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## **Arkansas Division of Youth Services FY 2017 Annual Statistical Report**

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#### **DYS FY 2017 Programmatic Highlights**

- ✓ Governor named **new DYS Director**, Betty Guhman; interim-July, permanent-September
- ✓ Conducted ongoing **organizational review** at initial 30-days, 6 months, and 1 year
  - o New Data Analysis Unit as part of broader System Reform Section
  - New Case Management Section, focusing on managing services for youth and families, from intake, assessment, treatment, discharge and reentry.
  - Unified Residential and Community-Based Services Section to focus on managing, evaluating and supporting contract services
  - New Family Advocate at Central Office; Family Liaisons at residential facilities
- ✓ Strengthened focus on family reunification and aftercare/reentry services
- ✓ Conducted **survey of judges**, **probation officers**, **and community-based providers** area to assess availability and quality of services in each judicial district and catchment area
- ✓ DYS Director and leadership team conducted **statewide listening tour**, visiting judges, community-based providers, and local stakeholders in each catchment area
- ✓ Convened **Discharge War Room** to reduce average length-of-stay for youth in confinement
- ✓ At Governor's instruction, assumed **direct management of seven residential facilities** 
  - o On-boarded 250+ residential staff as temporary state employees
  - Worked with DBHS to provide full-time therapist and substance abuse treatment each site
  - o Contract with Virtual Arkansas, ADE-backed online education curriculum, ensuring standardized curriculum, individualized instruction and course credits transfers,
  - o Standardized and increased pay for frontline workers across seven facilities;
  - o Expansion of UAMS contract to provide medical services at all seven sites,
  - o Coordination with DCCECE to enroll facilities in National School Lunch program,
  - o Initiated projects to enhance enrichment activities, family focus, therapeutic environment
- ✓ Combined **stakeholder working groups** of Youth Justice Reform Board and Supreme Court Commission on Children, Youth and Families to streamline and strengthen complementary golas
- ✓ New **joint-efforts with sister DHS divisions** and fellow state agencies, including:
  - Developing MOU on dual-custody youth with DCFS
  - Review of DYS population to identify and transition youth eligible for DDS services
  - o Partnership with DBHS to improve quality of residential and community based treatment
  - Collaboration with DMS and DCO to better leverage use of Medicaid funds
  - Work with Arkansas Teacher Retirement System to include DYS/provider teachers
  - o Ongoing effort with Arkansas Community Corrections to share data for the purposes of tracking and reducing recidivism and improving the quality of services provided
- ✓ Awarded approximately \$2million in Judicial District Innovation Grants to fund effective, replicable pilot projects aimed at reducing confinement and DYS commitments. Awarded approximately \$150,000 in JJDP funds to local non-profit or governmental agencies across the state serving court-involved youth.

#### DYS FY 2017 Statistics – Summary

#### Total Commitments FY 2014-2017 (figure 1)

2017 = 451

2016 = 467

2015 = 526

2014=486

#### Commitments by Offense (figure 2)

Felony = 51% Misdemeanor = 37% Aftercare Violation = 3% Probation Revocation = 8%

#### First Commitments vs. Recommits (figure 3)

First Commits = 75% Recommits = 25%

#### Violent vs. Non-Violent Offenses (figure 4)

Violent offenses = 14% Non-violent offenses = 86%

#### Commitments by Age, Gender, Race (figure 5, 6, 7)

Total FY17 commitments, gender: 86% male, 14% female AR youth population, gender: 51% male, 49% female

Total FY17 commitments, race: 51% African American, 42% white, 7% other AR youth population, race: 20% African American, 77% white, 3% other

Ages of committed youth: 10-20years

Over half of total commitments were between 16-17 years

#### Commitments by County (figure 8)

#### *Top Committing counties (# of commitments)*

- 1) Pulaski (41)
- 2) *Jefferson* (38)
- 3) Union (24)
- 4) Saline (24)
- *5) Hempstead* (19)
- 6) *Ouachita* (18)
- 7) Sebastian (15)

