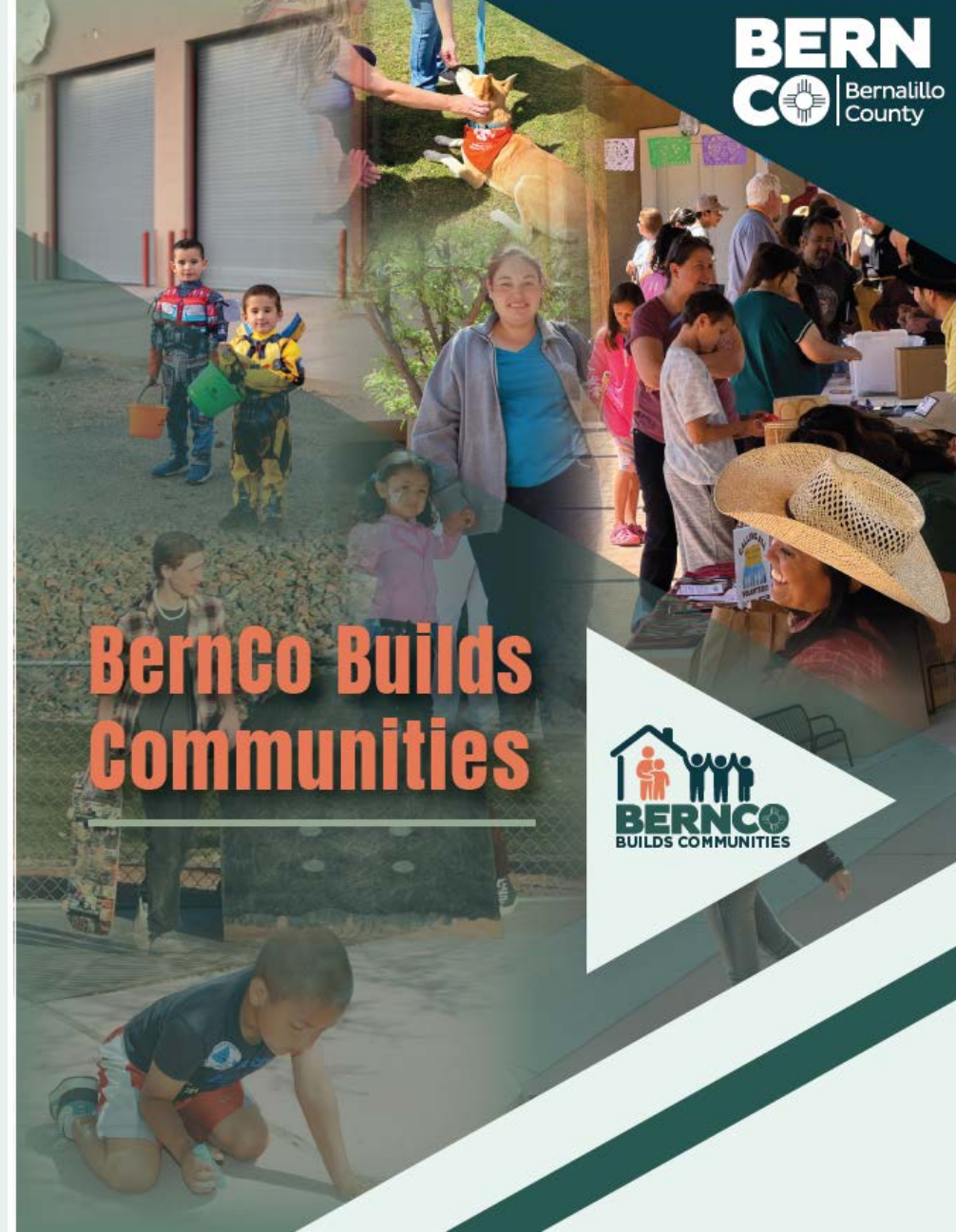




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Public Health and Safety Updates

Presentation for the
Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee
June 22, 2026



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Thank you!

Bernalillo County welcomes you and appreciates the opportunity to host the interim Courts, Corrections, and Justice Committee!

