

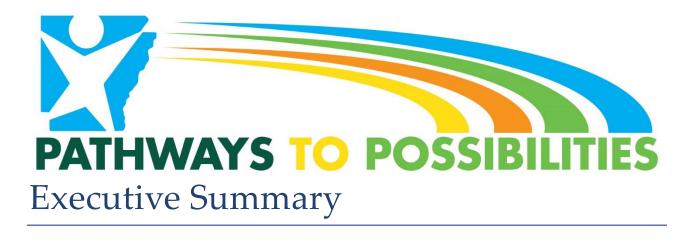
## Division of Youth Services

# ANNUAL REPORT

FY2015

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In FY2015, the Division of Youth Services (DYS) identified the need for a strategic approach to helping the state's Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) network improve the quality of care offered to Arkansas youth. To this end, the Division's Quality Assurance monitors began auditing all fourteen JDCs in partnership with the Juvenile Detention Facilities Review Committee and required deficient JDCs to implement Corrective Action Plans (CAP). DYS has also developed and implemented a voluntary Program Rehabilitation model for JDCs through its System Reform unit and has begun planning for a statewide DYS Academy that will support Arkansas juvenile justice workers and leaders in their work to meet standards and institute best practices and reform.

Years of planning and coordination culminated with a unique public-private partnership between the Division and Shorter College, for the first time providing on-campus college-level instruction to youth in residential care at the Arkansas Juvenile Assessment and Treatment Center (AJATC). This program provides college credit to system-involved youth as a bridge back to the community and to future success, and may well serve as a model for replication at other sites.

The State of Arkansas is required by the federal government to have three targeted counties addressing Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) and is in compliance with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP) mandate to address DMC. DYS currently coordinates with local DMC coalitions in Jefferson, Pulaski, and Crittenden counties and is working with Garland and Sebastian Counties to establish coalitions there as well.

DYS is working with the Division of Behavioral Health to implement several 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.

In FY2015, DYS and the Arkansas Juvenile Justice Coalition (ACJJ) awarded over half a million dollars in federal monies 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. Over 30 programs received funding. The Division will provide grantees training and technical assistance into FY2016 to ensure program compliance and success.