#### Commitments by Judicial District (figure 9) (attachment III)

#### *Top committing districts (# of commitments)*

- 1) 13<sup>th</sup> (60) Little Rock
- 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> (43)
- 3) 6th (41)
- 4) 11<sup>th</sup> (40)
- 5) 10<sup>th</sup> (36)
- 6) 22<sup>nd</sup> (24)
- 7) 7<sup>th</sup> (24)

#### Commitments by Judicial District by Year (figure 10)

#### Largest Reduction in commitments

- 1) 6<sup>th</sup> (10)
- 2) 3rd (-8)
- 3) 9<sup>th</sup> E (-7)
- 4) 3rd (-8)
- 5) 12<sup>th</sup> (-5)
- 6) 5th (-4)

#### Largest Increase in Commitments

- 1) 22nd (+8)
- 2) 11<sup>th</sup> W (+12)
- 3)  $8^{th} S$  (+8)
- 4) 8th N (+6)
- 5)  $2^{nd}$  (+7)
- 6) 21<sup>st</sup> (4)
- 7) 20<sup>th</sup> (3)

#### Secure Facility Bed Rates & Annual Cost (figure 11)

Alexander Juvenile Assessment and Treatment (AJATC) = \$232 Residential Treatment Facilities (contracted provider rates, average) = \$145 Specialized Therapeutic Group Homes (contracted provider rates, average) = \$120 County Juvenile Detention Centers (average) = \$75

#### Youth Served by Community-Based Provider (CBP) Services by Judicial District (figure 12)

#### Top Districts with youth and families served

- 1) 2<sup>nd</sup> (477)
- 2) 11th W (412)
- 3) 6<sup>th</sup> (380)
- 4) 5<sup>th</sup> (381)
- 5) 4<sup>th</sup> (373)
- 6) 19<sup>th</sup> W (317)
- 7) 22<sup>nd</sup> (308)
- 8) 20<sup>th</sup> (299)
- 9) 10<sup>th</sup> (290)
- 10) 12<sup>th</sup> (258)

#### DYS Programs Map (Appendix I)

DYS Residential Treatment Facilities (AJATC + 7) = 8 Community –based service providers = 13

Specialized Residential Programs = 10

#### Juvenile Detention Center Map (Appendix III)

Total number of county-operated detention centers = 14 DYS-JDC Memorandum of Agreements = 5

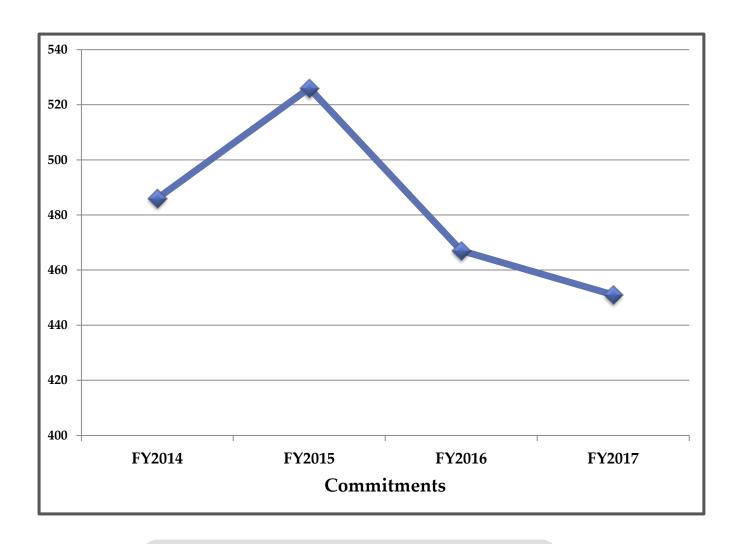
## **DYS Mission Statement**

The Arkansas Division of Youth Services works with judges, providers, schools, and other stakeholders to provide a continuum of individualized rehabilitative services and sanctions for at-risk and adjudicated youth and their families. Services will provide alternatives to confinement or commitment to DYS and/or support transition of youth back into their homes, schools and communities. Treatment plans for both youth and families will rely on results of individualized risk and needs assessment, and promote positive growth, educational and vocational development, self-sufficiency, and accountability.