We also want to thank you for the support you provide to Bernalillo County!

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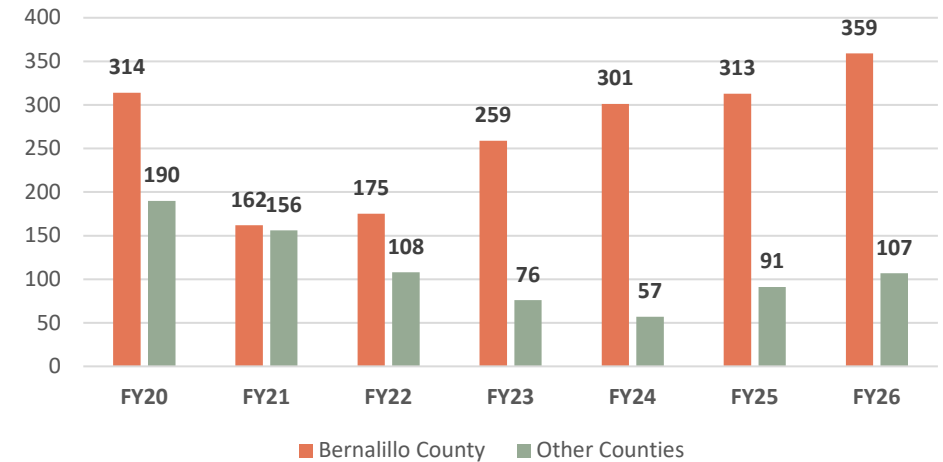
Youth Services Center (YSC)

Presented by Tamera Marcantel, Director
Youth Services Center

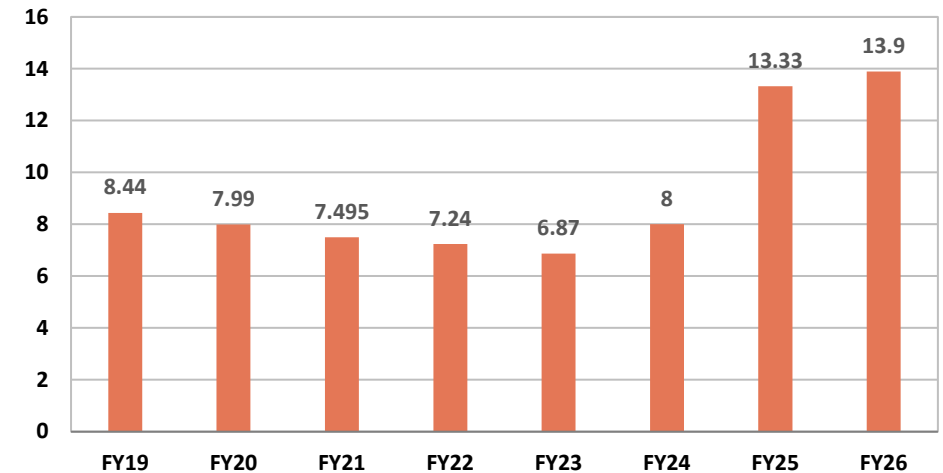
About the Youth Services Center

- YSC is a 78-bed juvenile detention facility.
 - 6 living units (5 male and 1 female)
 - Youth housed at YSC are primarily in pre-adjudication status
- The number of youth booked into YSC has increased 65% since FY22. On average, about 20% of juveniles were from other counties.
- The county invests approximately \$570 per day for each youth housed at the center.
- Our FY26 budget is \$13.9 million.

