

Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child and Family Services

Caliente Youth Center, Nevada Youth Training Center, Summit View Youth Center

Overview / Program Description

Youth are committed to the Division of Child and Family Services by the juvenile court for rehabilitative services. All youth committed to DCFS go through an initial risk and needs assessment to determine admission to the appropriate facility. Three Youth Centers located across the state include:

- [Summit View Youth Center \(SVYC\)](#) **48 beds**
- [Caliente Youth Center \(CYC\)](#) 112 beds reduced to **64 beds**
- [Nevada Youth Training Center \(NYTC\)](#) 64 beds reduced to **48 beds**

Total capacity change from 224 beds to 160 beds. Program census on July 22, 2020 is 152 youth.

The 3 juvenile facilities provide education, vocational opportunities, mental health services, psychiatric services and evidence-based programs that address behavioral and emotional areas identified on the risk assessment.

Upon successful completion of the programming within the center, youth are released back into the community with supervision and case management services provided by Youth Parole.

Youth committed for mental health treatment are placed directly on parole and receive treatment and case management services based on their identified needs.

Eligibility Criteria / Population Served

Youth committed to one of the three Juvenile Facilities are individuals who typically have been unsuccessful on probation and are requiring a more intensive intervention to address their behaviors. They must present a risk to public safety. The statute allows the Division to serve children between the ages of 12 and 19 years old.

The majority of these youth come to the Division's care with complex social, emotional and delinquency histories and were not amenable to previous efforts and interventions of County probation departments to reduce delinquent activity.

Impact to Service Delivery

Potential impact to service delivery includes increase in the amount of time waiting for admission if all 3 facilities are at capacity. Youth would remain in their perspective detention facility until a bed was available in a facility. The Division currently strives to ensure the time between commitment to our care from a judge to facility arrival is less than 30 days. The reduction of beds may result in county probation department and District Attorney offices pursuing more cases for certification to the adult system.

Mitigation Strategies

Division-operated mental health facilities, totaling 96 beds, have been maintained to serve as many youth in-state as possible. Youth in Juvenile facilities with significant mental health needs may be transferred to a mental health facility if it is determined their needs will be better served in that environment.

Capacity reduction is also consistent with the decreasing number of commitments due to utilization of validated risk and needs assessments and increased front-end interventions.



In addition, the Division has started analyzing space use to explore co-locating critical services with the reduced use of physical property. The Division is also working on reducing delays in release from facilities caused by lack of placement upon re-entry to the community.

Funding for county prevention efforts and the intensive aftercare are maintained as we work to minimize the number of young people confined in our facilities and prevent their return upon release or escalation to the adult criminal justice system.

Program Area Preserved (including proposed reductions that were restored, ie: Medicaid optional services, family planning)

- Community Corrections Block Grant to County Probation Departments offering prevention and diversion services
- Funding for county-operating youth camps
- Mental health, education, and other therapeutic programming at all three juvenile justice facilities
- Youth Parole and services and programs included will remain intact.
- The Juvenile Justice Programs Office, responsible for policy, grant compliance, statewide data collection, and quality assurance, has not been impacted by the budget cuts.

FY21 original allocation: \$24,632,293.00

Special Session Reduction: \$20,964,903.00

Total Reduction: \$3,667,390