## **DYS Core Themes**

- > Individualized assessment and case management for families and youth
- ➤ Services in least-restrictive settings, located close to home
- ➤ Wide array of community based service options for judges, families and youth
- Family-focused, strength-based approach to services
- Reduced use of confinement and commitment to DYS
- ➤ Limited length of stay recommendations in residential settings
- ➤ Structured, data-driven decision making at every stage of system
- > Better collaboration, data sharing among all parts of juvenile justice system
- > Focus on education and vocational training opportunities for all youth
- Collaboration with local school districts and other community services

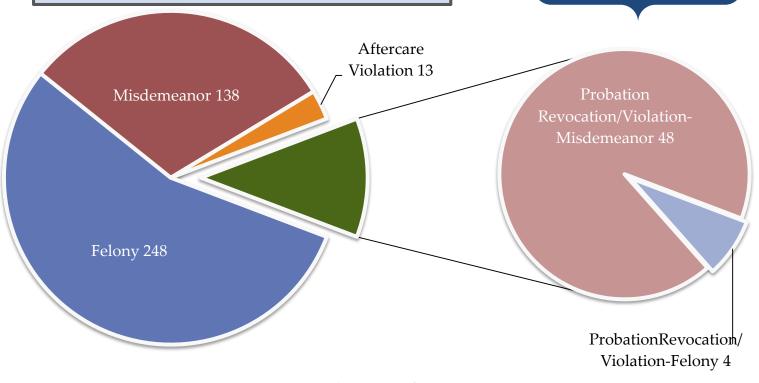
Figure 1: Total Commitments for FY17 with Reference to Previous Years



**Commitments** for FY 2017 **(451)** are down from 2016 **(467)** and FY 2015 **(526)**.

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

Probation
revocations and
violations are
delineated by
original charge:
felony or
misdemeanor.



**Total Commitments: 451** 

Figure 3: First Commitments vs. Recommits

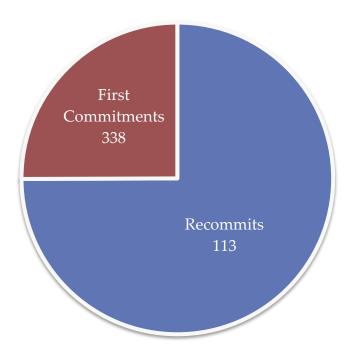


Figure 4: Violent Offenses vs. Non-Violent Offenses

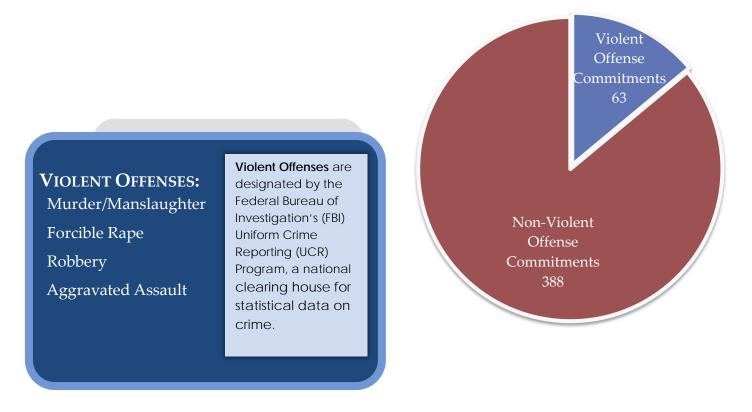
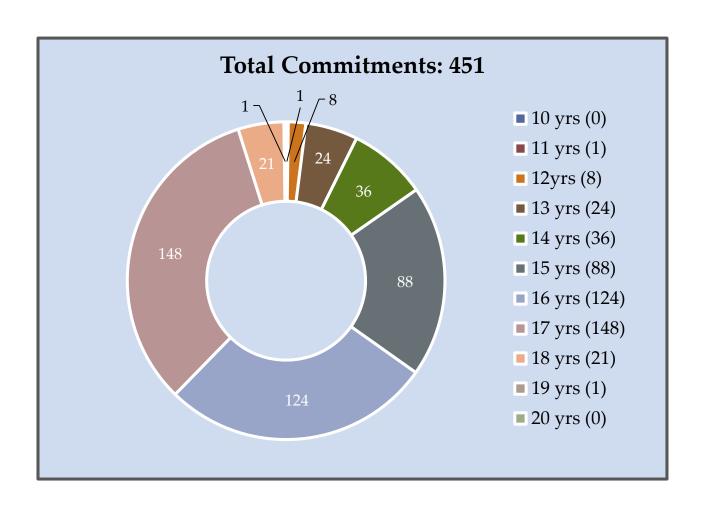
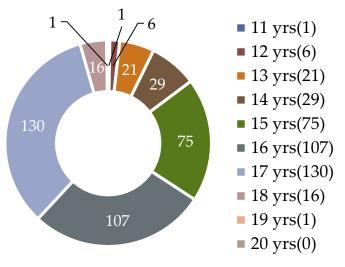


