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"If last year could be described as a year 'filled with uncertainty and change for OJA' as an organization, this year could be fairly described as one of "transition for OJA." In the aftermath of budget cuts, Volunteer Buyout (VBO's) and retirements, this board has maintained a steady course in an uncertain environment.

During my year as the 2012 chair, the longtime director of OJA sought to retire after steering the organization thru what were likely some of the most challenging times in OJA's history. Difficult decisions had to be made to allow OJA to continue in a tough fiscal climate, and Mr. Christian guided the board in facing those decision with a brave face and sometimes a heavy heart.

In 2012, OJA has certainly become a leaner and more nimble organization. We also have new leadership in Mr. Keith Wilson. I know that Mr. Wilson joins me in optimistically looking forward to the prospect of new ideas and creative opportunities in moving this agency forward. Mr. Wilson has a well balanced combination of reason and compassion that will no doubt serve the agency well into the future.

As 2012 chair, I very much appreciate the support from staff and employees who are the driving force in carrying out our common purpose. I also would like to thank each of the board members for their support and recognize the generous gifts of their time and talents."

Letter From the Director



T. Keith Wilson
Executive Director



It is an honor to be selected by the Office of Juvenile Affairs Board to lead this agency as we strive to accomplish our mission in these difficult economic times. It is apparent that the agency faces many challenges in the coming year; however, we are blessed with a dedicated and experienced staff.

Over the last few years the agency has experienced deep cuts in both staff and facilities while striving to maintain high performance standards. While available resources were declining, our institutions were experiencing an increase in the average age of youth in residence, youth with serious mental issues, youth that have committed serious violent crimes and an increase in youth with ties to various gangs. As a result of the changes in the population of youth in OJA custody, the agency is constantly striving to adapt our treatment methods to accomplish the desired result.

As the character of the population in our custody has changed, their educational needs have increased. The youth now being assigned to OJA are further behind their counterparts in public schools than ever before. This has resulted in OJA putting more and more emphasis on the educational aspect of their stay in our custody. OJA has joined with 10 other states and the University of Maryland's center for educational excellence in alternative settings to form a consortium for the purpose of improving the quality and cost efficiency of the education provided to the youth in our institutions.

Many of the youth in our custody are burdened with serious mental issues. Our new Chief Psychologist along with the staff at our institutions are constantly working to improve both the quantity and quality of the treatment provided to these youth.

It is my goal, with the support and help of our dedicated staff, to continually upgrade and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the agency as we work to protect public safety and to improve the lives of Oklahoma's youth.

FINANCE



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fiscal Year 2012

Agency Expenditures by Source of Funds

Program	Amount *	Percent
State Appropriated Funds	\$91,671,670	86.67%
Federal Funds	\$7,944,849	7.51%
Other Funds	\$959,814	0.91%
Carry Over	\$4,922,401	4.65%
ARRA Stimulus	\$271,612	0.26%
Total	\$105,770,346	100.00%

* Budgetary basis as of 06/30/12

Total expenditures of \$104.8 million in FY-2011 increased to \$105.7 million in FY-2012, resulting in a \$900 thousand increase. Federal support decreased from \$8.8 million in FY-2011 to \$7.9 million in FY-2012. State appropriated dollars decreased from \$93.4 million in FY-2011 to \$91.7 million in FY-2012. Other funding sources increased from \$0.7 million in FY-2011 to \$0.9 million in FY-2012. A carryover of \$0.9 million in FY-2011 increased to \$4.9 million in FY-2012.

Percent Distribution of Agency Expenditures by Program

Program	Percent *
Residential Services	40.19%
Non-Residential Services	30.93%
Community-Based Services	21.23%
Administrative Services	5.29%
Juvenile Accountability Block Grant	0.25%
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	0.76%
Santa Claus Commission	0.00%
Trust Fund	0.31%
Canteen	0.07%
Donations	0.00%
Dedicated Accounts	0.00%
Restitution	0.03%
Capital Outlay	0.94%
Total	100.00%

* Budgetary basis as of 06/30/12

LITERACY ASSESSMENT

Chart 1. Literacy Assessment Test Results, FY-2005 – FY-2011.

