

Division of Youth Services

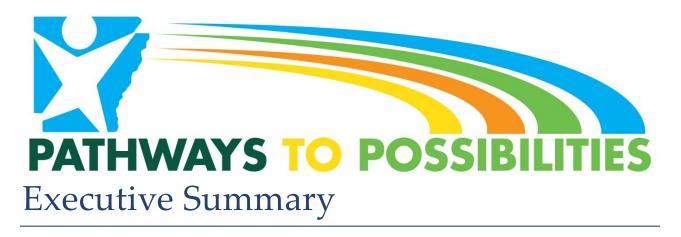
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In the second quarter of FY2016, the Division of Youth Services (DYS) hosted the inaugural meeting of Arkansas' historic Youth Justice Reform Board. The Board was established by Act 1010 of the legislature and its membership has been appointed by the governor, bringing together stakeholders from across the state to develop a series of recommendations for youth justice reform in Arkansas by June 30th, 2016. Stakeholder groups represented on the board include juvenile-justice involved families and youth, the Department of Education, the Department of Workforce Services, several partner Divisions within the Department of Human Services, youth services providers, juvenile judges and the Administrative Office of the Courts, prosecuting attorneys and public defenders, youth advocates, and experts in adolescent development.

The Division is working with the System of Care consortium to develop a program with the Division of Behavioral Health and the Division of Children and Family Services to better foster family engagement. DYS continues to partner with the Division of Behavioral Health to implement diversion pilot programs that will link juvenile judges to local treatment options for court-involved youth who have been diagnosed with a disability. Likewise, the Division is partnering with the Annie E. Casey Foundation to continue support for Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) sites currently in the state.

During the second quarter, the unique public-private partnership between DYS and Shorter College continues providing on-campus college-level instruction to youth in residential care at the Alexander Juvenile Assessment and Treatment Center (AJATC); this program provides college credit to juvenile-justice involved youth as a bridge back to the community and to future success, and the agency is looking to partner with other

institutions of higher learning in the state to replicate the model at other sites. Eleven youth have received college credit they will be able to take with them to any state institution of higher learning through the Arkansas Credit Transfer Program. This quarter, nine students earned their high school diploma while in DYS custody. Thirteen students have passed the Arkansas Career readiness Certificate WorkKeys program with either a bronze, silver, or gold certificate.

The State of Arkansas is required by the federal government to have three Targeted Counties addressing Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC); DYS currently coordinates with four county-level DMC coalitions and the state is in compliance with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP) mandate to address DMC.

In the second quarter, DYS and the Arkansas Juvenile Justice Coalition (ACJJ) continue to oversee and support the more-than-thirty programs that receive funding via Title II and Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (JABG) to fund prevention and intervention programming; these encompass mental health services, gender-specific services, deinstitutionalization of status offenders, disproportionate minority contact, juvenile justice system improvement, law enforcement training, graduated sanctions, drug courts, interagency information-sharing, needs and risk assessments, restorative justice, recidivism reduction, and others. The agency is seeking to partner with stakeholder groups to provide non-profit 101 trainings and technical support for subgrantees.

Planning continues for the 2016 Semi-Annual DYS-sponsored Juvenile Justice Conference, coordinating with system partners to produce a conference of regional significance, inviting juvenile justice professionals from both Arkansas and her surrounding states. The conference will take place in Little Rock from March 15th-17th of 2016.

This quarter 106 youth were committed to DYS and the agency has a total of 755 youth in its care. In the third quarter, seventeen incidents of suspected abuse or neglect were referred to the Arkansas State Police. Of the seventeen incidents, the Arkansas State Police determined nine merited an investigation. The statuses of all nine investigations remain pending.

DYS Vision

Arkansas' juvenile justice system is a leader in reform and collaboration across the state, working to prevent most youth from ever needing legal intervention and providing those that do with effective rehabilitation and reintegration; youth that become involved with the juvenile justice system are treated, educated, and equipped with the tools they need to find success as productive and responsible members of collective society.

DYS Mission

The Division of Youth Services' mission is to provide effective community-based prevention, diversion, appropriate correction and rehabilitation, improved education and thorough aftercare in order to enhance the comprehensive well-being of the youth of Arkansas involved in the juvenile justice system.

