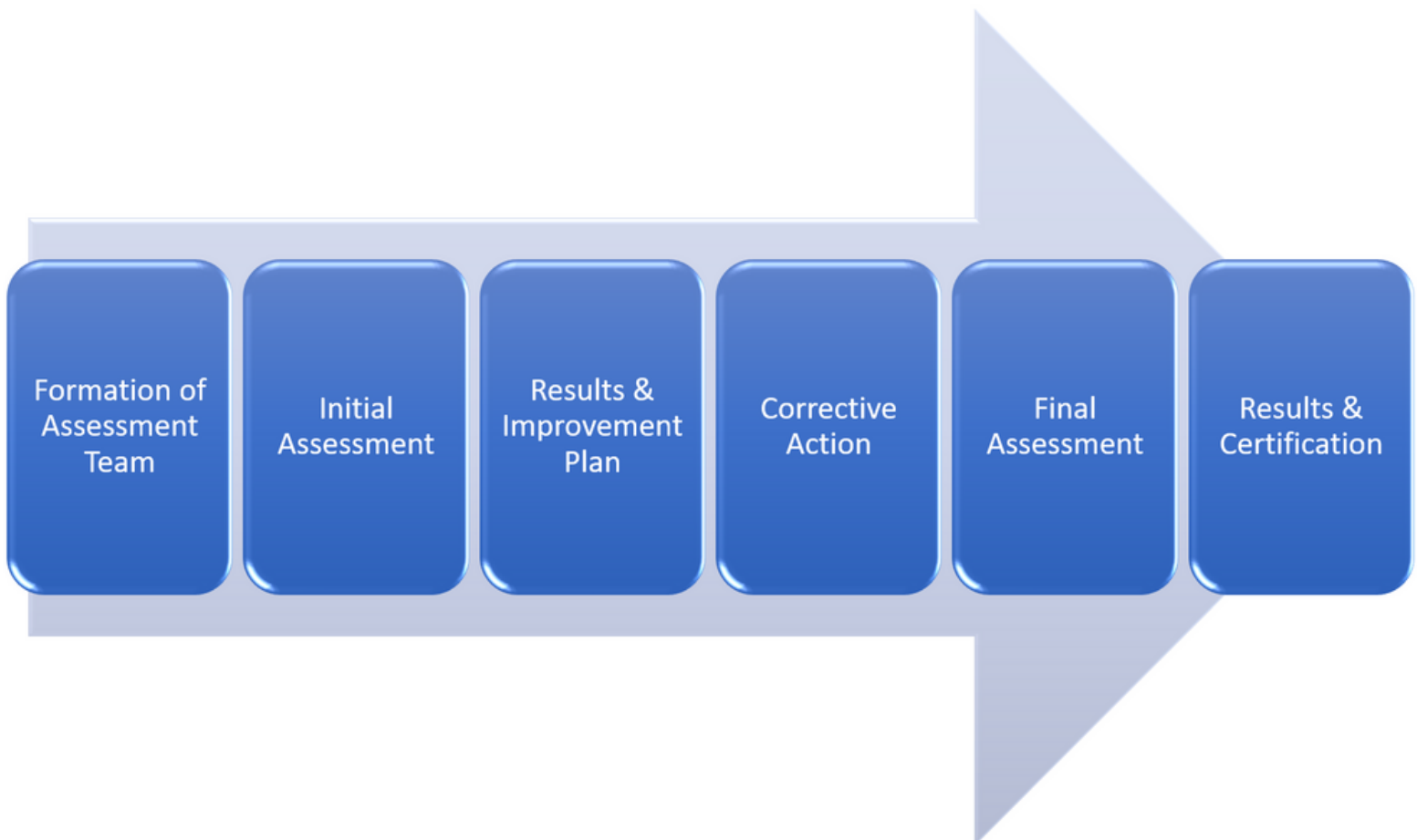
SELF-ASSESSMENTS AND EXTERNAL ASSESSMENTS

Self-Assessments: Facilities can independently use the International Standards to conduct a Self-Assessment. We recommend collaborating with local civil society and/or human rights ombudsman. JJA I can provide technical assistance, including training the assessment team and providing use of the Facility Assessment Software Application and Database. The Self-Assessment process does not result in a Certification.

External Assessments: For External Assessments, JJA I provides training for the assessment team, technical assessment in developing the improvement plan, and a JJA I team will provide conduct the Final Assessment and determine at that time if the Facility has achieved Certification.

PROCESS FOR ASSESSING AND CERTIFYING:

The following is the process that JJA I uses when assisting in facility Self-Assessments or conducting External Assessments.



STEP 1 Formation of the Assessment Team: local interdisciplinary group that will conduct the assessment.

STEP 2 Initial Assessment: Providing a baseline, all the standards are evaluated fully by the Assessment Team.

STEP 3 Results & Improvement Plan: Using the results from the Initial Assessment, the Team produces a report with the results and then, in coordination with the Facility Administration, designs and Improvement Plan.

STEP 4 Corrective Actions: Through training, modification of policies and procedures, upgrades to the facility and staffing, the Facility Administration implements the Corrective Actions outlined in the Improvement Plan.

STEP 5 Final Assessment: The Assessment Team does a complete assessment of the facility for a final time.

STEP 6 Results & Certification: The Assessment team produces a final report and JJAI reviews the report and makes the final decision on Certification.

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

There are eight sections of the International Standards, covering all aspects of the administration of a child detention facility. There are approximately 570 standards. Those standards are divided into three levels of Priorities.

Priority 1: Necessary for the immediate security and personal integrity of the incarcerated child. Approximately 25% of the standards are classified as Priority 1.

Priority 2: Standards required by law – the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Approximately 50% of the standards are classified as Priority 2.

Priority 3: Good Practices necessary to fully achieve the aims of the Youth Justice System under the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Approximately 25% of the standards are classified as Priority 3.

In order to achieve Certification of Substantial Compliance with International Standards and Good Practices as a Specialized Facility for Children in Conflict With the Law, during the Final Assessment the facility must achieve compliance with the following scale:

100% of Priority 1 Standards

75% of Priority 2 Standards

50% of Priority 3 Standards

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ABOUT JJAI:



Juvenile Justice Advocates International seeks to minimize the deprivation of children's liberty, protect their rights, and promote positive child development through policy advocacy, technical assistance and training, community engagement and family mobilization.

JJAI is an expert in leading teams to assess child detention facilities, both providing training and technical assistance to self-assessment teams as well as leading external assessment teams and working with facilities to bring their infrastructure, policies and practices into compliance. With the release of the International Standards, JJAI is now offering to Certify Child Detention Facilities as having substantial compliance with the International Standards.