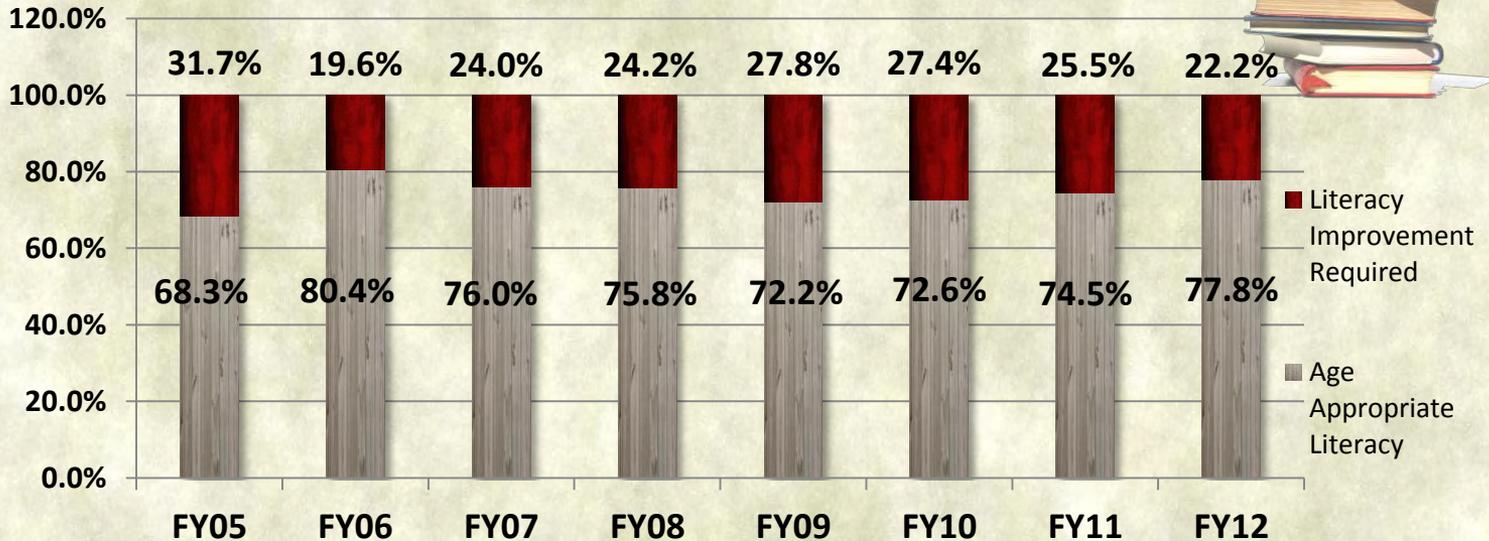
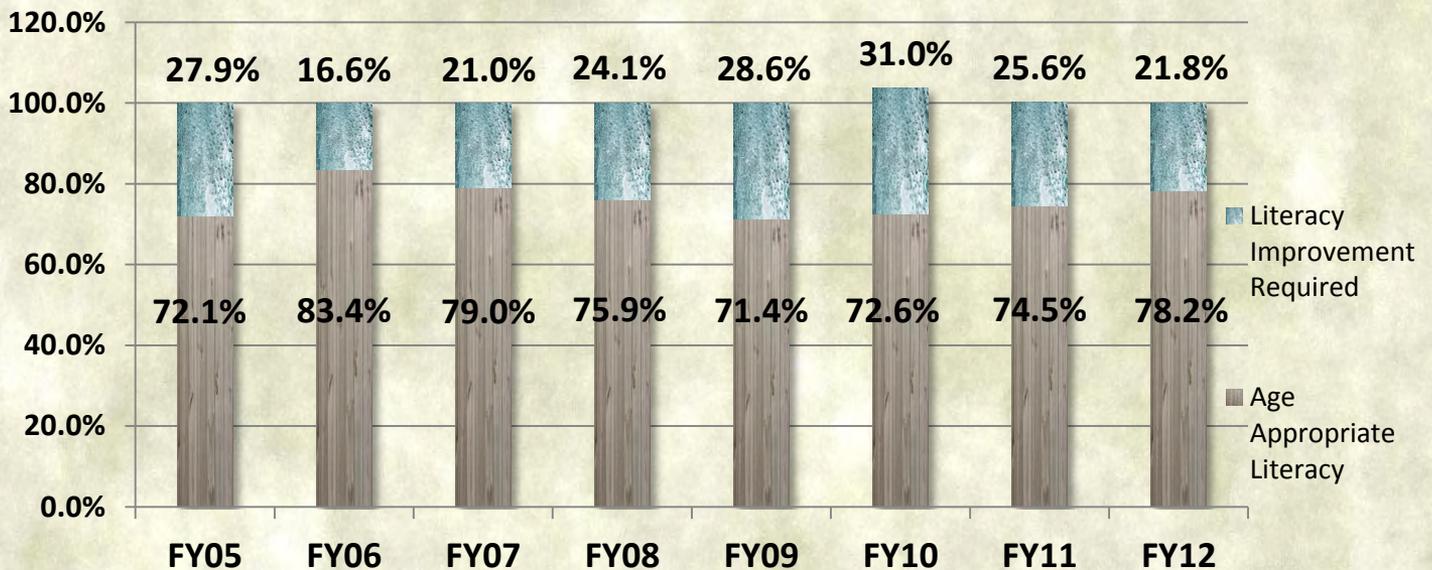


Chart 2. Proportion of Youth Aged 17 & Older Failing Literacy Assessment, FY-2005 – FY-2011.