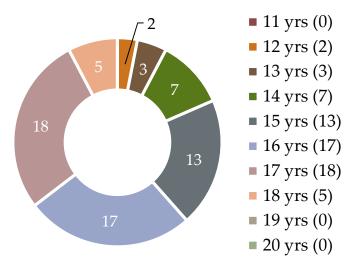
Figure 5: Commitments by Age & Gender





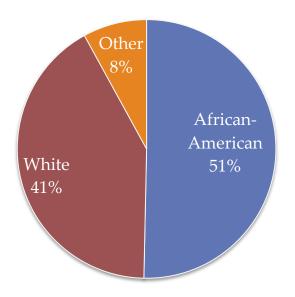


#### **Female Commitments: 65**



Age (yrs)	African- American		White		Other		TOTAL	
(913)	male	female	male	female	male	female		
10							0	
11			1				1	
12	3	2	1		2		8	
13	11	1	7	2	3		24	
14	13	1	13	4	3	2	36	
15	46	6	26	5	3	2	88	
16	60	8	43	8	4	1	124	
17	62	6	54	10	14	2	148	
18	8		8	5			21	
19			1				1	
20							0	
TOTAL	203	24	154	34	29	7	451	

Figure 7: Commitments by Race



Statewide, African-American youth make up 20 percent of the adolescent population, while white youth account for 77 percent.

Figure 8: Commitments by Race by County

Committing County	African- American	White	Other	TOTAL		
Arkansas	3	2		5		
Ashley	3	7		10		
Baxter				0		
Benton		3	2	5		
Boone				0		
Bradley	4			4		
Calhoun		1		1		
Chicot	6		2	8	*	
Clark		2		2	NOT	F
Clay		2		2	Zeros h	
Cleburne	1	6		7	been or	nitted
Cleveland	3	1		4	from this	
Columbia	8	2		10	for visu clarit	
Conway		3	1	4	Ciaiii *	.y
Craighead	7	3	2	12		
Crawford		8		8		
Crittenden	11			11		
Cross	1	1	1	3		
Dallas	1	2		3		
Desha	5	1	1	7		
Drew	4	2	1	7		
Faulkner	2	9	1	12		
Franklin		3		3		
Fulton		1		1		
Garland	4	8	1	13		
Grant	1	12		13		
Greene	2	3		5		
Hempstead	8	4	7	19		
Hot Spring	5	6		11		
Howard		1		1		
Independence	1	3		4		

## Figure 8: Commitments by Race by County (continued)

Committing County	African- American	White	Other	TOTAL
Izard		2		2
Jackson	4			4
Jefferson	35	2	1	38
Johnson		5		5
Lafayette		2		2
Lawrence				0
Lee				0
Lincoln		2		2
Little River	1			1
Logan		1		1
Lonoke		1		1
Miller	9	4	1	14
Mississippi	7	3		10
Monroe	1			1
Nevada		3		3
Ouachita	9	7	2	18
Phillips	6			6
Pike				0
Poinsett	2	1		3
Pope				0
Polk		2		2
Pulaski	34	6	1	41
Randolph		1		1
Saint Francis	4			4
Saline	5	19		24
Scott		3		3
Sebastian	6	7	2	15
Searcy				0
Sevier	1		6	7
Sharp		1		1
Stone		1		1
Union	18	5	1	24
Van Buren		1		1
Washington	3	2	2	7
White	2	7	1	10
Woodruff		1		1
TOTAL	227	188	36	451