Figure 1: Commitments by Offense

- Felony
- Misdemeanor
- Aftercare Violation
- ProbationRevocation/Violation-Felony
- Probation Revocation/Violation-Misdemeanor

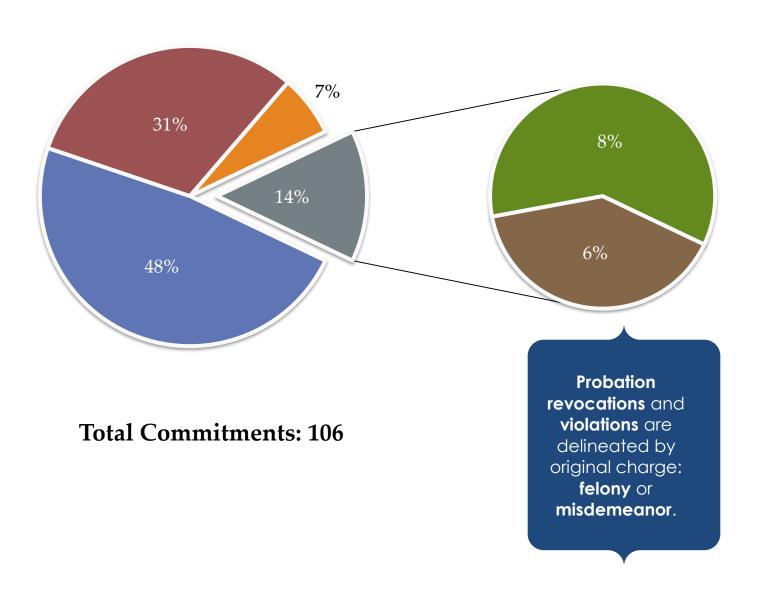


Figure 2: First Commitments vs. Recommits

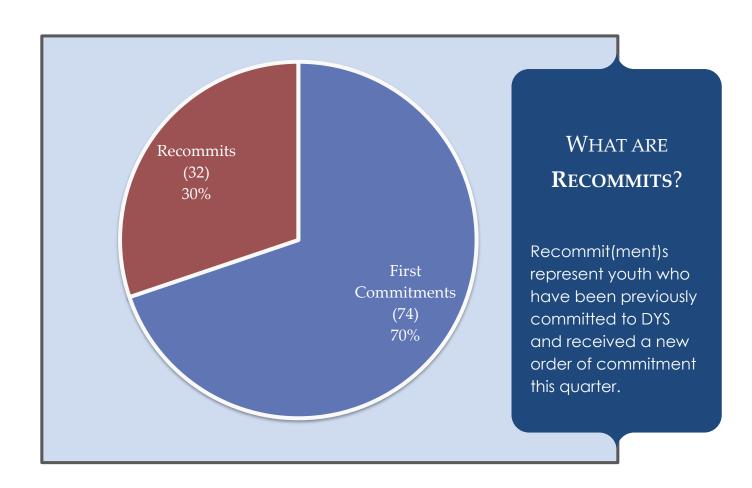
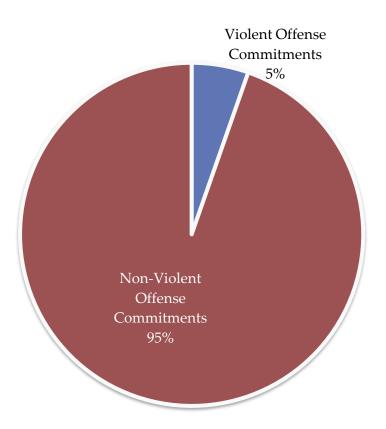


Figure 3: Violent vs. Non-Violent



VIOLENT OFFENSES:

Murder/Manslaughter

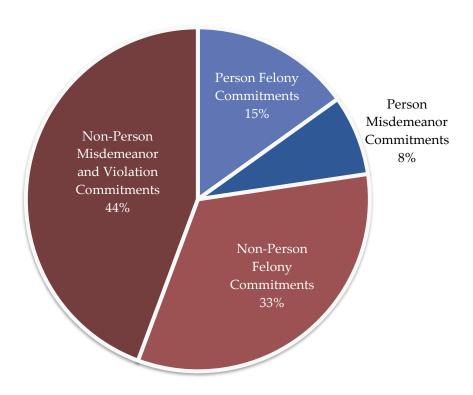
Forcible Rape

Robbery

Aggravated Assault

Violent Offenses are designated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, a national clearing house for statistical data on crime.