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

## 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

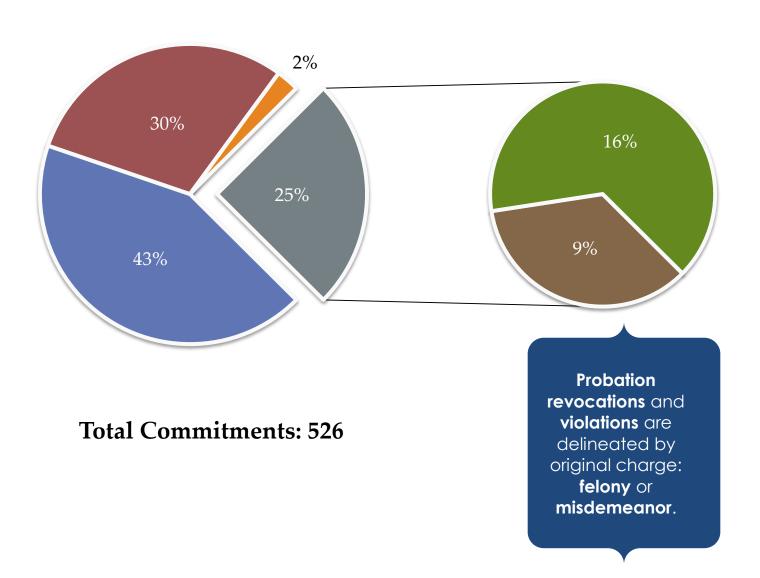


Figure 2: First Commitments vs. Recommits

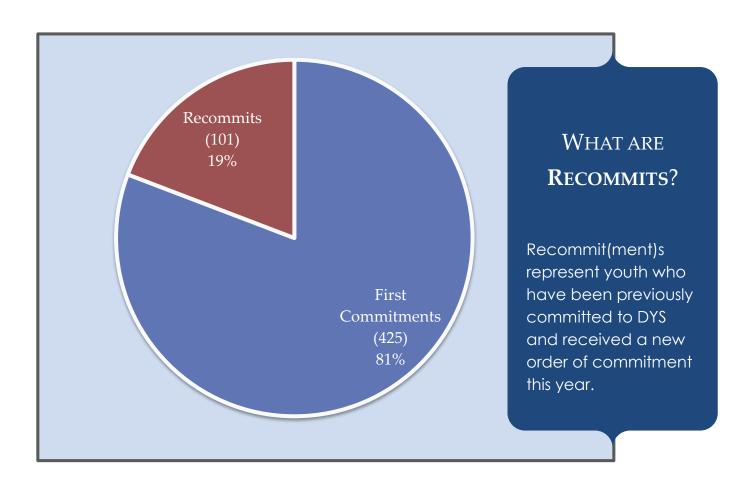
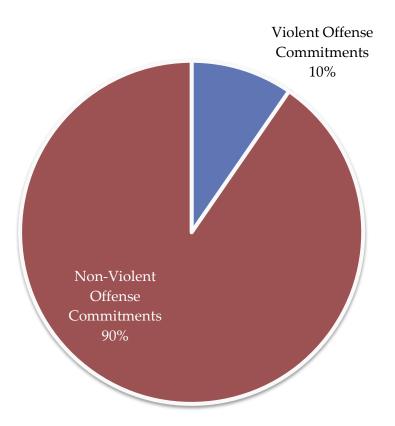