Figure 9: Commitments by District

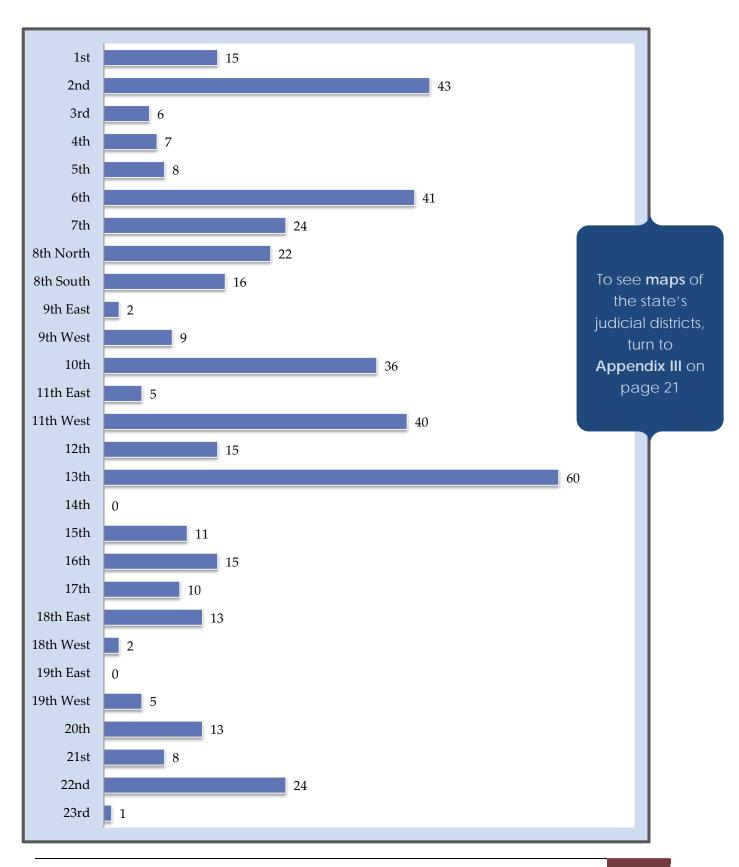


Figure 10: Commitments by District by Year