LEGISLATION



Legislative Issues



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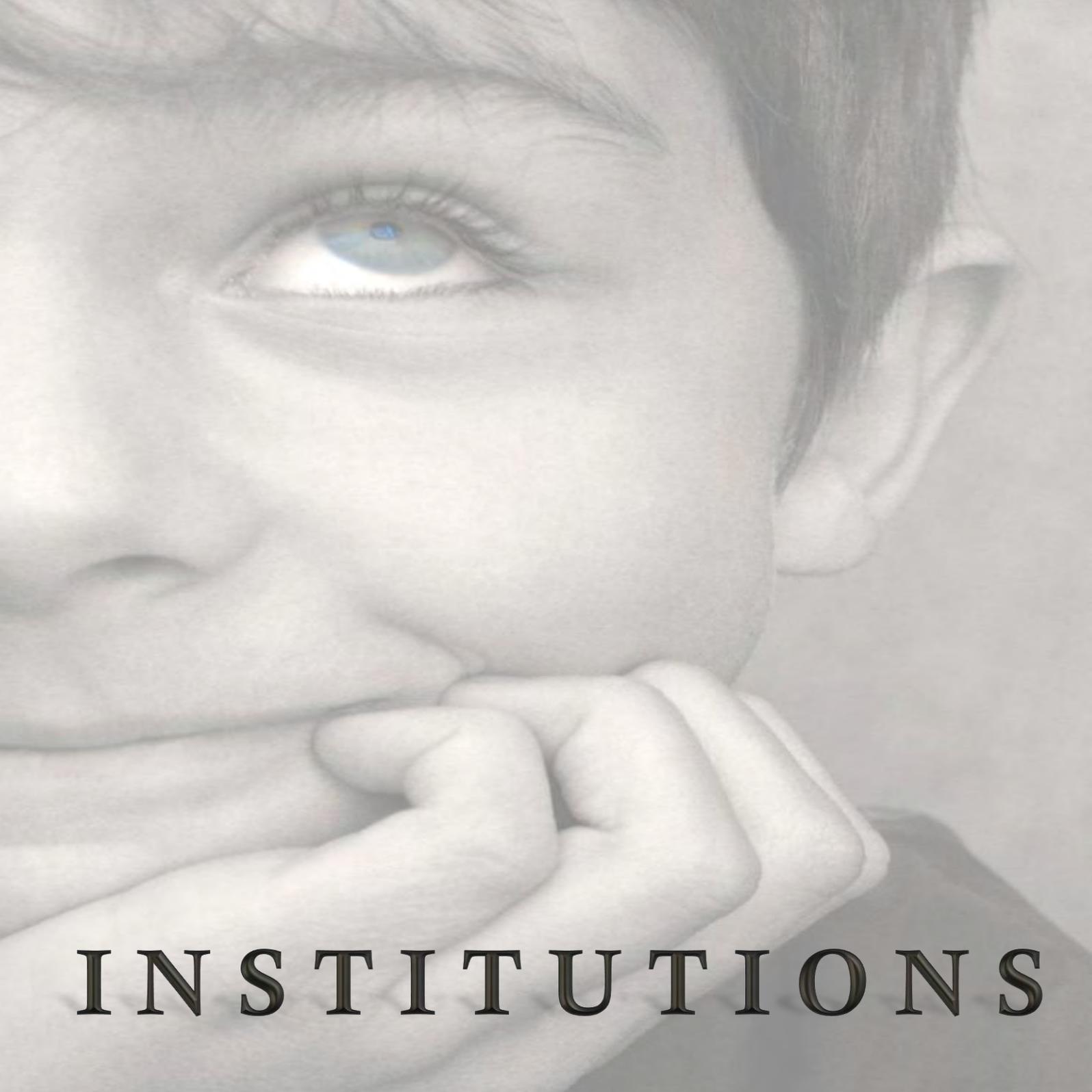
Over the past several years, Oklahoma's Legislature and state leadership have stepped forward and passed major pieces of legislation within the Juvenile Code. In 2012, seven measures continued toward the effort.



Scan this QR Code with your smart phone to see the latest information.

2012 Bills from the Second Session of the 53rd Legislature:

HB2300	Directs OJA to certify DHS shelters, modifies ages; establishes Mentoring Program.	Peterson, P(H), Crain(S)
HB2641	Directs OJA & OAYS to identify an evidence-based counseling curriculum in schools.	Denney(H), Halligan(S)
HB3091	Authorizes the court to expunge an entire file & record of a Youthful Offender case.	Williams(H), Johnson, R(S)
SB1183	Requires all adults in a foster care home to have a DPS motor vehicle report.	Burrage(S), Nollan(H)
SB1582	Authorizes OJA campus police for secure juvenile facilities & adjacent grounds.	Johnson, R(S), Peters(H)
SB1991	Directs OCCY to establish services for the children of incarcerated parents.	Jolley (S), Sears(H)



INSTITUTIONS



COJC

Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center

The Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center (COJC) in Tecumseh, is the only facility for female youth. COJC is a 116-bed physically secure facility that includes 20-beds dedicated to male sex offenders.



Southwest Oklahoma Juvenile Center

SWOJC

Southwestern Oklahoma Juvenile Center (SWOJC) is a 78-bed physically secure facility for males. It provides services and programs for Delinquents and Youthful Offenders.





PARTNERSHIPS

OKLAHOMA PLASTICULTURE PROGRAM



<http://www.ag.ok.gov/mktdev/plasticulture.htm>

The Office of Juvenile Affairs reached out to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture for a pilot program to be used at our institutions. Not only is it to be used as a therapeutic and educational program, but, as a potential cost saving program in the future.

The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry designed the Plasticulture Program in 2005 to help smaller farmers. ODAFF, with additional funding assistance provided in 2008 by the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program has been able to increase the number of limited resource farmers producing specialty crops.

This program is intended to help our youth with rehabilitation, education and vocational skills to help them in their process to successfully return to the community.



Southwest Oklahoma Juvenile Center

SWOJC

SWOJC located in Manitou, sits in a portion of the state's fertile but arid farmland. Southwestern Oklahoma has a history of growing cotton, corn and soybean. This dry area is a great environment to showcase the Plasticulture Program. With limited water resources, we can design the garden and grow the kind of produce that has a great turn around in growth time, while not losing the water to evaporation. In just one year, SWOJC successfully produced over 2500 pounds of vegetables for use in the facility and for the local Food Bank.