Figure 3: Violent vs. Non-Violent



### **VIOLENT OFFENSES:**

Murder/Manslaughter

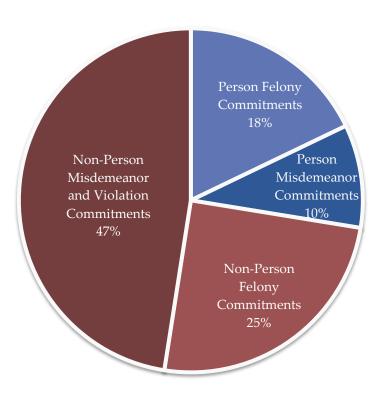
Forcible Rape

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

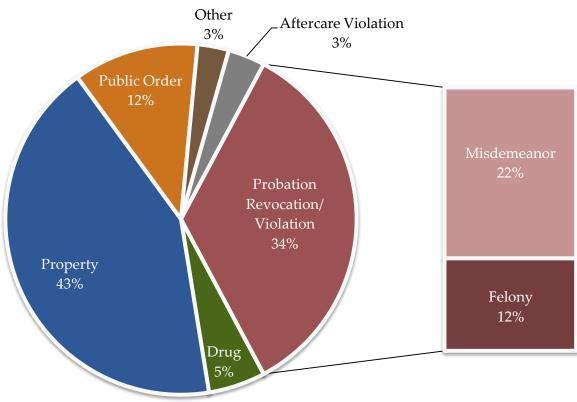
Drug

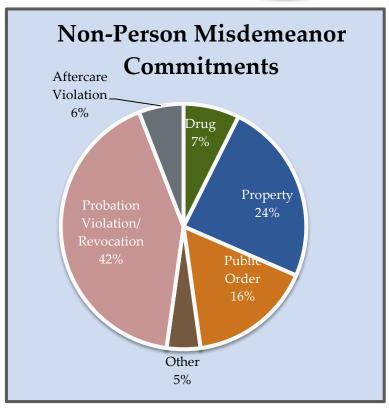
Public Order

Aftercare Violation

Probation Revocation/Violation

Figure 4b: Non-Person by Category





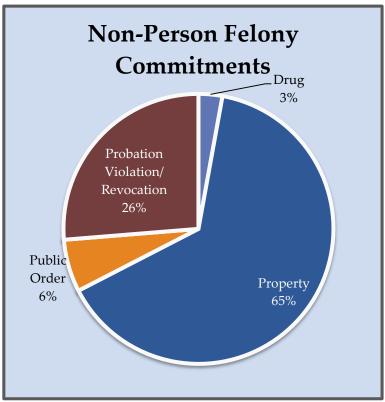
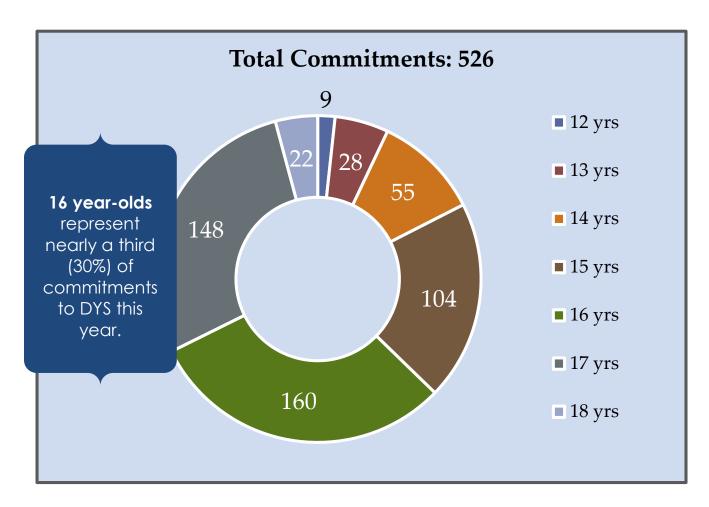
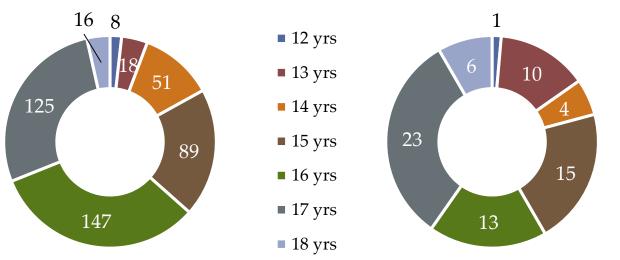


Figure 5a: Commitments by Age & Gender

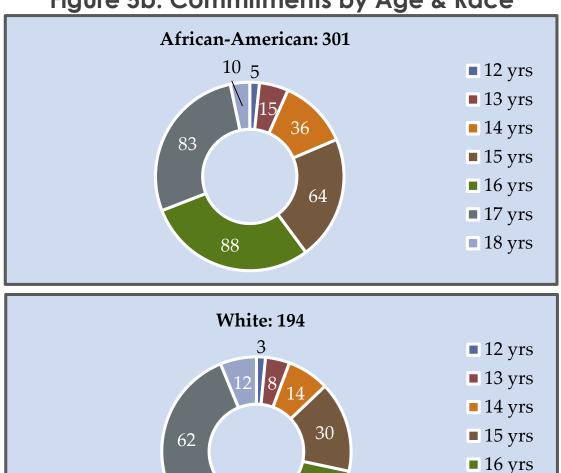


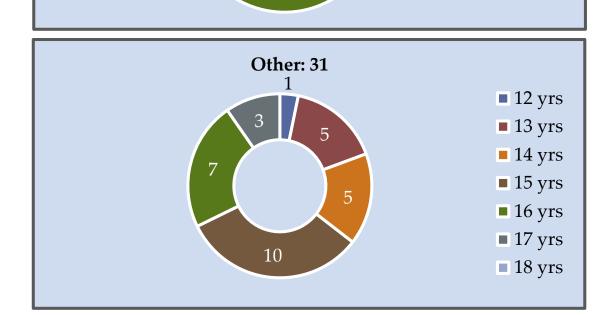


#### **Female Commitments: 28**









65

■ 17 yrs

■ 18 yrs

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

Age (yrs)		African- American		White		Other	
(913)	male	female	male	female	male	female	
12	5		2	1	1		9
13	9	6	6	2	3	2	28
14	33	3	13	1	5		55
15	55	9	26	4	8	2	104
16	81	7	60	5	6	1	160
17	71	12	51	11	3		148
18	8	2	8	4			22
TOTAL	262	39	166	28	26	5	526