Bernalillo County vs. Other County Youth Detained by Fiscal Year

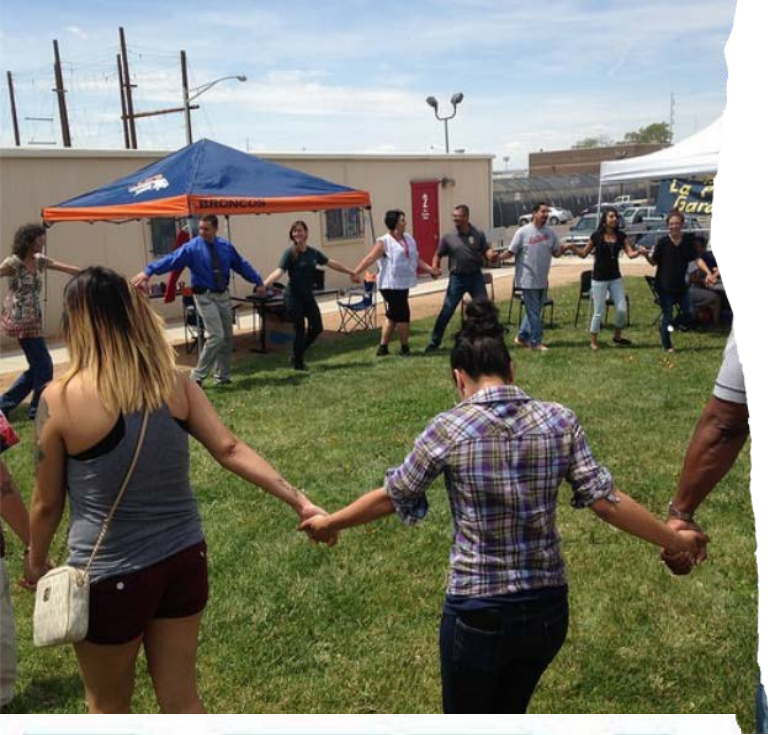


Budget FY19-26



Strategic Priorities

- We have optimized staffing by creating the proper organizational structure to promote leadership, accountability, and transparency.
- Updating policies and procedures.
- Overall hours of non-confinement have increased through more programming and educational opportunities.
 - **Violence Prevention**
 - **Mentoring**
 - **Gun Violence/Healing**
 - **Cultural Day**
 - **First Choir Recital**
 - **Achieved student growth across all domains in the APS Skills, Habits & Mindset Survey**
- Community Custody
- Created a Compliance Unit