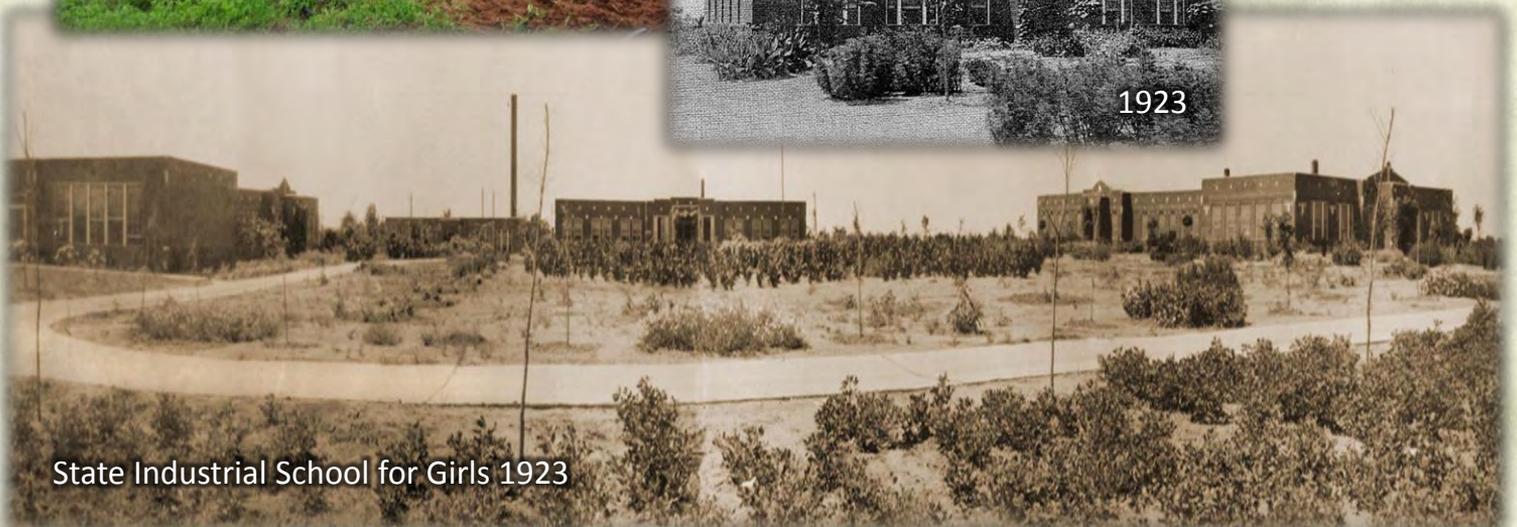


ODAFF Secretary Jim Reese



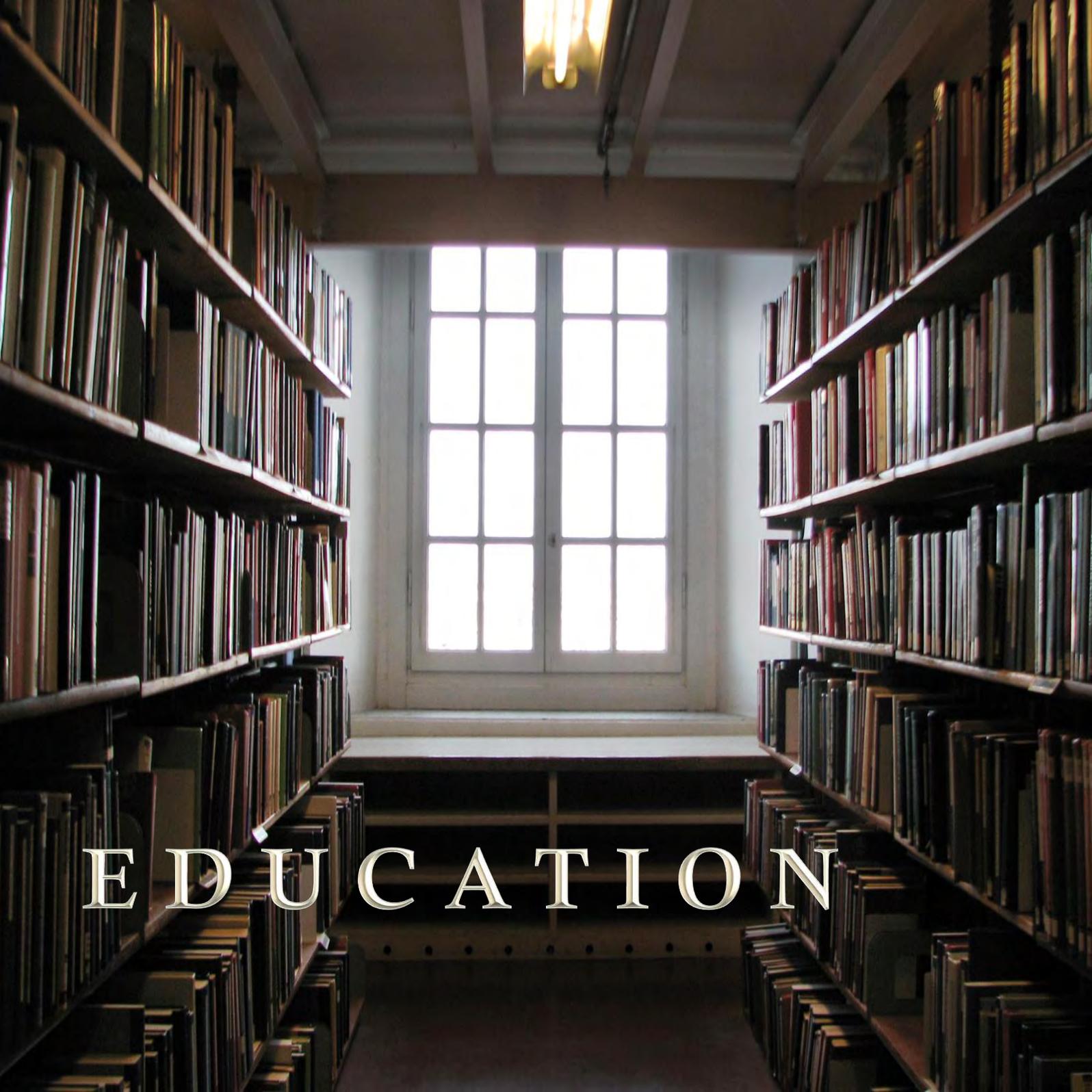
COJC

Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center



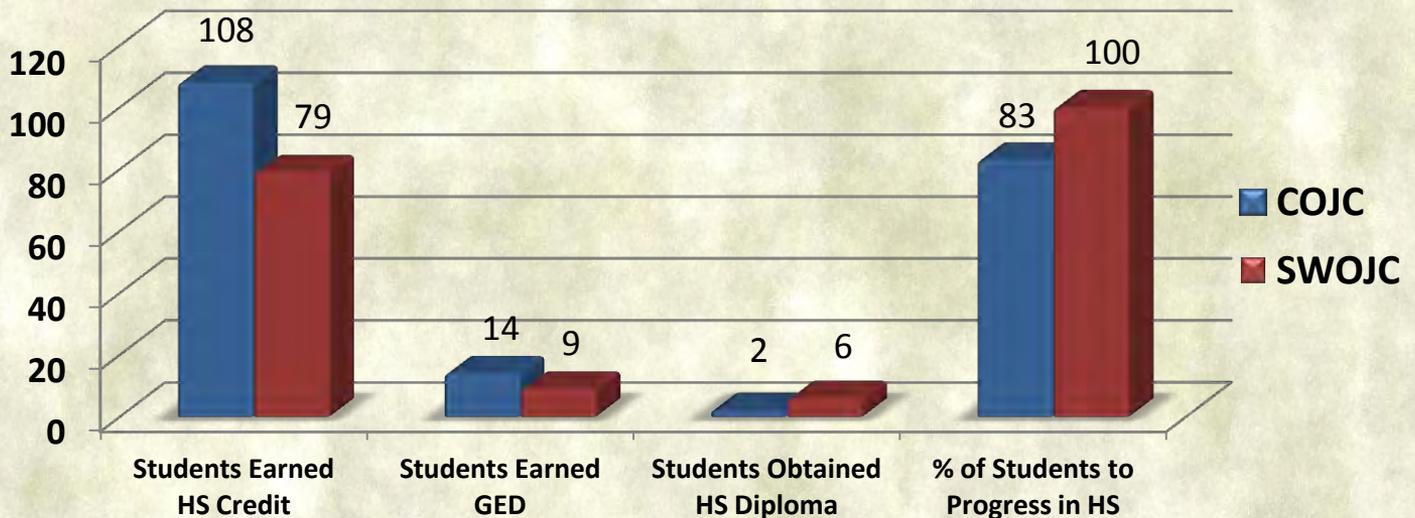
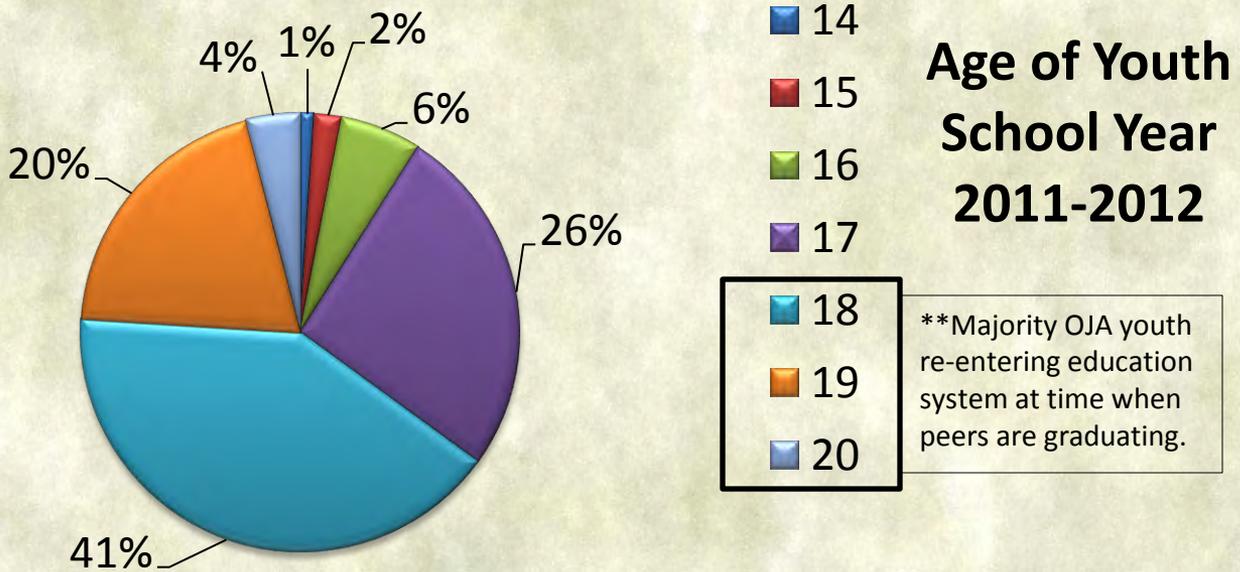
State Industrial School for Girls 1923

COJC in Tecumseh has a long history in our state. Originally built in the 1920's as a Industrial School for Girls. The facility was built to train wayward girls that had become problems for both their families and their communities. In 1921, the Seventh Legislature appropriated \$2,500 to dig an artesian well due to the distressing shortage of water. Today, we face those same concerns from the past. The plasticulture program is designed to deal with that same water resource issue. The facility's population now consists of both males and females. OJA and the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture is embarking on a new pilot program, that in many ways reaches back to some of the historical "roots" of the facility. Today we are growing produce that can be used within the facility. And as a part of their community outreach program, the youth can give portions of the produce to their local Food Bank.