Figure 6: Commitments by Gender

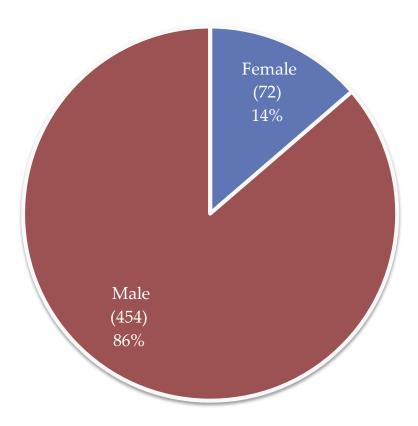
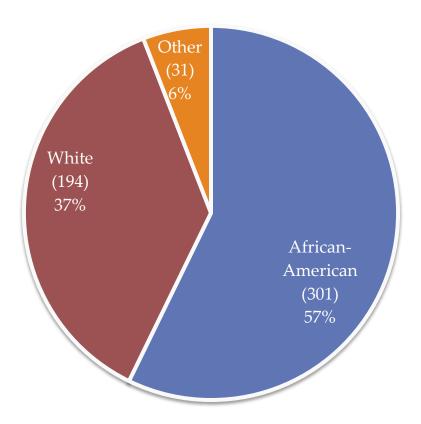


Figure 7a: Commitments by Race



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**.

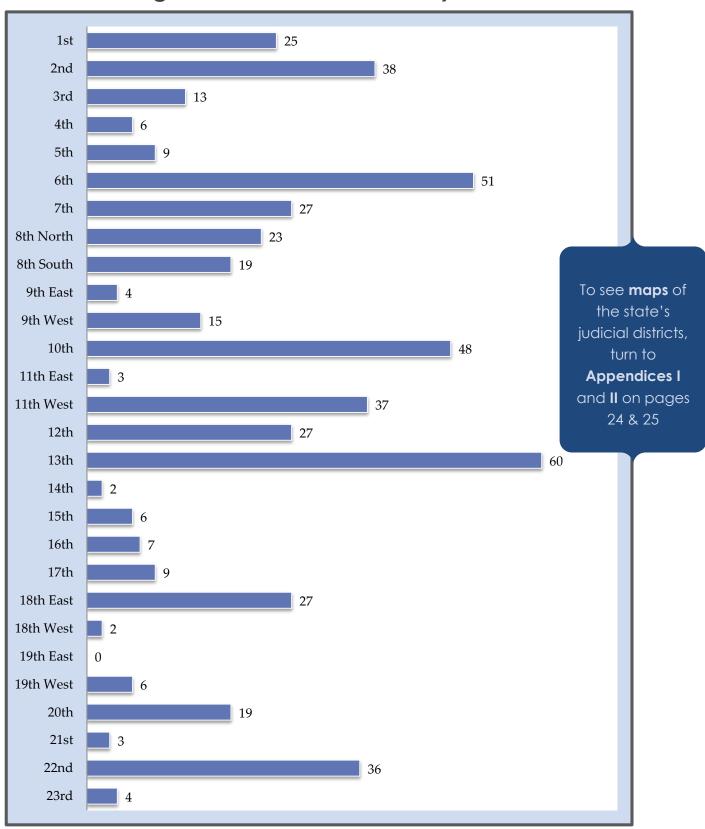
## Figure 7b-1: Commitments by Race by County