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Volume

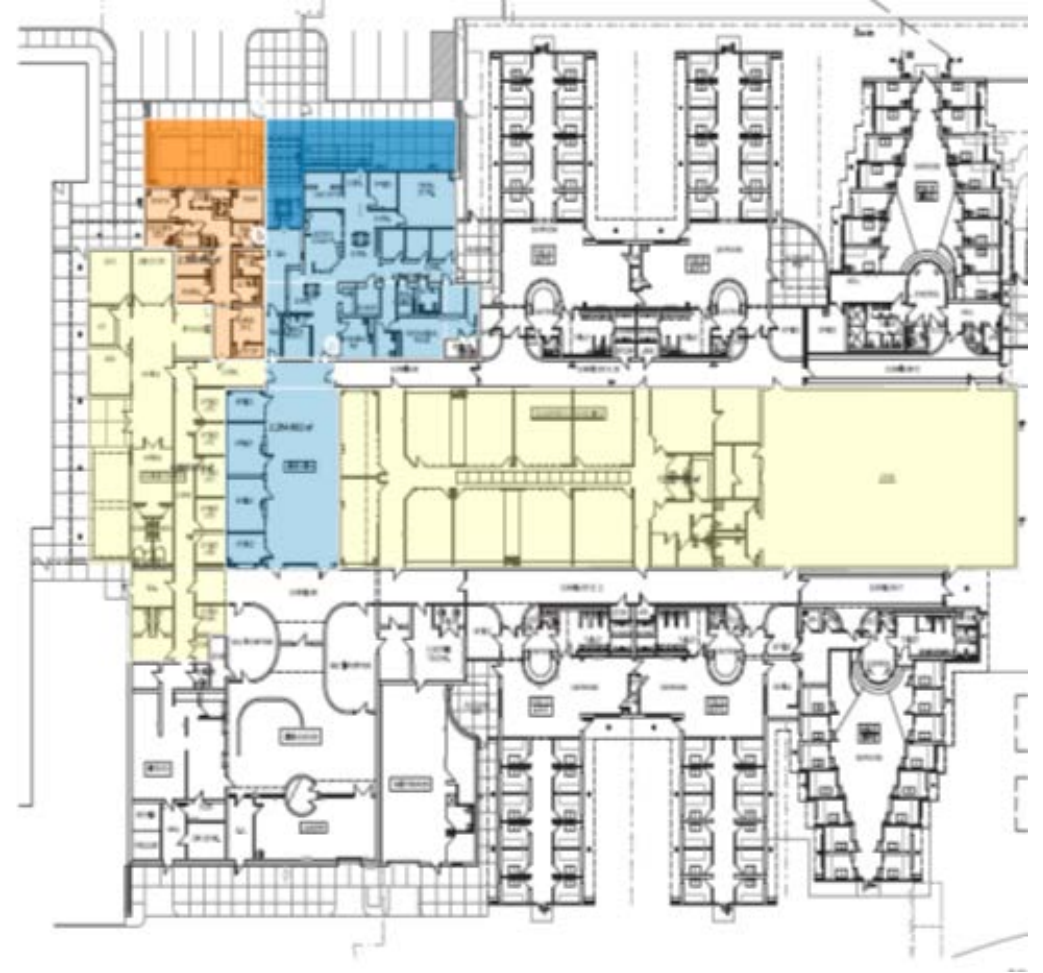
Capacity	Rapid Population Growth	Serious Offense Profile	Longer and More Complex Stays	Financial & System Pressures
<p>A decade ago, there were 12 juvenile detention centers in our state. Today, we are one of four.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 65% increase in intake bookings from FY22 to present • 466 youth booked in FY26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10% of those occurred within a 3-week period in May 2026 	<p>Average daily population has increased 66% over the past five years requiring expansion to a 6th living unit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 20% of the youth are from other counties 	<p>Approximately 40% of youth are charged with murder, highlighting the increasing severity and violence of cases.</p>	<p>Average length of stay increased 63% over five years, with 20% of youth detained over one year.</p>	<p>Rising population and complexity have increased costs while Medicaid suspension shifts medical costs to the facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$570/day per youth; FY26 budget \$13.9M • up 102% since FY23