Figure 4a: Person vs. Non-Person



NON-PERSON OFFENSE CATEGORIES:

Property

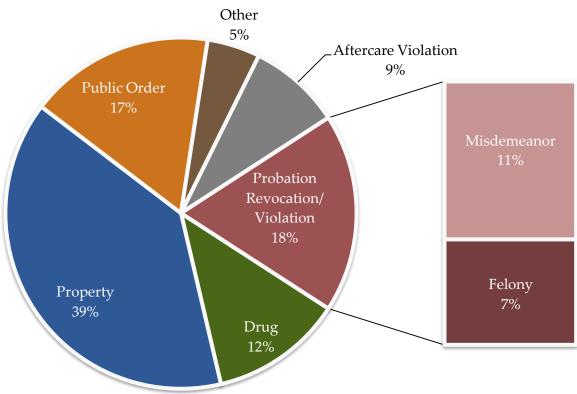
Drug

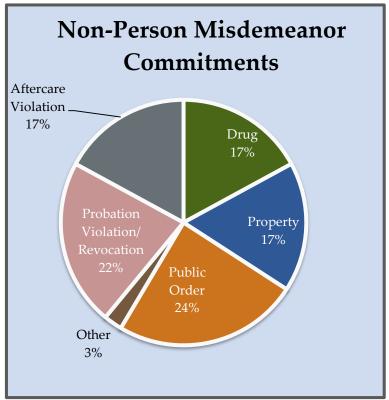
Public Order

Aftercare Violation

Probation Revocation/Violation

Figure 4b: Non-Person by Category





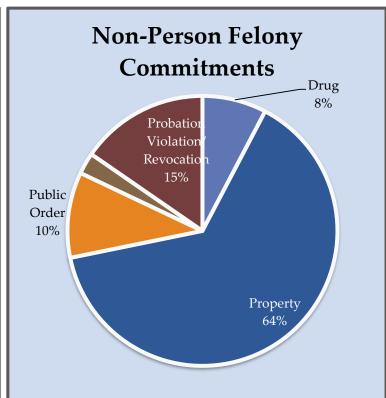
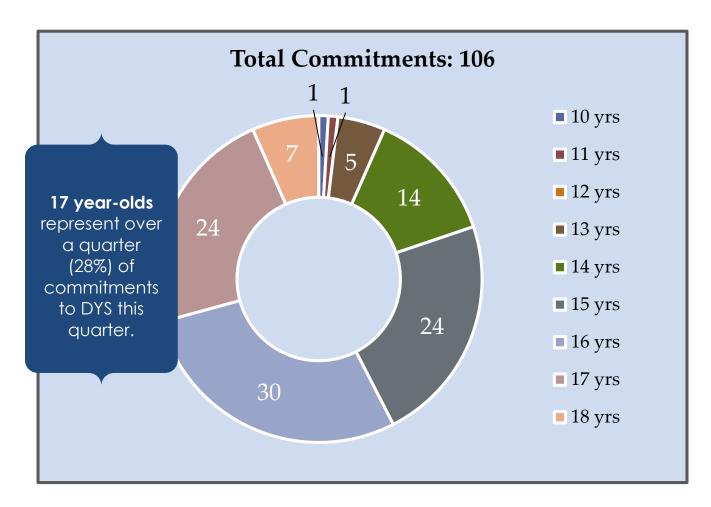
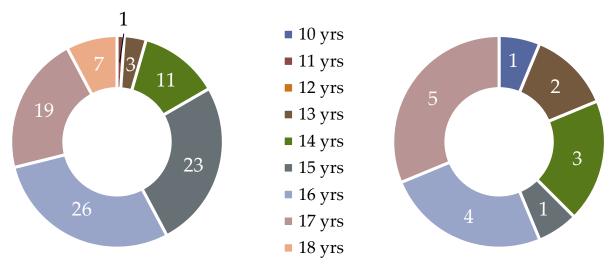