Co	Committing County		White	Other	TOTAL
	Arkansas		3		3
	Ashley		6	1	15
	Baxter		1		1
	Benton		4	2	6
	Boone		1		1
	Bradley	6	1		7
	Calhoun				
	Carroll				
*	Chicot	6	1		7
	Clark	2	2		4
NOTE	Clay		1		1
Zeros have been omitted	Cleburne	1	3		4
from this chart	Cleveland				
for visual	Columbia	9	1		10
clarity	Conway		2	1	3
*	Craighead	6	8		14
	Crawford		3		3
	Crittenden	8			8
	Cross	2	1		3
	Dallas	8	6		14
	Desha	8			8
	Drew	2	1		3
	Faulkner	1	1		2
	Franklin	6		3	9
	Fulton	6	3		9
	Garland	9	10		19
	Grant		2		2
	Greene		3	1	24
	Hempstead		9		9
Hot Spring		13	4		17
Howard		10	8		18
	Independence		3		3
	Izard				
	Jackson				4
	Jefferson		1		36
	Johnson		2		2
	Lafayette				1
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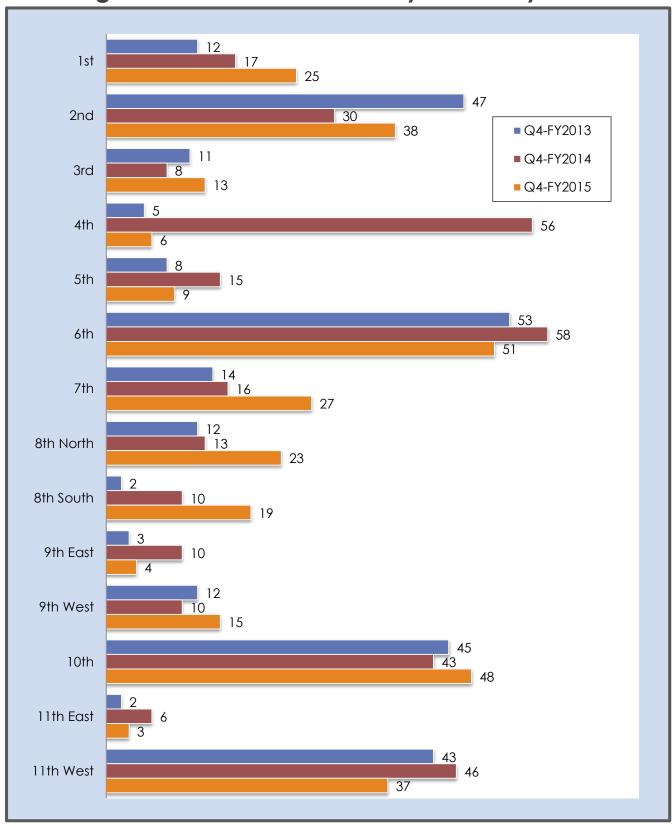
## Figure 7b-2: Commitments by Race by County

Сс	Committing County		White	Other	TOTAL
	Lawrence		2		2
	Lee				
	Lincoln				1
	Little River				
	Logan	2	2		4
	Lonoke	7	4		11
	Madison				
	Marion				
*	Miller	11	7		18
NOTE	Mississippi	9	2		11
Zeros have	Monroe				
been omitted	Montgomery				
from this chart	Nevada	1			1
for visual	Newton				
clarity *	Ouachita	18	8		23
*	Perry				
	Phillips				
	Pike				
	Poinsett				
	Polk		2		2
	Pope				
	Prairie				
	Pulaski	48	3		51
	Randolph		4		4
	Saint Francis	11	1		12
	Saline	6	1		7
	Scott				
	Searcy				
	Sebastian				
	Sevier		14	7	27
	Sharp			1	1
	Stone		3		3
	Union		3		24
	Van Buren				
	Washington		4	2	6
	White		5	2	9
	Woodruff				
	Yell		3		3
	TOTAL				

