



Juvenile Services Center

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Timeline for Juvenile Facility

- January 2004: Began Operations in new facility
- July 2006: Received Significant Achievement Award from NACO for Multi-Disciplinary Facility.
- July 2007: Added Commitment Level to array of services with CYFD contract.
- July 2012: Received Significant Achievement Award for Kids for Canines Program.
- July 2013: Added Juvenile Community Corrections Program to array of services.
- September 2015: Conducted System Assessment as part of State-to-Scale Initiative with Supreme Court, NMAC and CYFD.



Levels of Care Served by County

1. Respite/Crisis/Alternative Care – 16 bed Crisis Shelter
2. Mental Health Residential Treatment – 12 bed RTC (*currently contract PMS*)
3. Detention/Community Safety – 36 bed Detention
4. Long-Term Commitment CYFD Juveniles – 10 beds contracted
5. Alternative Programming – Juvenile Community Corrections – 20 slots available for 1 case manager



Crisis Shelter

- To date, the Crisis Shelter has served a total of 3,034 adolescents in San Juan County.
- With an average of 253 adolescents per year.
- San Juan County funds the operations at 100%.
 - Challenges we face today:
 - Adolescents being referred are high need/high risk due to system seeking alternatives to detention.
 - High volume of older age (17 yoa) referrals from transition out of RTC or exhausting all Foster Care options.
 - By design, we are a short-term Crisis Shelter. Many adolescents stay in this placement for 3-6 months pending placement in RTC or another alternative outside of the home.

Residential Treatment Center

- San Juan County has served a total of 646 adolescents from San Juan and other Counties.
- With an average of 54 clients per year.
- San Juan County provides this service through a contract to PMS on an annual basis. PMS provides treatment services and staffing, and San Juan County provides the building, utilities, maintenance, meals for clients, education at 100%.
 - Challenges we face today:
 - 30+ referrals a month with not enough beds. Maximum is 12.
 - Staffing challenges if we were to increase bed space (clinical/psych/line).
 - **POSITIVE:** MCO's are moving quickly with approvals; they are actively involved in treatment team meetings.
 - Acute care referrals continue to be made with no background information to determine eligibility.
 - Revolving door of adolescents going to acute care in NM and no options for placement.
 - Not enough step-down programs for returning from an RTC (i.e. independent living) throughout the State of NM.

Detention/Community Safety

- San Juan County has served a total of 5,864 juveniles in San Juan County.
- With an average of 451 juveniles per year.
- Education, Mental Health (including Psychiatric), Programming (life skills, budgeting, health & wellness) are provided.
 - Challenges we face today:
 - Detention population has decreased, but the number of high need juveniles are being detained more frequently and for longer periods of time.
 - Services are limited in the community; therefore, detention has become the best option to access services (psychiatric specific). Our psychiatric services are conducted through telehealth with weekly clinics.
 - Juveniles entering detention have limited education history due to habitual truancy, have been using substances for a long period of time and are detoxing, and demonstrate suicidal ideations that classify them as high mental health needs.
 - Juvenile Detention is serving the more severe mental health cases across the State than ever before.
 - Revolving door of juveniles who continue to violate conditions of release by the Court or conditions of probation.
 - Competency is raised on many juvenile cases; this results in long periods of stay in detention (1-2 years at times) – Juveniles do not get credit for time served in a final judgment.
 - Juveniles are being detained on more violent offenses than in the past. San Juan County has seen a high volume of battery on family members, aggravated assault, and CSP and CSC cases over the past 3 years than before.

Committed Juveniles to CYFD

- In January 2007 CYFD contracted San Juan County to provide regional long-term care for committed juveniles.
- San Juan County is the only county in the State serving youth under a long-term contract:
 - Total Juveniles Returning back to San Juan County: 85 males
 - Total Completed Successfully: 43 or **51%**
 - *Successful = HS diploma, GED, Employment, no new arrest while on supervised release, remained drug/alcohol free.*
- Regionalization has proven to be more beneficial to juveniles so they can engage in family therapy face-to-face, continue to engage with community providers (school including higher education, cultural services, community members/volunteers, juvenile probation officers).
- Structured environment and more accountability provided to the juvenile for success.
- Transition back into the community is more seamless and allows the juvenile a better opportunity to succeed.



Partnerships

- District Court/District Attorney/Public Defender
- Children, Youth & Families Department
- Juvenile Probation and Parole Office
- Protective Services Department
- Farmington Municipal Schools
- Department of Health
- Aztec Animal Shelter
- Presbyterian Medical Services
- Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous
- San Juan Regional Medical Center
- Various Religious & Cultural Providers
- All Law Enforcement Agencies
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Childhaven