Figure 5a: Commitments by Age & Gender





Female Commitments: 16





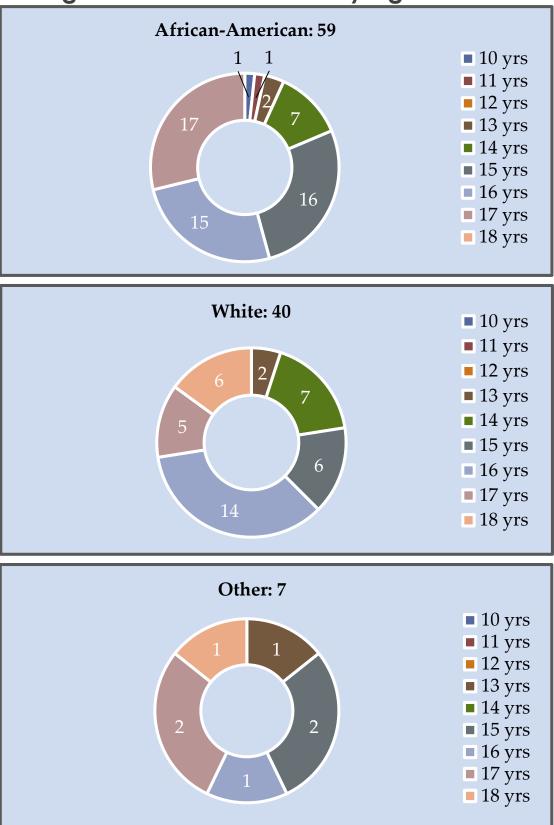


Figure 5c: Commitments by Age, Gender, and Race

Age (yrs)	African- American		White		Other		TOTAL	
(913)	male	female	male	female	male	female		
10		1					1	
11	1						1	
12								
13		2	2		1		5	
14	6	1	5	2			14	
15	15	1	6		2		24	
16	12	3	13	1	1		30	
17	15	2	2	3	2		24	
18			6		1		7	
TOTAL	49	10	34	6	7		106	

Figure 6: Commitments by Gender

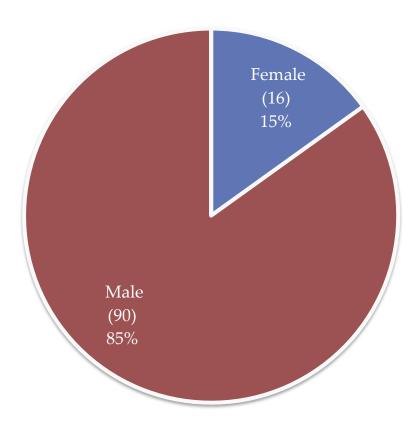
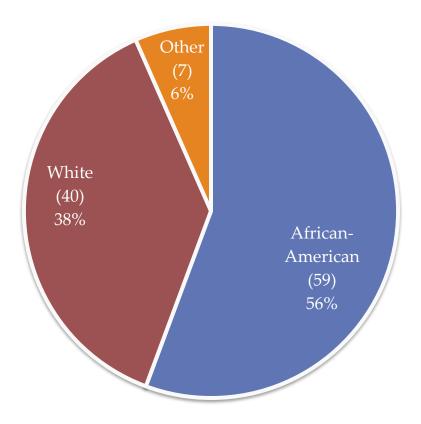


Figure 7a: Commitments by Race



In the general state population (not just those in DYS custody), **African-American** youth make up **19 percent** of adolescents, while **white** youth account for **77 percent**.

Figure 7b-1: Commitments by Race by County

Co	Committing County		White	Other	TOTAL	
	Arkansas					
	Ashley		5			
	Baxter					
	Benton		1			
	Boone					
	Bradley					
	Calhoun					
	Carroll					
*	Chicot	2				
	Clark		1			
NOTE	Clay		2			
Zeros have been omitted	Cleburne		1			
from this chart	Cleveland					
for visual	Columbia	3				
clarity	Conway					
*	Craighead	4	3	2		
	Crawford		2			
	Crittenden					
	Cross					
	Dallas					
	Desha	5				
	Drew		1			
	Faulkner		3	1		
	Franklin					
	Fulton					
	Garland	2		1		
	Grant		4			
	Greene					
	Hempstead		1	1		
	Hot Spring					
	Howard					
	Independence		1			
	Izard					
	Jackson					
	Jefferson					
	Johnson					
	Lafayette					
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Figure 7b-2: Commitments by Race by County