Figure 8a: Commitments by District









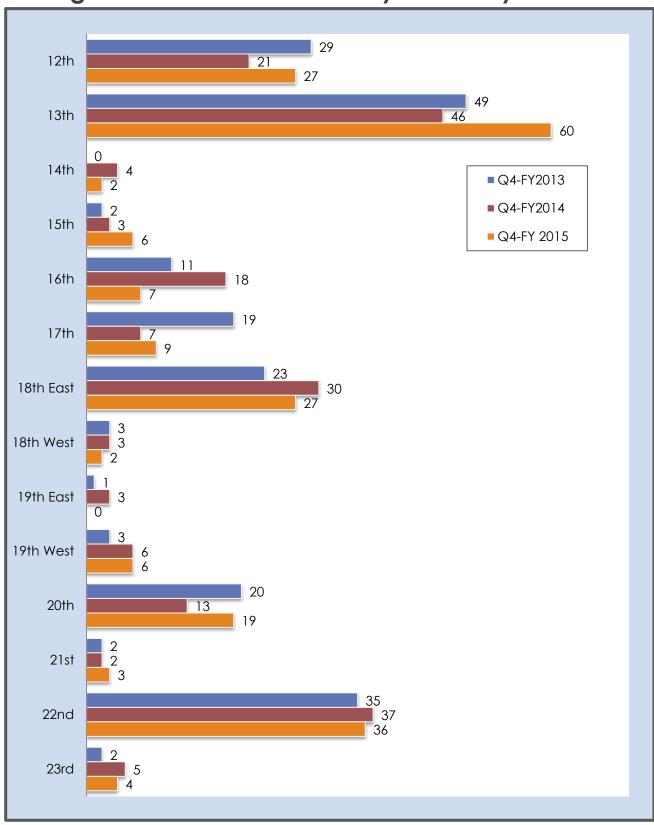
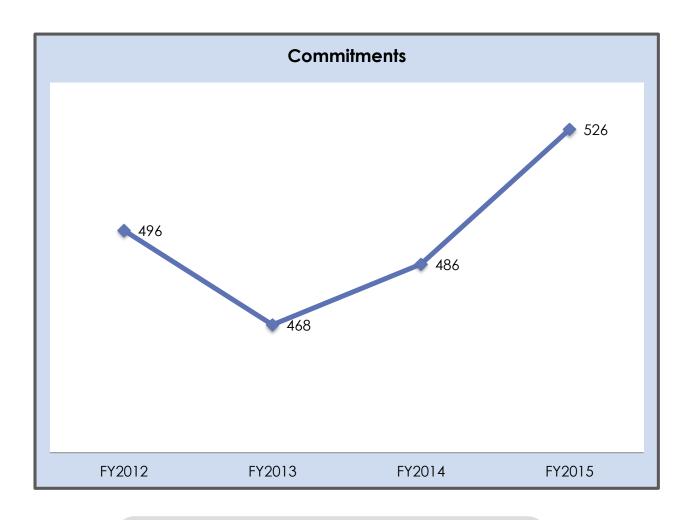