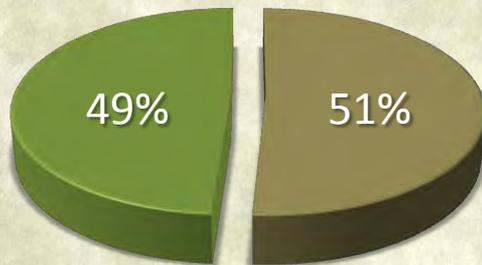
EDUCATION

For 67% of the 17 and 18-year-old youth in the OJA facilities, this is the first time they have been in school for a number of years. The majority of students enter the OJA education programs in the 9th or 10th-grade in secure facilities while their same-age peers are anticipating high school graduation. Of the 127 students enrolled in the education programs, 51% required special education services due to specific learning disabilities, emotional disturbances, or other health impairments that impede the ability to learn.



Students with Disabilities - COJC

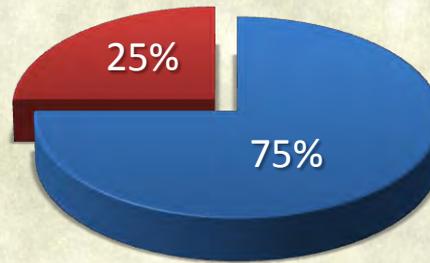
*COJC population includes Males and Females