C	Committing County		White	Other	TOTAL
	Lawrence				
	Lee				
	Lincoln				
	Little River				
	Logan				
	Lonoke				
	Madison				
	Marion				
*	Miller				
NOTE	Mississippi				
Zeros have	Monroe				
been omitted	Montgomery				
from this chart	Nevada	1			
for visual	Newton				
clarity *	Ouachita	3	1		
T	Perry				
	Phillips				
	Pike				
	Poinsett				
	Polk				
	Pope		4		
	Prairie				
	Pulaski	12			
	Randolph				
	Saint Francis	1			
	Saline	2	3		
	Scott				
	Searcy				
	Sebastian	3		2	
	Sevier				
	Sharp Stone Union				
	Van Buren				
	Washington White Woodruff Yell TOTAL		2		
			4		
			1		
					106

Figure 8a: Commitments by District

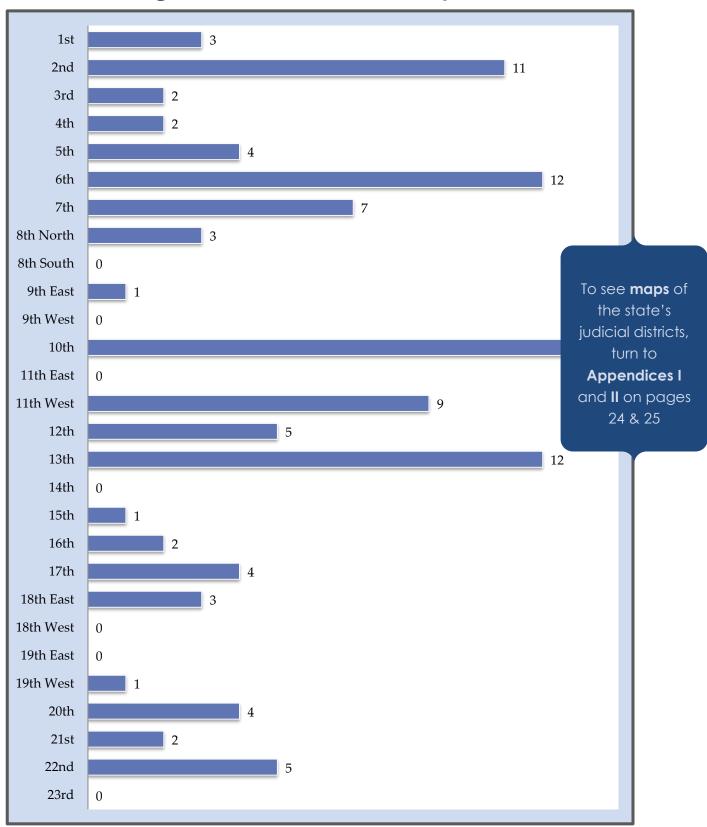
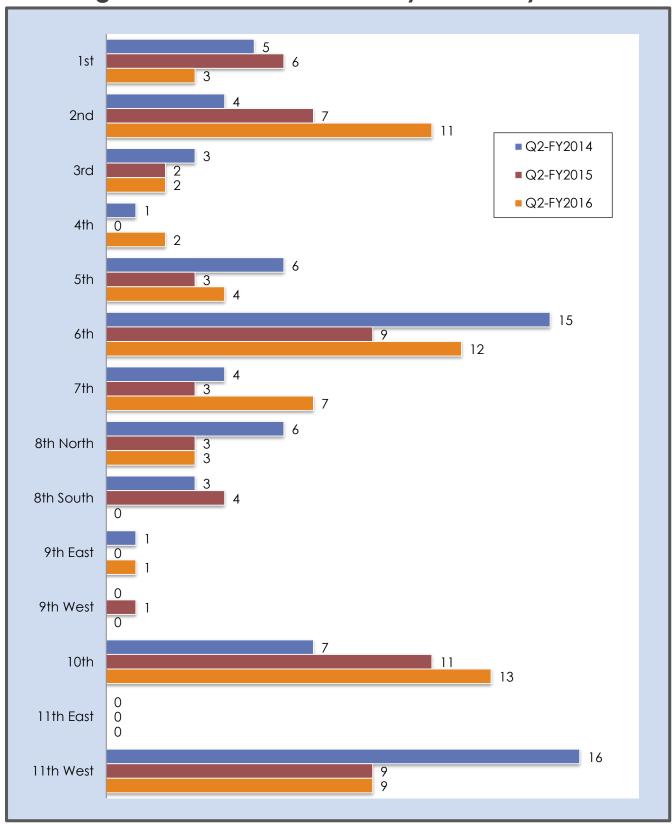


