

FAMILIES AND YOUTH INNOVATIONS PLUS (FYI+)

Juvenile Justice Update

Community Based Organization Perspectives and Outcomes

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About Families and Youth Innovations Plus (FYI+)

Experience & Staffing

- Founded in 1977, serving Doña Ana County and Southern New Mexico for nearly 50 years.
- 120+ staff, nine locations
- Internships as workforce pipeline (statewide agreements)

Direct Service Organization

- Operate from a Continuum of Care Approach
 - Family and Child wellbeing (FSC)
 - Youth Focused Services (LVP)
 - CCBHC

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic

- First state certified CCBHC
- Serve regardless of ability to pay and across lifespan
- 24/7 mobile crisis response with walk-in coverage
- Partnership with FQHC (Amador)

History and Evolution

- Founded as CHINS, rooted in juvenile justice work
- Evolution to Outpatient Services, Treatment Foster Care, Coordination with CYFD, Infant Mental Health, Juvenile Community Corrections since 1997
- Rebrand 2021, FYI+, Expansion of Service Continuum Model and Impact, to include CCBHC

Collaboration & Partnership

- Backbone of LC3, bridging 800+ providers and 150+ Organizations
- Community and Relation Focused Approach
 - State Agency Collaboration
 - CBOs (Local & Statewide)

Advocacy & System Change

- Direct Service & Advocacy Organization
 - Policy to Practice, Practice to Policy
- Community Informed Program Design (LVP-OTG, Mobile Crisis, Youth Peer Support)
- Intersectional Lens, Statewide

Zooming In: A snapshot from the lens of a community based provider who is doing the work within the youth and juvenile justice space arena

Understanding of our Continuum of Care Approach

The agency approach to serving our community is rooted in a Continuum Model across 3 domains; CCBHC, Youth Focused Services and Child and Family Wellbeing. All of these COCs are made up of different programs with different focuses and funding sources, but coupled to focus on the intended population

Youth Focused Continuum of Care

This model was intentionally designed to meet the needs of youth up to the age of 22. Its design focuses on resources, supports and services that intersect at entry points of incarceration reentry, supervised release, adjudicated and non adjudicated youth, youth in and exiting foster care, youth who need housing, case management, crisis service service and stabilization, psychoeducation, therapy, LGBTQ focused needs and more.

Key Outcomes in our Youth Focused Continuum of Care

850+ youth served across six programs: Stable housing and re-entry support, fewer school infractions that lead to Class III citations, Social Emotional Learning in the schools, community education on LGBTQ youth needs, and connection to clinical care and crisis intervention when needed.

Elevated Considerations from a Community Based Prospective

Our continuum of care is constructed in a fragmented way due to systematic barriers. From a community lens, exploring solution considerations to reduce barriers to care both from policy and funding perspectives.

Snapshot | Youth Focused Continuum of Care

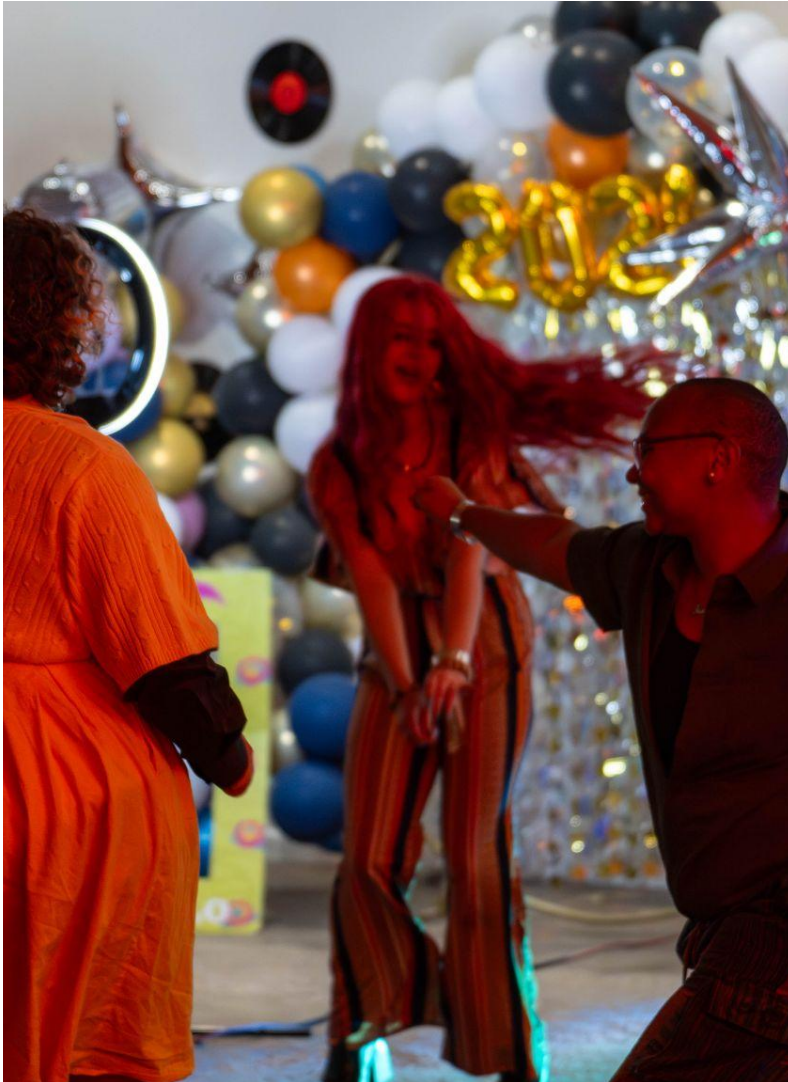
Multiple programs, multiple funding sources focused on supporting youth at the intersection of prevention, diversion and intervention