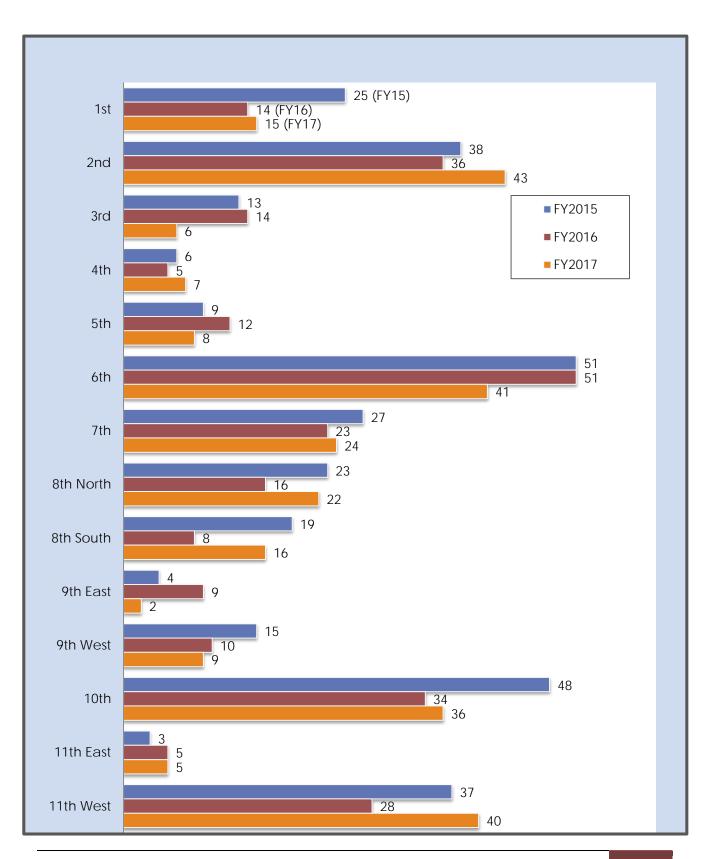
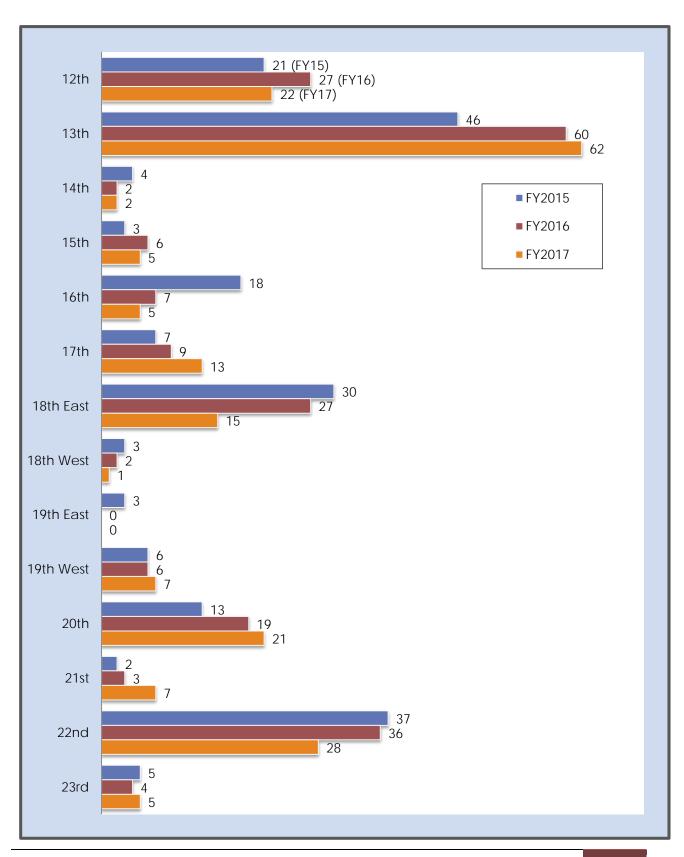


Figure 10: Commitments by District by Year (continued)