State Support Received

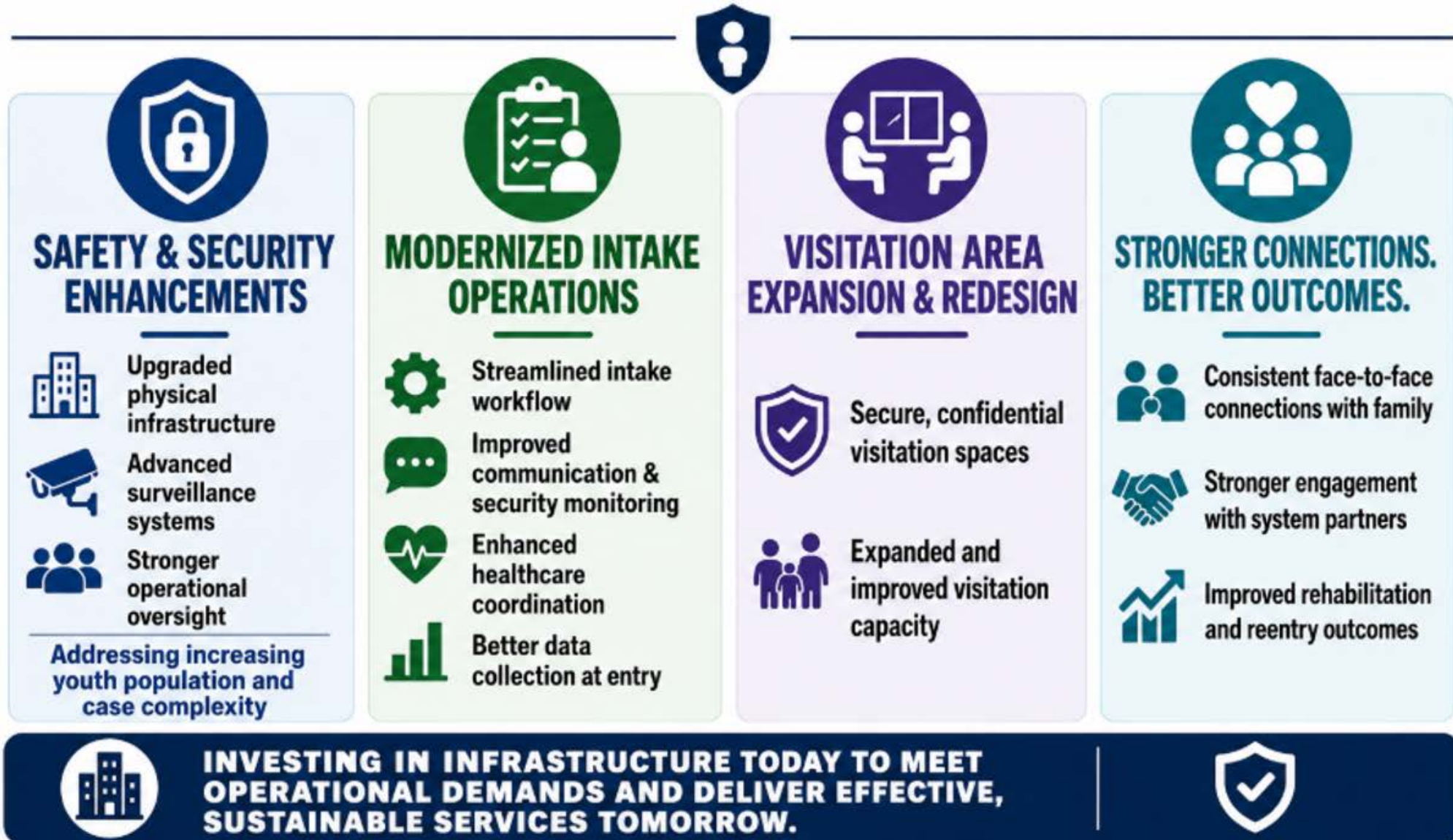
- Since FY23, YSC has received **\$3.2 million** in capital outlay funding
- **\$2.6 million** was allocated to recruit and retain correctional officers

State Support Needed

- Better regionalization of detention centers.
- Build a strong community network.
- YSC Renovations and Expansion
 - Intake/Visitation/Master Control: **\$9.1 million**



Intake/Master Control/Visitation Expansion/Remodel



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Resource Reentry Center & Transition Planning Updates

Presented by Sarah Spain, MPH, MSW, Senior Manager
Behavioral Health Authority Division

BernCo's 24/7 Front Door to Reentry

The RRC provides:

- Transition planning and care management
- Behavioral health and substance use referrals
- Housing navigation and emergency motel placements
- Benefits enrollment and identification assistance
- Transportation assistance
- Basic needs and connection to community resources

Metric	FY25	FY26 YTD (6/15/26)
Total Visits	19,789	20,233
Unique Clients Served	12,875	12,975
Care Management Engagements	8,780	7,648
Transition Plans Completed	1,573	1,765
Motel Placements	221	189 (12 pending)

Almost every person leaving custody returns to the community.

The Growing Need for Reentry Infrastructure

Fiscal Year 2026 Data

Behavioral Health	Housing	Public Safety
2,194 BH requests	782 Sober living requests	14.4% Familiar faces
1,533 SUD treatment requests	227 Detox requests	High system utilization
564 Medication access requests	Limited placements available	Increased recidivism risk

Current service gaps include:

- Transitional & recovery housing
- Behavioral health stabilization beds
- Medical respite capacity
- Supportive housing for high-acuity individuals

The individuals returning to our communities have increasingly complex needs.

Opportunities

Bernalillo County received \$180,000 in 2026 GRO funds and was selected to receive \$1 million in Federal earmark funding to support:

- Longer term motel stabilization
- Transportation assistance
- Employment navigation
- Cell phones and communication supports
- Wellness kits and basic needs supplies
- Food assistance
- Housing reconnection support



Goals with this funding:

- Increase behavioral health and substance use treatment placements
- Improve transportation and stabilization supports
- Increase employment and housing outcomes
- Reduce recidivism and prevent people from returning to incarceration

A purpose-built reentry center will improve public safety by ensuring immediate access to services.