Program / Funder	Type of Program	What a Participant Receives	Participants Served (FY26)
HOK Funder: CYFD	Prevention and outreach program (LGBTQ youth)	Outreach, case management, education and groups; LGBTQ youth focused training for providers; connection to services before a crisis	806 contacts (447 unduplicated youth)
OST Funder: NMPED	Out of school time program (academic and enrichment)	K-12 academic and enrichment supports for youth and families, in our center and in area schools	146 youth 20 families
Catalyst Funder: CYFD YSB	Diversion and early intervention program	Case management, life skills, and housing stability supports; priority for youth aging out of foster care	36 youth (36 of 36 referrals)
LVP On-the-Go Funder: Federal / OJJDP	School based intervention program	In school behavioral supports, SEL, case management, family engagement, and connection to crisis support	1,399+ SEL sessions 87 intensive service contacts 3 LCPS schools
JCC Funder: CYFD / JJS	Juvenile justice program (probation and re-entry)	Case management, life skills, and experiential programming in detention and the community, with JPOs (adjudicated youth only)	113 youth
TLYA Funder: CYFD	Housing program (transitional and independent living)	Tiered transitional living and independent living plans toward stable housing; priority for youth aging out of foster care	17 accepted (63 applied, 26 waitlisted)

850+ youth served across multiple programs including newly added CYFD Reentry Grant and DOH Violence Prevention. A young person can enter at any point and move across and within programs. Gaps in service are continuously assessed re-calibrated to close. We design intentionally design horizontally and defragment systems.

House of Kahlo (HOK)

Prevention and outreach program for LGBTQ youth | Funder: CYFD



The Program and What It Looks Like In Practice

An upstream prevention program that connects LGBTQ youth to support before a crisis, and builds the capacity of providers to serve them well.

- Outreach, groups, and education that meet youth where they already are
- Case management that links youth to clinical care, housing, and other supports
- LGBTQ youth focused training for providers and community partners
- Social groups for connection
- Events: Pride Prom & Pride Parade
- Community Partnerships - Community Based Partnership & School Districts

IMPACT & OUTCOME (FY26)

806

contacts

447

unduplicated youth

Additional community members and providers are equipped to more adequately support LGBTQ+ youth and their chosen families, resulting in youth feeling safer in their community.

ROLE IN THE CONTINUUM

Psychoeducation on serving LGBTQ youth and providing Social Connection and Support for LGBTQ Youth

Out of School Time (OST)

Academic and Enrichment | Funder: NMPED



The Program and What It Looks Like In Practice

Academic and enrichment support for K-12 youth and their families during the hours outside the school day.

- Academic support and enrichment activities in our centers
- Structured, supervised time with caring adults after school
- Families engaged alongside their young people
- Collaboration and Support with School Staff
- Outyouth how to navigate their emotions (Social Emotional Learning)

IMPACT & OUTCOMES (FY26)

146
youth

20
families

Moving into year two: Increase average daily attendance by at least 10%, increased % of k-6 students performing at/near proficiency. 146 Youth in four months.

ROLE IN THE CONTINUUM

Keeps youth connected to school and to trusted adults, a core protective factor in academic success and diversion from system involvement.

Catalyst

Diversion and early intervention program | Funder: CYFD YSB



The Program and What It Looks Like In Practice

Diversion and early intervention that steadies youth before deeper system involvement, with priority for youth aging out of foster care.

- Individualized case management and a plan built with the young person
- Life skills building for independence and adulthood
- Housing stability supports for youth at risk of losing housing
- Connection to Support Services & Higher Education

IMPACT & OUTCOMES (FY26)

36

youth served

100%

of referrals served (36 of 36)

100% of Participants had a identified natural support network at discharge & the opportunity to receive life skill training.