Figure 8b-1: Commitments by District by Year





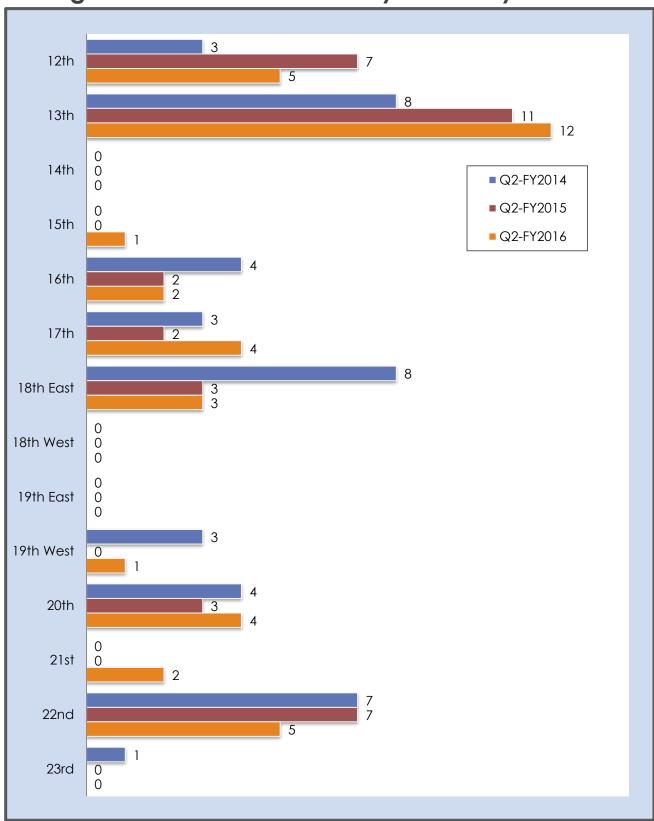
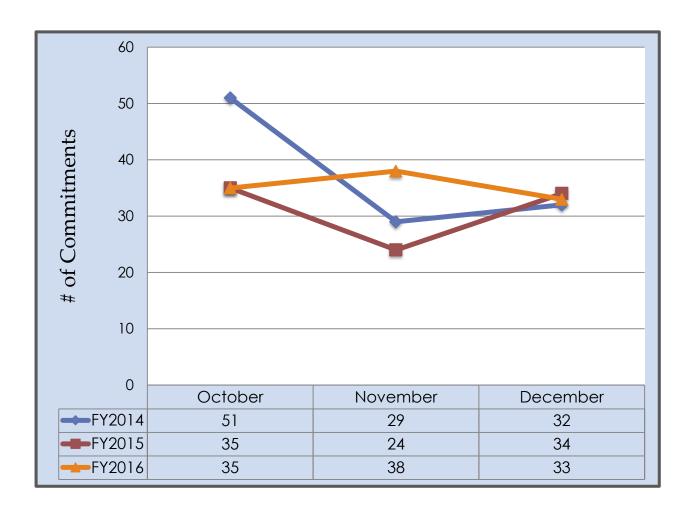


Figure 8c: Total Commitments for Quarter with Reference to Previous Years



Commitments for Q2 of this year (106) are down by 5% from FY2014 (112) and up by 14% from FY2015 (93)

Figure 9: Facility Bed Rates & Annual Cost

Facility	Provider	Daily Bed Rate	Annual Cost- Per-Youth	Contracted Beds	
AJATC	G4S	\$239.08	\$87,264.20	100	
Colt JTC	CYS	\$145.00	\$52,925.00	28	
Harrisburg JTC	CYS	\$143.00	\$52,195.00	36	
Dermott JTC	SAYS	\$145.00	\$52,925.00	30	
Dermott 18-21	SAYS	\$150.00	\$54,750.00	32	
Mansfield Boys	SAYS	\$139.00	\$50,735.00	27	
Mansfield Girls	SAYS	\$142.00	\$51,830.00	22	
Lewisville JTC	SAYS	\$144.00	\$52,560.00	30	
DYS Average		\$175.29	\$63,980.85	Total = 305	