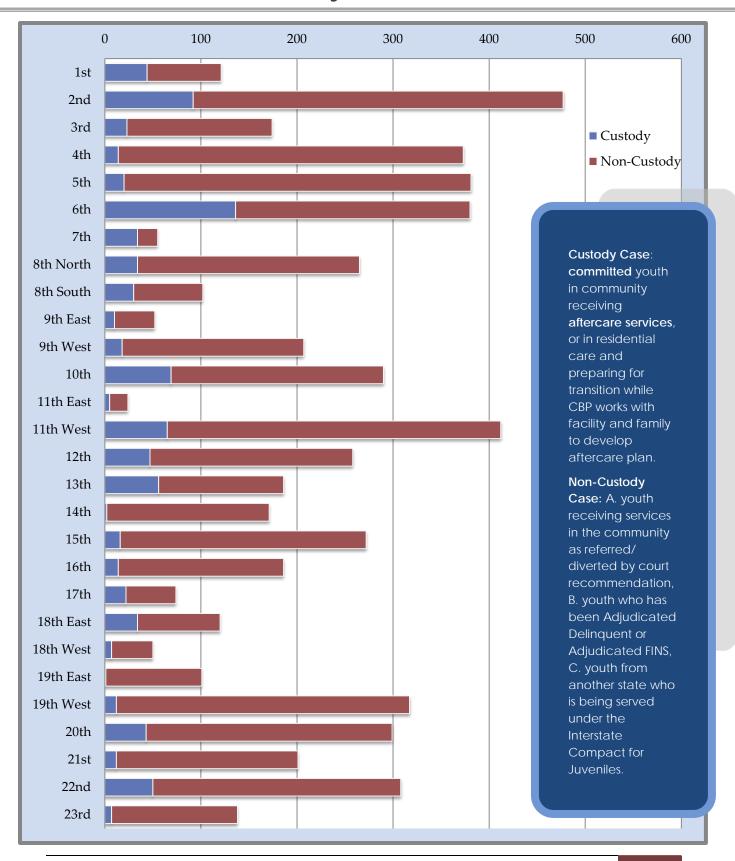


## Figure 11: Secure Facility Bed Rates & Annual Cost-per-Youth

Facility	Provider	Daily Bed Rate	Annual Cost- Per-Youth
AJATC	ROP	\$239.08	\$87,264.20
Colt JTC	CYS	\$145.00	\$52,925.00
Harrisburg JTC	CYS	\$143.00	\$52,195.00
Dermott JTC	SAYS	\$145.00	\$52,925.00
Dermott 18-21	SAYS	\$150.00	\$54,750.00
Mansfield Boys	SAYS	\$139.00	\$50,735.00
Mansfield Girls	SAYS	\$142.00	\$51,830.00
Lewisville JTC	SAYS	\$144.00	\$52,560.00
Specialized Therapeutic Group Homes (avg.)		\$120.00	\$43,800.00
County Juvenile Detention Centers (avg.)		\$75.00	\$27,375.00

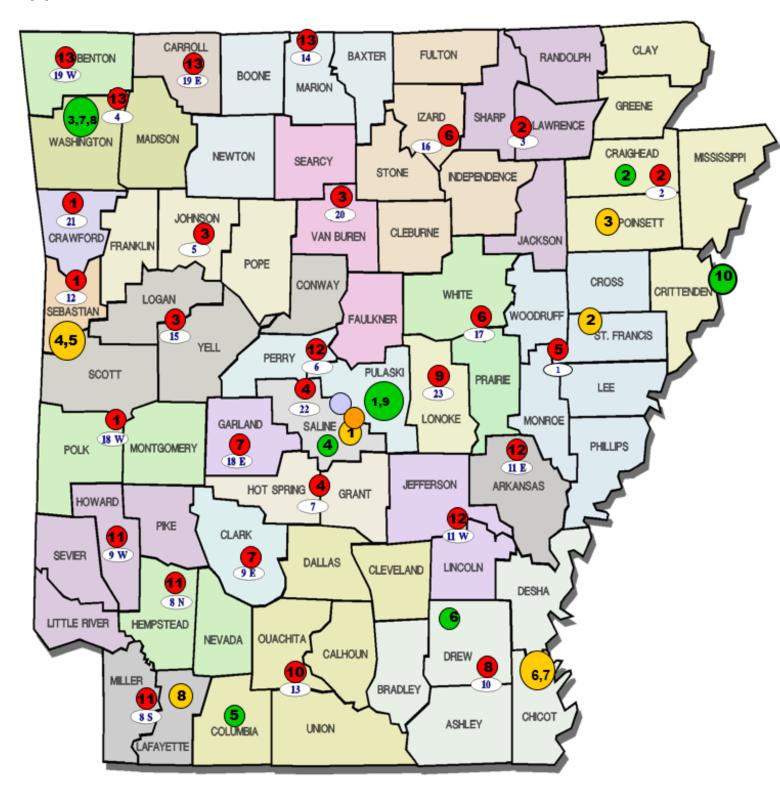
**Daily Bed Rate:** reflect provider-contracted service rates; includes room, board, and treatment; **does not include** medical care or education expenses.