ROLE IN THE CONTINUUM

Equip and prepare emerging adults who have been involved in the foster system & youth who do not have a support system to live independently.

LVP On-the-Go (LVP-OTG)

School based intervention program | Funder: Federal / OJJDP



The Program and What It Looks Like In Practice

Staff embedded on school campuses who provide behavioral support and social emotional learning where youth spend their day.

- Family Engagement Activities
- SEL sessions in classrooms and in school behavioral supports
- Working alongside School Resource Officers to divert behavioral infractions before they become Class III offenses
- Case management and connection to crisis support
- Homevisting

IMPACT & OUTCOME (FY26)

1,399+

SEL sessions

87

intensive service contacts

3

LCPS schools

Reduction of Behavioral Health Write Ups: Sierra Middle School - Year 1 250, Year 2 - 50, Year 3 - 14. 95% Reduction Rate

ROLE IN THE CONTINUUM

Creating access point to support in schools, meeting youth where they are at with the goal of decreasing violence incidents and increasing attendance

Juvenile Community Corrections (JCC)

Juvenile justice program (probation and re-entry) | Funder: CYFD / JJS



The Program and What It Looks Like In Practice

Juvenile Community Corrections supports adjudicated youth in detention and as they return home, in coordination with Juvenile Probation Officers.

- Case management and life skills in detention and in the community
- Experiential programming that builds purpose, skills, and accountability
- Close coordination with JPOs from detention through re-entry
- Family Supports
- Cash Support
- Education Advocacy

IMPACT & OUTCOMES (FY26)

113

youth served

70% Increase in Referrals

38% of Youth Served successfully discharged from programming and probation. 42% remain in programming.

ROLE IN THE CONTINUUM

Supporting reentry and diversion from long term incarceration, disrupting patterns of institutionalization.

Transitional Living for Young Adults (TLYA)

Housing program, Transitional and independent living | Funder: CYFD



The Program and What It Looks Like In Practice

Tiered transitional and independent living that moves young people toward stable housing, with priority for youth aging out of foster care.

- Tiered transitional living with support that steps down as youth gain independence
- Individual independent living plans toward stable housing
- Access to the full continuum, from case management to clinical care, while housed
- Education & Employment Advocacy
- Social Support Network Development

IMPACT & OUTCOMES (FY26)

63

applied

17

accepted

26

waitlisted

100% of discharged participants have been placed in stable housing

ROLE IN THE CONTINUUM

Provide stable housing and supportive services to those aging out of the foster care system and community youth who are lacking support systems.

What Is Working

Embedded where youth are

- Active MOUs with three school districts place our staff in schools and classrooms
- Services delivered in our centers, in the community, and on school campuses where we often interact with School Resource Officers to divert behavioral infractions from becoming Class III offenses
- Prevention, diversion, and intervention under one roof. This includes our housing programs where youth can access all needed resources supports and services.

Strong partnerships

- Active on local community boards and the Juvenile Justice Continuum Board
- Close working relationship with the JPO office and local law enforcement
- Partner with the local CYFD office in Doña Ana County and join its community partner meetings
- Engaged in policy change for youth
- We stretch the funding we have to cover gaps across programs

The Challenges We Are Facing

Challenge	What it looks like on the ground
Staffing	Understaffing and workforce shortage limit how many youth we can serve.
Vehicles and space	Transportation is a consistent challenge across the agency, not just in our youth focused continuum. In a rural service area, no vehicle means no service hour.
Waitlists	Waitlist have been a challenge due to staffing and sometimes specific criteria of the scope of work to only serve a certain population.
Late and partial awards	Awards arrive late and budgets are cut mid cycle, so programs staff up and scale back in the same year.
Data across agencies	Each contract counts participants differently, so we cannot report unduplicated reach or cost per participant across the continuum.
Funding terms	Each source has its own rules and timelines, which makes one uninterrupted continuum of care hard to sustain.

Case Presentation

Solutions to consider

The fragmented contract problem: each contract is funded to do its piece well, but no one is funded to make the pieces work together, and that's where youth fall through.