- Students with Disabilities (IDEA) - All
- Non Disabled Students - All

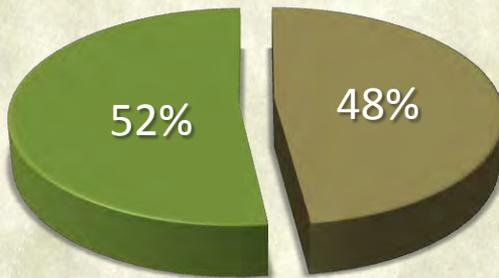


Students with Disabilities - COJC



- Male
- Female

Students with Disabilities - SWOJC

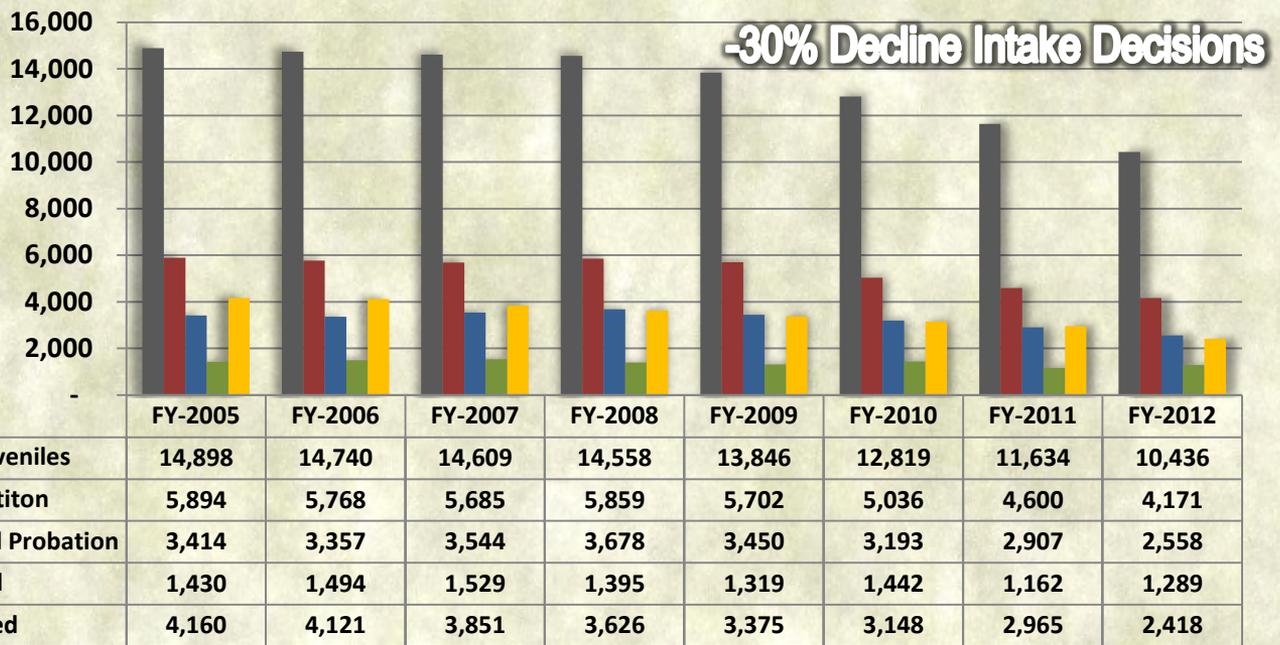


- Students with Disabilities (IDEA) - All
- Non Disabled Students - All





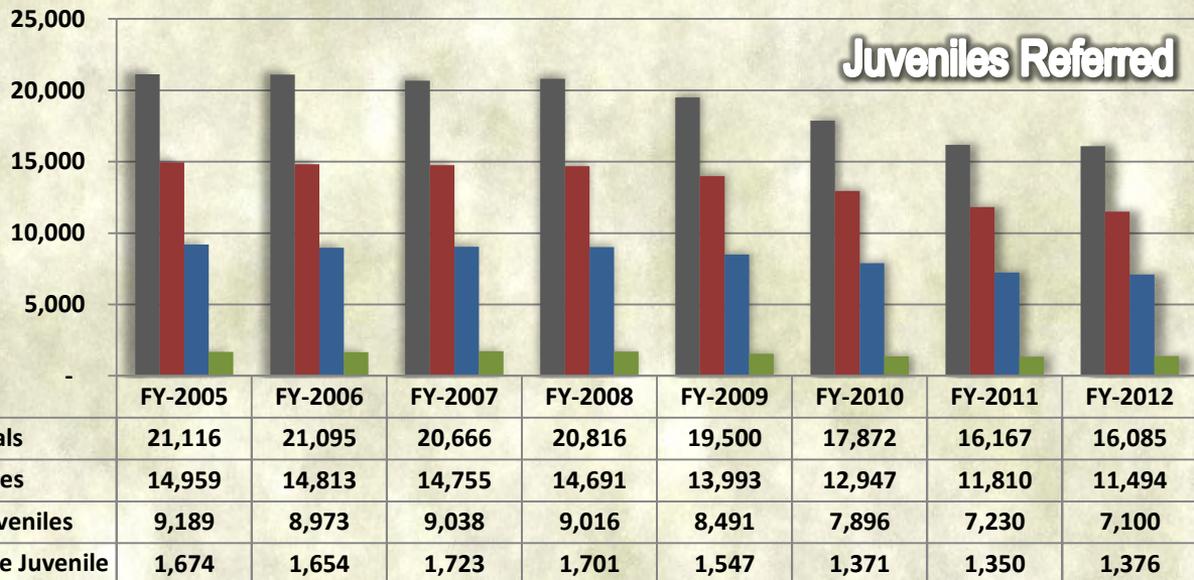
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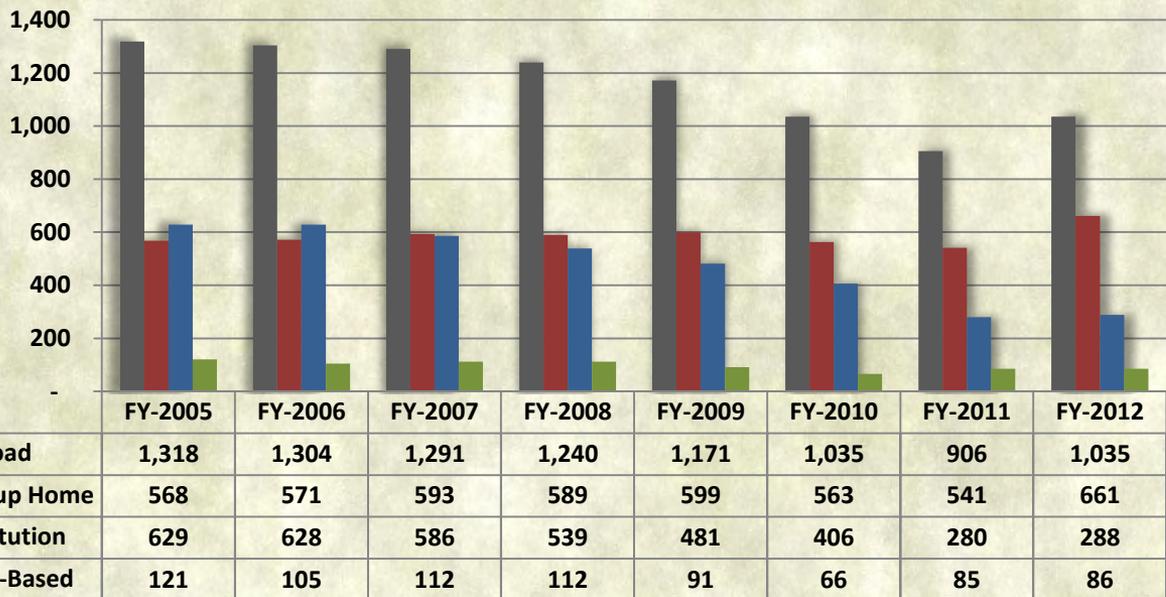
INTAKE DECISIONS

From FY-2005 to FY-2012, the number of total juvenile intakes decreased 30% from 14,898 to 10,436. All decision categories have seen the following decreases:

File Petition 29.2%
 Informal Probation 25.1%
 Dismissed 41.9%
 Diverted 9.9%



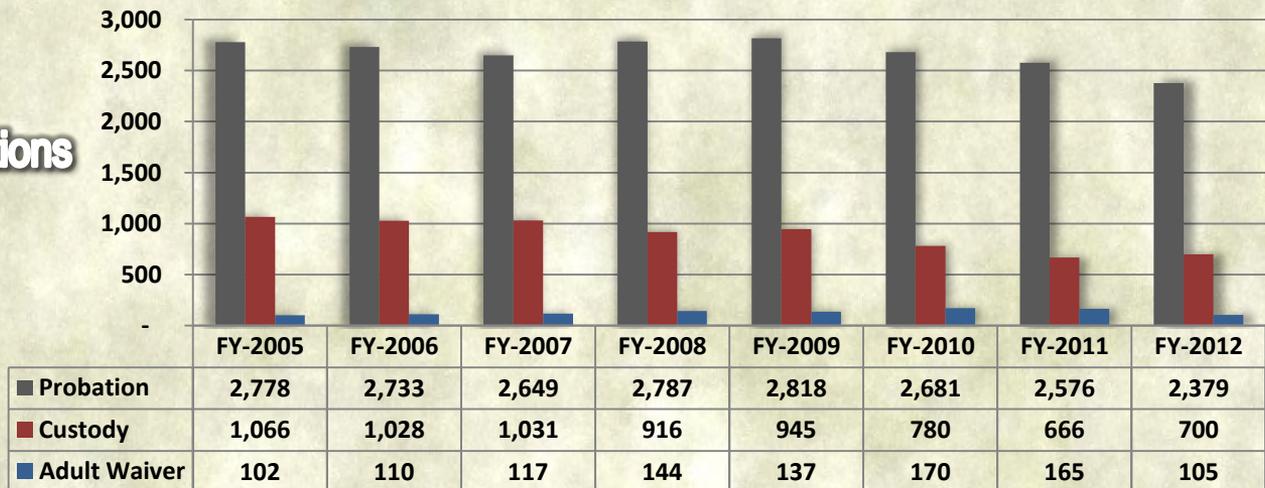
Residential Caseload by Facility Type



RESIDENTIAL CASELOAD BY FACILITY TYPE

The total caseload in FY-2005 (1,374) decreased 13.6% to FY-2012 (1,187). Level E Group Home numbers remain consistent. The number of youth placed at a secure institution in FY-2005 (629) decreased 54.2% compared to FY-2012 (288).