Daily Bed Rate: includes room, board, and treatment; **does not include** medical care and education expenses

Contracted Beds: does not reflect maximum capacity of facility

Annual-Cost-Per-Youth & **DYS Average:** do not include specialty residential substance abuse, psychiatric, or sex offender treatment programs

Figure 10a: Youth Served by Community-Based Provider (CBP) Services

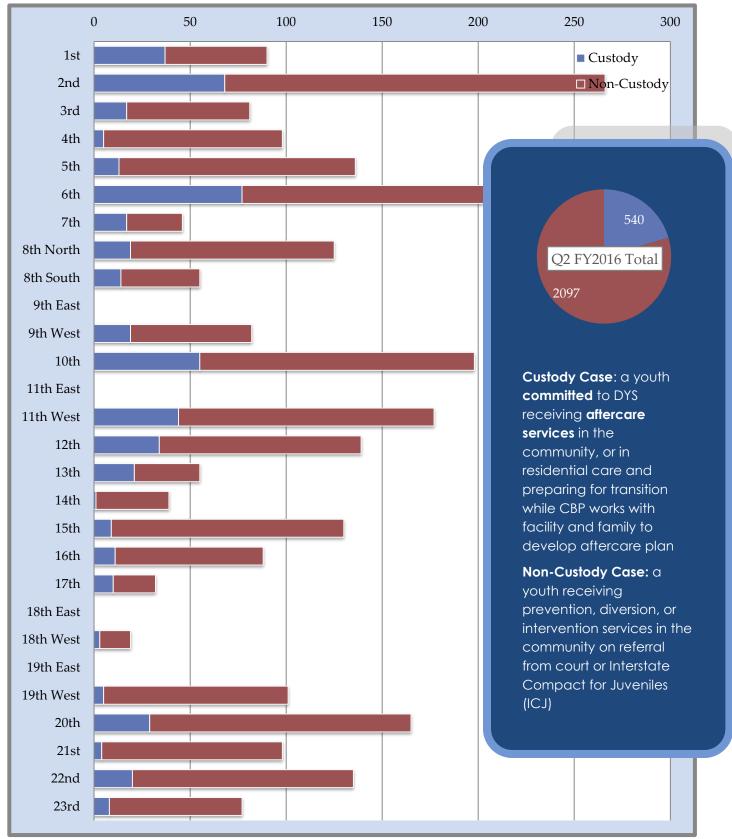
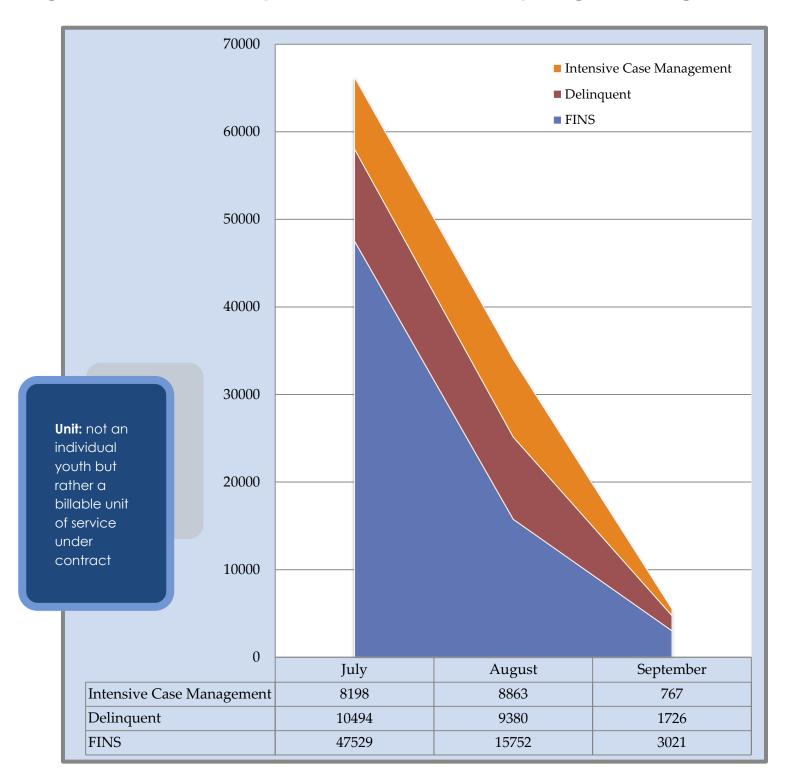
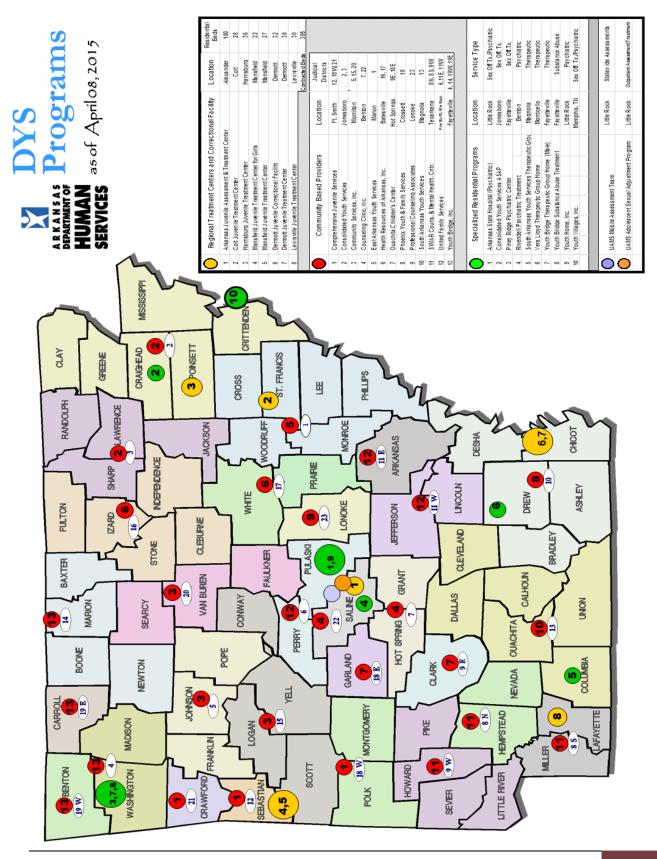


