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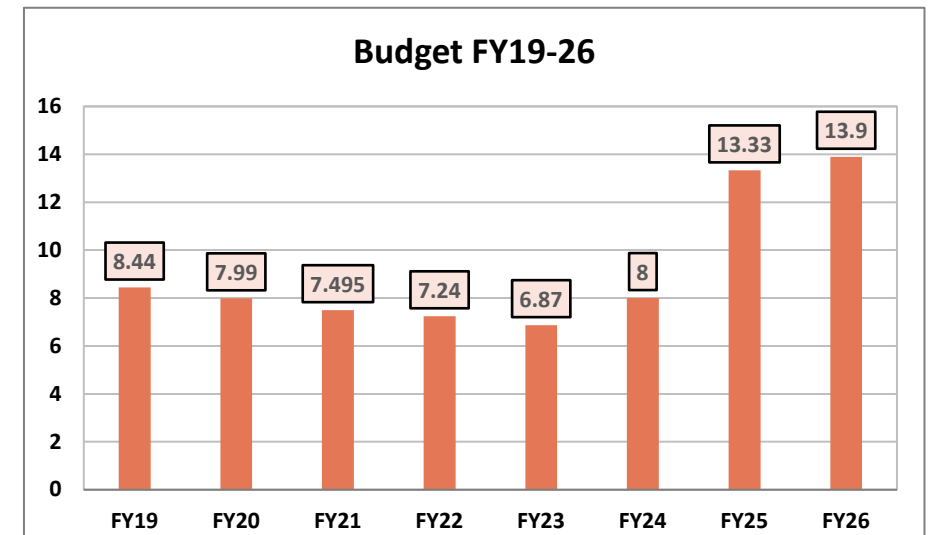
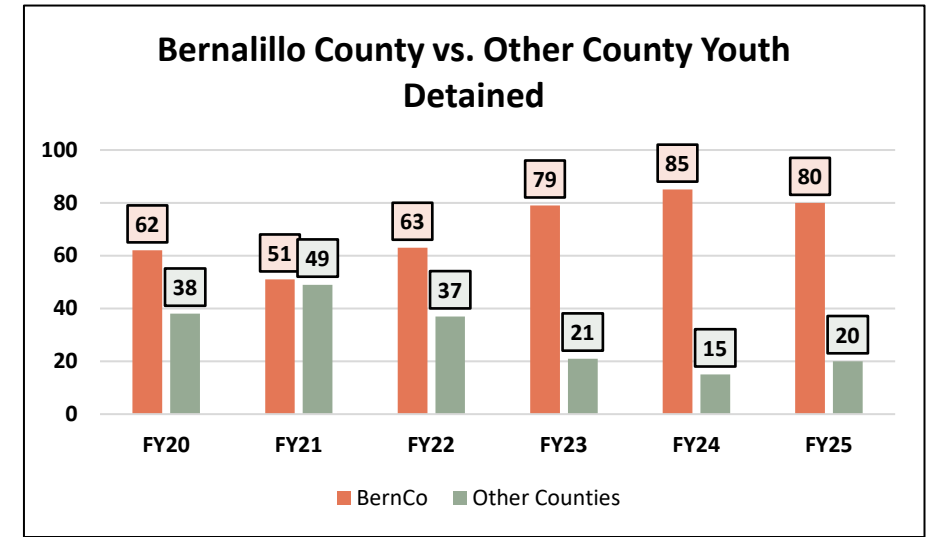
# Bernalillo County Youth Services Center (YSC)

Presentation for the  
Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee  
September 22, 2025



# 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
- In FY25, 401 youth were booked into YSC. Approximately 20% were from other New Mexico counties.
- The county invests approximately \$570 per day for each youth housed at the center.
- Our FY26 budget is \$13.9 million.





# 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 increase in programming and educational opportunities.
- Completed Community Custody Program SWOT analysis
- Working to create a Compliance Unit
- Implemented handheld cameras for all use-of-force incidents



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# Current Challenges

<p>75% of our staff have been with YSC less than 1.5 years. Of that, 37% of current staff have been with us less than 9 months.</p>	<p><b>Average Daily Population</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FY20 – 39</li><li>• FY22 – 31</li><li>• FY24 – 51</li><li>• FY25 – 57</li></ul> <p>(46% Increase)</p>	<p><b>The Average Length of Stay</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FY20 – 27</li><li>• FY22 – 33</li><li>• FY24 – 53</li><li>• FY25 (to date) – 56</li></ul> <p>(107% increase)</p>	<p>15% of the current population has been detained over 365 days.</p> <p>Facility Capacity – 78 beds</p>
<p>37% of the current population housed at YSC is charged with murder.</p>	<p>The level of violence our youth is committing is staggering. How do we balance meaningful consequences with support? How do we adapt our laws, our capacity, and our work to help meet the need?</p>	<p>For youth who are housed more than 30 days in the facility, Medicaid is suspended until release. YSC then becomes responsible for all medical care.</p>	<p>Budget to reflect the changing needs.</p>

# State Support Received

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

# State Support Needed

- Better regionalization of detention centers
- YSC Renovations and Expansion
  - Additional living unit to YSC: **\$11-12.5 million**
  - Start Medical remodel and expansion: **\$600K**
  - Intake/Visitation/Master Control: **\$9.1 million**
- Build a strong community network.



# Tour

- We will divide into 2 groups.
- After the tour, we will meet in the Juvenile Justice Center Chama Conference Room (next door) to answer any questions you may have.
- Plan to be back on the bus between 11:45-12:00 pm.
- **We do have a youth who is confirmed positive for COVID and will provide masks for anyone who wants one.**