Figure 12: Youth Served by Community-Based Provider (CBP)
Services by Judicial District



## Map of AR DYS Treatment Centers, Specialized Residential Programs, and Community-Based Providers (map)

### Appendix I



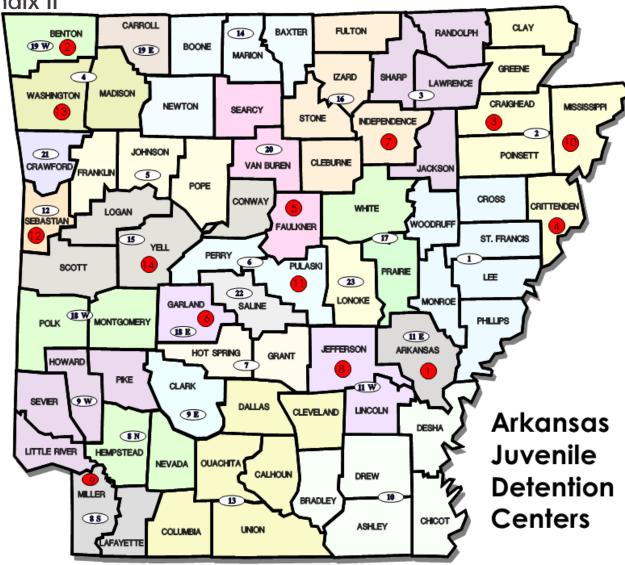
## Map of AR DYS Treatment Centers, Specialized Residential Programs, and Community-Based Providers (key)

## Appendix I (cont.)

	Regional Treatment Centers and Correct	Location	Residential Beds	
1	Arkansas Juvenile Assessment & Treatment Cent	Alexander	100	
2	Colt Juvenile Treatment Center	Colt	28	
3	Harrisburg Juvenile Treatment Center	Harrisburg	36	
4	Mansfield Juvenile Treatment Center for Girls		Mansfield	22
5	Mansfield Juvenile Treatment Center		Mansfield	27
6	Dermott Juvenile Correctional Facility		Dermott	32
7	Dermott Juvenile Treatment Center		Dermott	30
8	Lewisville Juvenile Treatment Center		Lewisville	30
			Contracted Beds	305
	Community Based Providers	Location	Judicial Districts	
1	Comprehensive Juvenile Services	Ft. Smith	12, 18W, 21	
2	Consolidated Youth Services	Jonesboro	2, 3	
3	Community Services, Inc.	Morrilton	5, 15, 20	
4	Counseling Clinic, Inc.	Benton	7, 22	
5	East Arkansas Youth Services	Marion	1	
6	Preferred Family Healthcare	Batesville	16, 17	
7	Ouachita Children's Center	Hot Springs	9E, 18E	
8	Phoenix Youth & Family Services	Crossett	10	
9	Professional Counseling Associates	Lonoke	23	
10	South Arkansas Youth Services	Magnolia	13	
11	SW AR Couns. & Mental Health. Cntr.	Texarkana	8N, 8S, 9W	
12	United Family Services	Pine Bluff/Little Rock	6,11E, 11W	
13	Youth Bridge, Inc.	Fayetteville	4, 14, 19W, 19E	
	Specialized Residential Programs	Location	Service T	уре
1	Arkansas State Hospital (Psychiatric)	Little Rock	Sex Off Tx./Psychiatric	
2	Consolidated Youth Services ASAP	Jonesboro	Sex Of	f. Tx.
3	Piney Ridge Psychiatric Center	Fayetteville	Sex O	ff.Tx.
4	Rivendell Psychiatric Treatment	Benton	Psych	iatric
5	SAYS Therapeutic Group Home	Magnolia	Therapeutic	
6	Vera Lloyd Therapeutic Group Home	Monticello	Therapeutic	
7	Youth Bridge Therapeutic Group Home (Male)	Fayetteville	Therapeutic	
8	Youth Bridge Substance Abuse Treatment	Fayetteville	Substance Abuse	
9	Youth Home, Inc.	Little Rock	Psychiatric	
10	Youth Villages, Inc.	Memphis, TN	Sex Off. Tx./F	Psychiatric
			T	
0	UAMS Mobile Assessment Team	Little Rock	Statewide As	ssessments
	UAMS Adolescent Sexual Adjustment Program	Little Rock	Outpatient Assess	sment/Treatment

#### Map of AR Juvenile Detention Centers

Appendix II



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

- 8. \*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**