Figure 8c: Total Commitments for FY2015 with Reference to Previous Years



**Commitments** for FY15 of this year (**526**) are up by 12% from the four-year low of 468 in FY2013.

Figure 9: Facility Bed Rates & Annual Cost

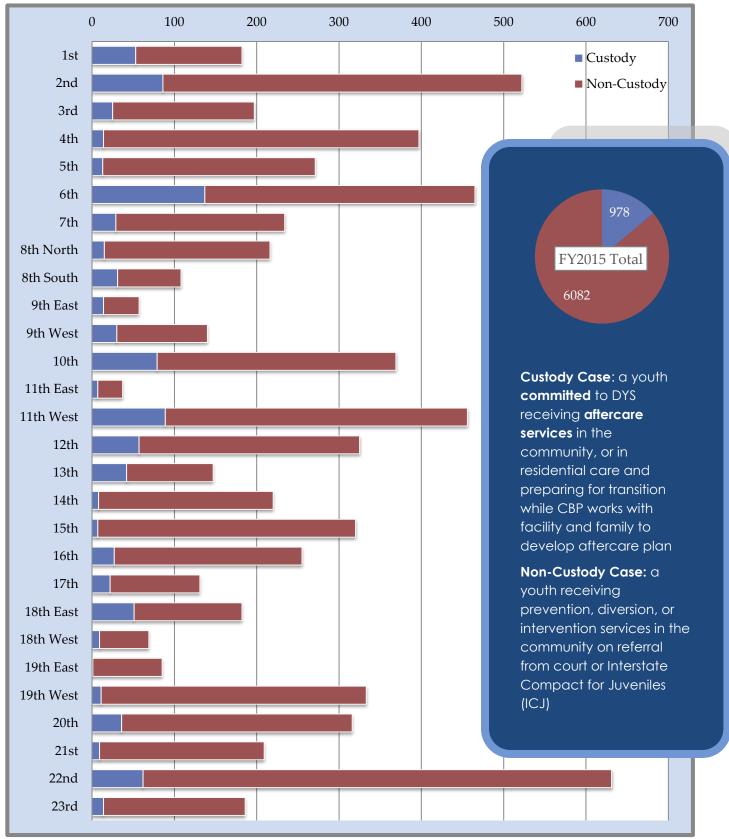
Facility	Provider	Daily Bed Rate	Annual Cost- Per-Youth	Contracted Beds
AJATC	G4S	\$239.08	\$87,264.20	100
Colt JTC	CYS	\$145.00	\$52,925.00	28
Harrisburg JTC	CYS	\$143.00	\$52,195.00	36
Dermott JTC	SAYS	\$145.00	\$52,925.00	30
Dermott 18-21	SAYS	\$150.00	\$54,750.00	32
Mansfield Boys	SAYS	\$139.00	\$50,735.00	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

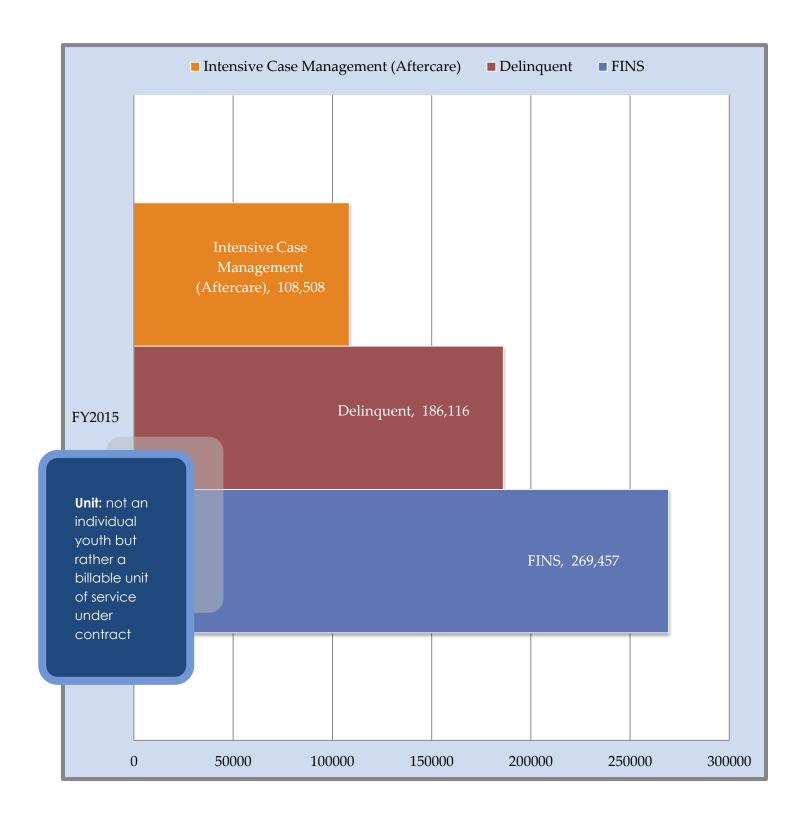
Contracted Beds: does not reflect maximum capacity of facility

