

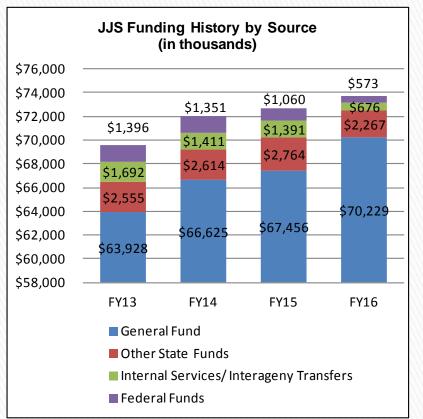
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# Juvenile Justice Services Appropriations and Performance Overview Kelly Klundt, Senior Fiscal Analyst



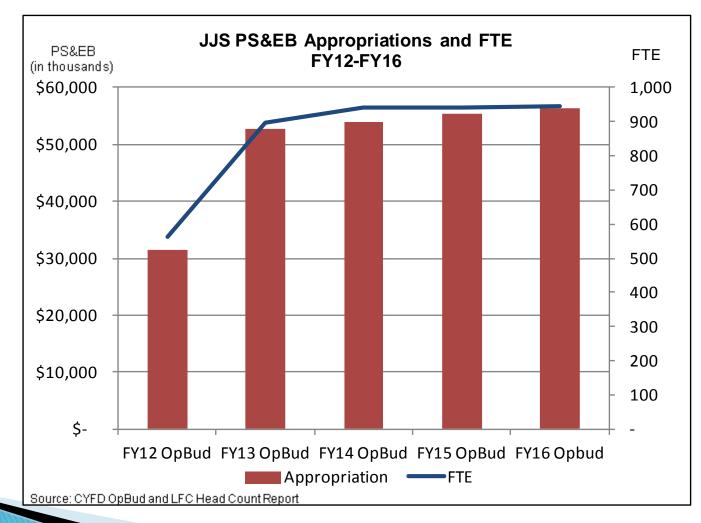
## Juvenile Justice Services Appropriations

- A majority of funding for the Juvenile Justice Services (JJS) program is from the general fund
- In FY16, JJS general fund growth was 4 percent



#### 95 percent of appropriations for JJS is from the general fund

## JJS: Personal Services and Employee Benefits



# Secure Juvenile Facilities Capacity

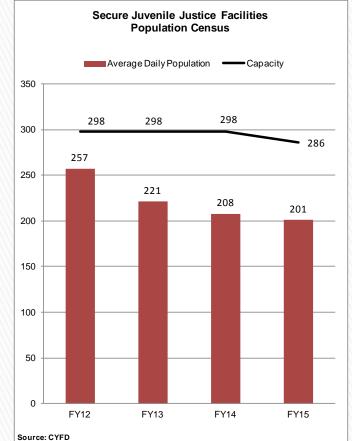
- Clients in custody decreased 8 percent between 2013 and 2014, the continuation of a trend that started in FY12
- Regardless if a facility is near capacity or well below, the cost to staff and administer secure facilities is nearly the same

FY15 Secure Facility Population Census						
Month	Camino Nuevo Youth Center	J. Paul Taylor Center	Lincoln Pines	San Juan County Detention Center	Youth Diagnostic and Developm ent Center	Total
Capacity	96	48	24	10	108	286
July	77	32	12	9	71	201
Aug.	75	31	13	7	72	198
Sept.	77	32	13	5	72	199
Oct.	70	31	13	5	74	193
Nov.	69	28	11	7	73	188
Dec.	70	26	12	7	69	184
Jan.	69	29	12	6	73	189
Feb.	65	35	12	6	73	191
Mar.	66	43	7	6	72	194
April	67	47	0	6	78	198
Мау	63	47	0	7	72	189
June	64	44	0	7	73	188
Average	69	35	9	7	73	193

Average excess capacity 93 beds, or 32 percent

# Secure Juvenile Facilities Cost

- The cost of secure juvenile commitment vastly exceeds other approaches to delinquency treatment
- Annual cost for committed youth is about\$146 thousand
- Annual cost for youth in community supervision is about \$3 thousand



The LFC estimates the average cost per day for a juvenile in a secure facility is close to \$400.00, while the daily cost for community supervision programs is just over \$7.00.

# **Juvenile Community Corrections**

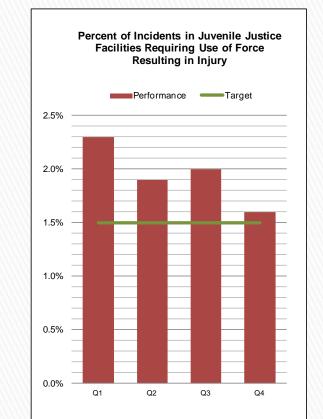
- The Juvenile Community Corrections (JJC) program is an alternative treatment for youth on probation or supervised release
- JJC utilizes the Casey Life Skills Assessment to evaluate youth in areas such as permanency, daily living, self-care, relationships, communication, housing, money management, work, study, and career and education planning. Stakeholders such as public school staff, families, juvenile probation officers and the client are engaged to support youth in these key domain areas
- In FY13, JJC provided services for 1,075 youth statewide. In FY16, the JJC budget is just above \$2.5 million

## Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee

- Members of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC) are appointed by the governor and advocate for the prevention of delinquency, alternatives to secure commitment, and continuous quality development of the juvenile justice system
- In FY14, JJAC worked with 21 continuum sites to serve almost 8,000 youth
- JJAC programs are community-based, often focus on youth and family stabilization, and is generally for first time lowrisk juveniles
- In FY16, funding for continuum sites includes \$2.8 million

## Juvenile Justice Services Program Outcomes

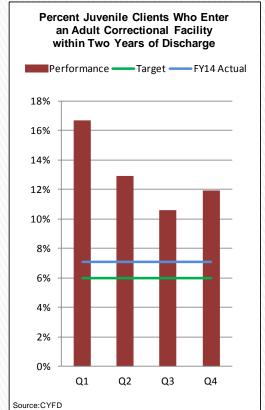
- In FY15, JJS experienced some downward trends in key performance indicators
- Juveniles who are committed to a secure facility experienced increased incidents of both use of force by staff and youth-on-youth violence



CYFD reported the increase in incidents may be connected to discontinuing solitary separation of juveniles

# Juvenile Justice Services Program Outcomes

- Additionally, the percentage of youth entering adult correctional facilities within two years of being discharged from a juvenile facility increased significantly
- In FY14, 6 percent of youth transitioned into an adult correctional facility; however, during FY15, 12 percent of youth transitioned



CYFD reported an increase in the average age of juveniles may have contributed to decline in performance