1. Continuum Rooted Funding

Better outcomes for participants

- Youth move between types of care (prevention, diversion, crisis, treatment, re-entry) without starting over each time
- No gaps when a youth "ages out" of one scope or no longer fits eligibility for one contract
- One relationship and one plan follows the youth and family, so trust isn't rebuilt with every handoff
- Right-sized care: adjust the care when needs rise and or there is improvement, instead of pushing youth into whatever a contract happens to cover the need
- Families tell their story once

2. Grow diversion and prevention

Alignment with where the field is going

- Matches CCBHC, system-of-care, and wraparound models already recognized by SAMHSA and OJJDP
- Supports trauma-informed and family-centered practice, which depends on continuity
- Makes community partnerships (schools, courts, CYFD, DOH) easier with one coordinated front door

3. Reimagining Contracts & Administrative Workload

Workforce and system stability

- Multi-year, stable funding helps recruit and keep staff; short, narrow contracts drive turnover
- Staff can be cross-trained and deployed flexibly across the continuum
- Less time chasing and reporting on small grants means more time serving participants

National Trends in Juvenile Justice

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- Across state and national data, youth who receive services in community through prevention and diversion processes have much better public safety outcomes than those detained in secure facilities.
- Of youth who are detained, those who remain in the juvenile system have far better public safety outcomes than those prosecuted as adults and sent to adult prison.
- Arrest and detention and the isolation they involve tend to exacerbate trauma at the root of youth violence epidemic.
- Prevention, diversion, and age-appropriate responses work better than arrest and detention because community-support services connect young people to purpose, and engage young people in accountability, and address the root causes of youth behavior.

LFC Report Findings

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- LFC confirms that New Mexico youth who receive services in community through prevention and diversion processes have much better public safety outcomes than those detained in secure facilities.
- Placing a juvenile in a secure facility costs 23 times more than placing a juvenile under community supervision and costs over 345 times more than providing delinquency prevention programming.
- However, our state has prioritized custodial funding over supportive services for young people.
- Las Cruces and Doña Ana County are greatly underrepresented in state-wide delinquency prevention grants to support in-community services for youth who are struggling.

Data Dashboard Examples: Leading to Better Policy

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The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) is pleased to present these dashboards as an overview of juvenile court allegations and dispositions entered into the Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS) by the sixty-seven juvenile probation departments across the Commonwealth. The majority of the data points mirror those published in the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Annual Report compiled each year by JCJC, with a few new additions. The reader is cautioned, however, not to compare data contained in these dashboards prior to 2017 to the published Juvenile Court Dispositions reports, as the data for those years has been reconfigured to follow the new Annual Report processes. Also, because this data is compiled from a static snapshot from PaJCMS each year, the data contained in these dashboards may not reflect current values within the county PaJCMS system.

Data Dashboard Examples: Leading to Better Policy

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The screenshot displays the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice website. The header features the department's logo, a yellow star with the text "FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE" and the tagline "Our Children, Our Future". Below the header is a navigation bar with links for "Youth & Families", "Partners, Providers & Staff", "Services", and "Research". A breadcrumb trail indicates the current location: "Home → Research → Reports and Data → Interactive Data Reports". The main heading is "Interactive Data Reports", followed by a descriptive paragraph: "Interact with data about the DJJ civil citation initiative, the outcome of PACT assessments, and overall statistics for the Juvenile Justice system throughout Florida." Below this, there are three card-like sections: "Delinquency Profile", "Delinquency in Schools", and "Prearrest Delinquency Citation". Each section has a brief introductory text.

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Interactive Data Reports

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Delinquency Profile

The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice's "electronic release" of data on delinquency

Delinquency in Schools

Learn more about the number of youth and arrests for delinquent offenses occurring on school

Prearrest Delinquency Citation

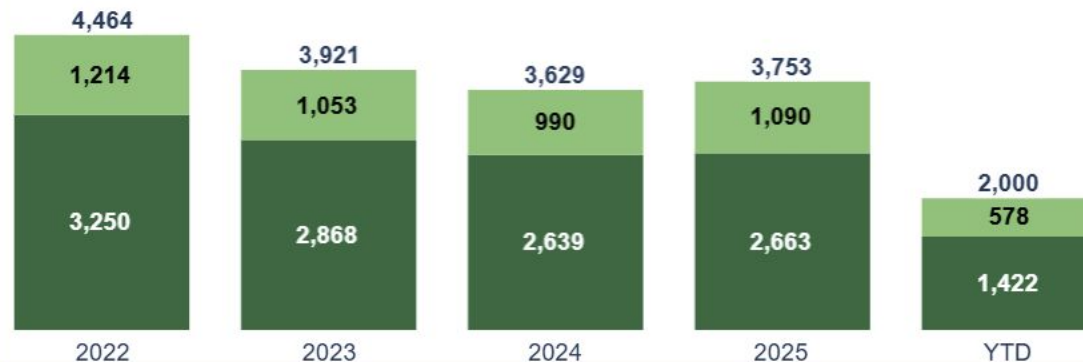
The Prearrest Delinquency

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Raise the Age (RtA) law implemented on December 1, 2019.

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