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

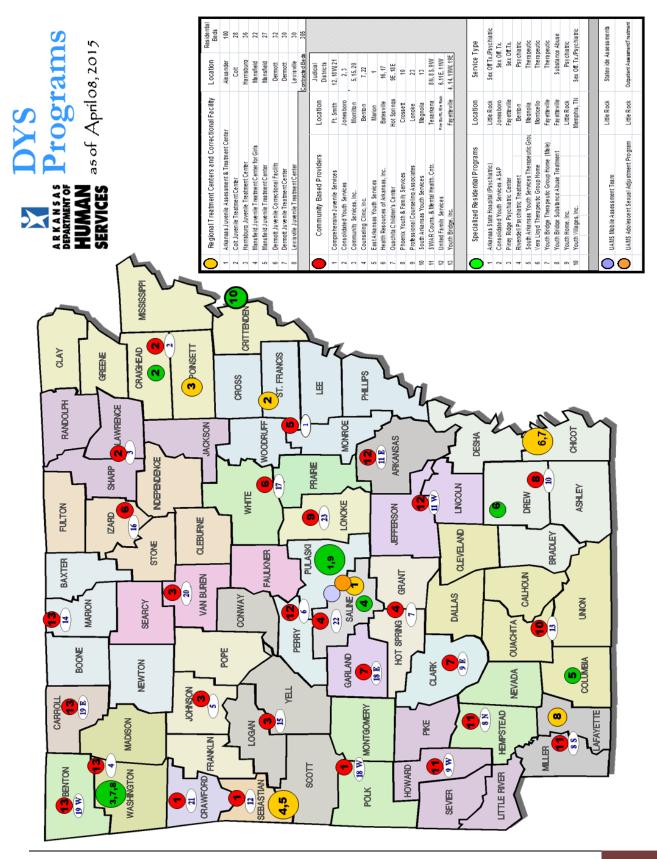
Figure 10a: Youth Served by Community-Based Provider (CBP) Services



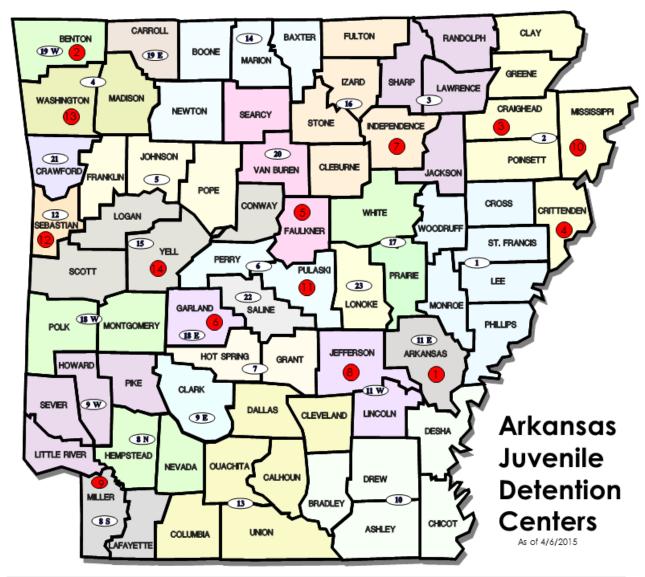
## Figure 10b: Community-Based Services Units by Program Designation



### 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
- \*Yell County JDC, Danville
- \* Indicates Division of Youth Services (DYS) five (5) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement counties.

### Child Maltreatment Incident Reporting & Investigation Procedure

### **Appendix III**