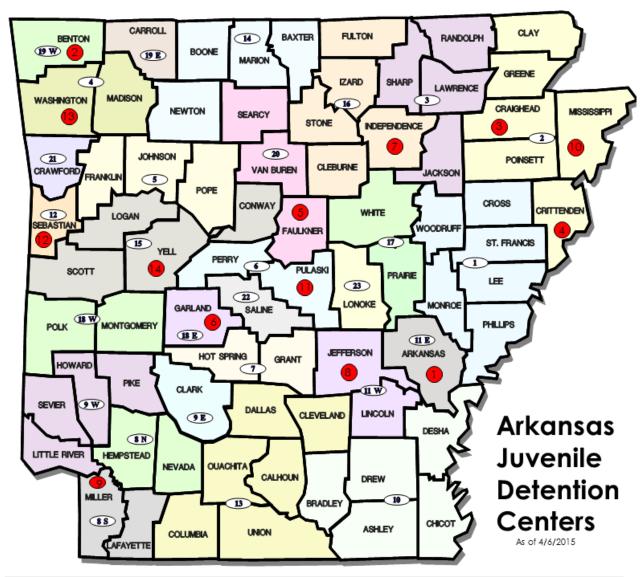
Figure 10b: Community-Based Services Units by Program Designation



Appendix I



Appendix II



- Arkansas County JDC, DeWitt
- Benton County JDC, Bentonville
- Craighead County JDC, Jonesboro
- Crittenden County JDC, West Memphis
- Faulkner County JDC, Conway
- 6. *Garland County JDC, Hot Springs
- *Independence County JDC, Batesville (White River JDC)

- *Jefferson County JDC, Pine Bluff
- 9. *Miller County JDC, Texarkana
- 10. Mississippi County JDC, Luxora
- 11. Pulaski County JDC, Little Rock
- 12. Sebastian County JDC, Fort Smith
- Washington County JDC, Fayetteville
- 14. *Yell County JDC, Danville
- * Indicates Division of Youth Services (DYS) five (5) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement counties.

Appendix III

