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Delinquency history level determines the permissible dispositional alternatives based on points assigned for the juvenile's prior adjudications and the classification of the current adjudicated offense. *See infra* § 13.7, Delinquency History Levels and Offense Classification.

Division is the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety. G.S. 7B-1501(10a).

Disposition is the order entered by the court following an adjudication of delinquency. A dispositional hearing is held, which may be informal, for the court to consider the predisposition report, along with evidence from the State and the juvenile. The court must order a disposition within the statutory guidelines based on both the seriousness of the offense adjudicated and the juvenile's history of delinquency.

Predisposition report is prepared by a juvenile court counselor and contains information regarding the juvenile and recommendations for disposition. The predisposition report must contain a risk and needs assessment and is submitted at the dispositional hearing. G.S. 7B-2413; *see infra* § 13.4, Predisposition Investigation and Report.

A risk and needs assessment is attached to the predisposition report submitted by the juvenile court counselor at the dispositional hearing. It must contain information regarding the juvenile's social, medical, psychiatric, psychological, and educational history, as well as any factors indicating the probability of the juvenile committing further delinquent acts. G.S. 7B-2413; *see infra* § 13.4B, Contents of Report; § 13.4C, Risk Factors.