State Support Needed

Current RRC State:

- 3,000 sq. ft.
- Nearly 13,000 unique people served annually
- More than 20,000 annual visits

Challenges:

- Limited physical space limits social services provided
- No dedicated stabilization space
- Insufficient room for partner co-location

Request:

- Capital funding for a purpose-built RRC
- Ongoing stabilization funding
- Partnership to expand reentry infrastructure



Reentry success requires coordinated state and local investment.



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2nd Judicial District Court

Presented by Jared Divett, Director
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District Court Space & Operational Overview

- New Mexico law (§34-6-24, NMSA 1978) requires counties to provide adequate courthouse space, utilities, and maintenance for district court operations.
- Bernalillo County is therefore legally obligated to provide facilities that meet the operational needs of the Second Judicial District Court.
- The Court currently operates from three separate locations due to space limitations in the downtown courthouse built in 2001.
- A planned second courthouse annex was postponed after the 2008 recession; since then, the Court has maximized all available space.

Operational Growth & Space Limitations

- Since 2001, the Court has expanded from 27 to 41 judicial officers and from 275 to 358 employees, reflecting major growth in operational demands.
- The Court now operates 18+ programs and services, including multiple problem-solving courts, behavioral-health initiatives, self-help services, and community-focused programs.
- The Clerk's Office serves approximately 5,000 Bernalillo County residents each month, further increasing the need for adequate and consolidated space.

Programs and services:

- Adult Drug Court
- Young Adult Court
- Mental Health Court
- Felony DWI Court
- Veterans' Treatment Court
- Juvenile Drug Treatment Court
- Community Gun Violence Intervention Program
- ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act) Court
- Center for Self-Help & Dispute Resolution
- Pretrial Services
- Competency Clinic
- Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program
- Foreclosure Settlement Program
- Elderly & Disability Initiative
- Domestic Abuse Prevention Program (DAPP)
- Fathers Achieving Healthy & Therapeutic Relationships (FATHRS)
- Mothers Obtaining Healthy & Therapeutic Relationships (MOTHRS)
- Co-Parenting Education

Funding Needs

- With current construction costs reaching \$1,100 per square foot, meeting long-term facility needs of 200,000–300,000 square feet will require a strategic and creative approach.
 - We can address some space needs through efficiency improvements within the existing downtown courthouse and the buildout of additional space within the Public Safety Center (PSC).
 - Remaining needs may be met through the creation of new space in the downtown area via purchasing exiting buildings/property, new construction, or leasing.
- **Estimated total need = \$300M**



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Metropolitan Detention Center

The Hard Truth –
County detention centers have become a frontline behavioral health provider, yet funding for opioid treatment and reentry services remains unstable.

The information presented today provides a snapshot of the measurable impacts and opportunities associated with correctional behavioral health investments.

Year	Total Bookings	Average Daily Population
2021	14,429	1,133
2022	15,315	1,351
2023	17,565	1,489
2024	21,199	1,624
2025	24,862	1,725

This reflects an approximate 72.3% increase in total bookings and an approximate 52.2% increase in average daily inmate population over the five-year period.

Monthly Injectable Medication	\$1,207 (30days)
500 doses	\$7,242,000
1000 doses	\$14,484,000

As of Thursday, June 18, 2026 @ approximately 0830 Population 1715 (1408 Males, 307 Females)			
Transient Population At MDC			
June 18	Total – 922	Males – 756 (54%)	Females – 166 (54%)
2026 Releases	5,600	Average Length of Stay	23.7 days

DETOX / Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) / Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Review of 25 days between May 4, 2026, through June 8, 2026.			
Totals	Suboxone – 3,350 / Average 134 per day	Methadone – 4,264 / Average 171 per day	Detox – 3,882 / Average 155 per day

This does not reflect the current waiting list to get into MAT/MOUD programing.