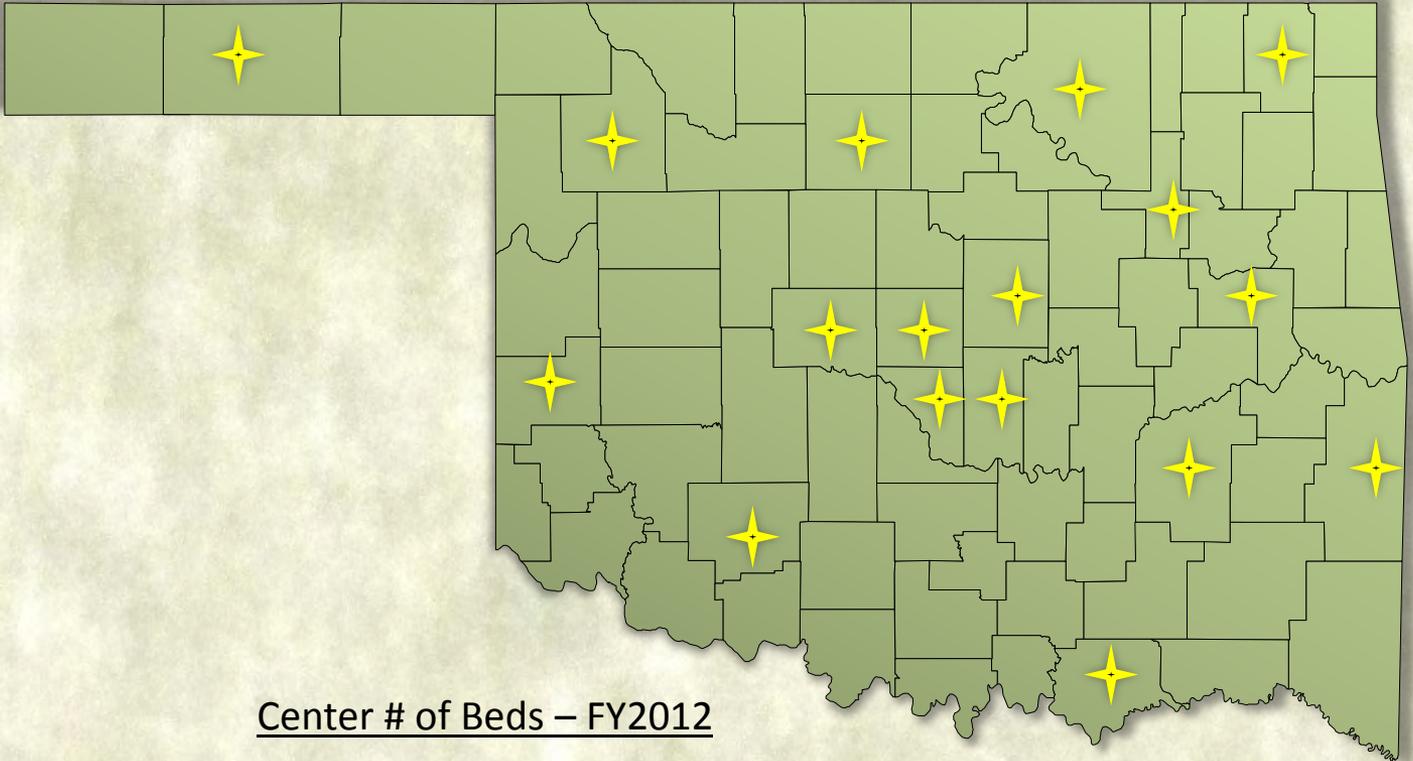
Court Dispositions



COURT DISPOSITION

Probation cases have not seen a significant change from FY-2005 to FY-2011. The number of custody dispositions from FY-2005 (1,093) decreased 39.5% to FY-2012 (661).

Secure County Detention Centers



Center # of Beds – FY2012

Beckham County - 6	Oklahoma County - 79
Bryan County - 6	Osage County - 6
Canadian County * - 10	Pittsburg County - 10
Cleveland County - 26	Pottawatomie County - 12
Comanche County - 25	Lincoln County - 12
Craig County - 18	Texas County - 6
Garfield County - 10	Tulsa County - 55
LeFlore County - 10	Woodward County - 8
Muskogee County - 10	

Secure County Detention Centers

- The Program was originally initiated through the State Plan for the Establishment of Juvenile Detention Centers per 10A O.S., Section 2-3-103.
- 17 secure detention centers detain juvenile offenders after arrest or during their court process.

* Canadian County Sanctions Detention Program

- The Canadian County Sanctions Detention Program is authorized by 10A O.S., Section 2-7-501(D).
- The program provides a 7 bed highly structured and secure temporary placement for 3 to 5 days through a contract with the Canadian County Commissioners. The target population consists of medium and high risk youth on probation who violate court orders or the terms of their probation.

Therapeutic Foster Homes

- The statewide program provides services to juveniles with special needs: Developmental delays or mental health problems.
- Juveniles are screened by community mental health centers for eligibility.

Specialized Community Homes

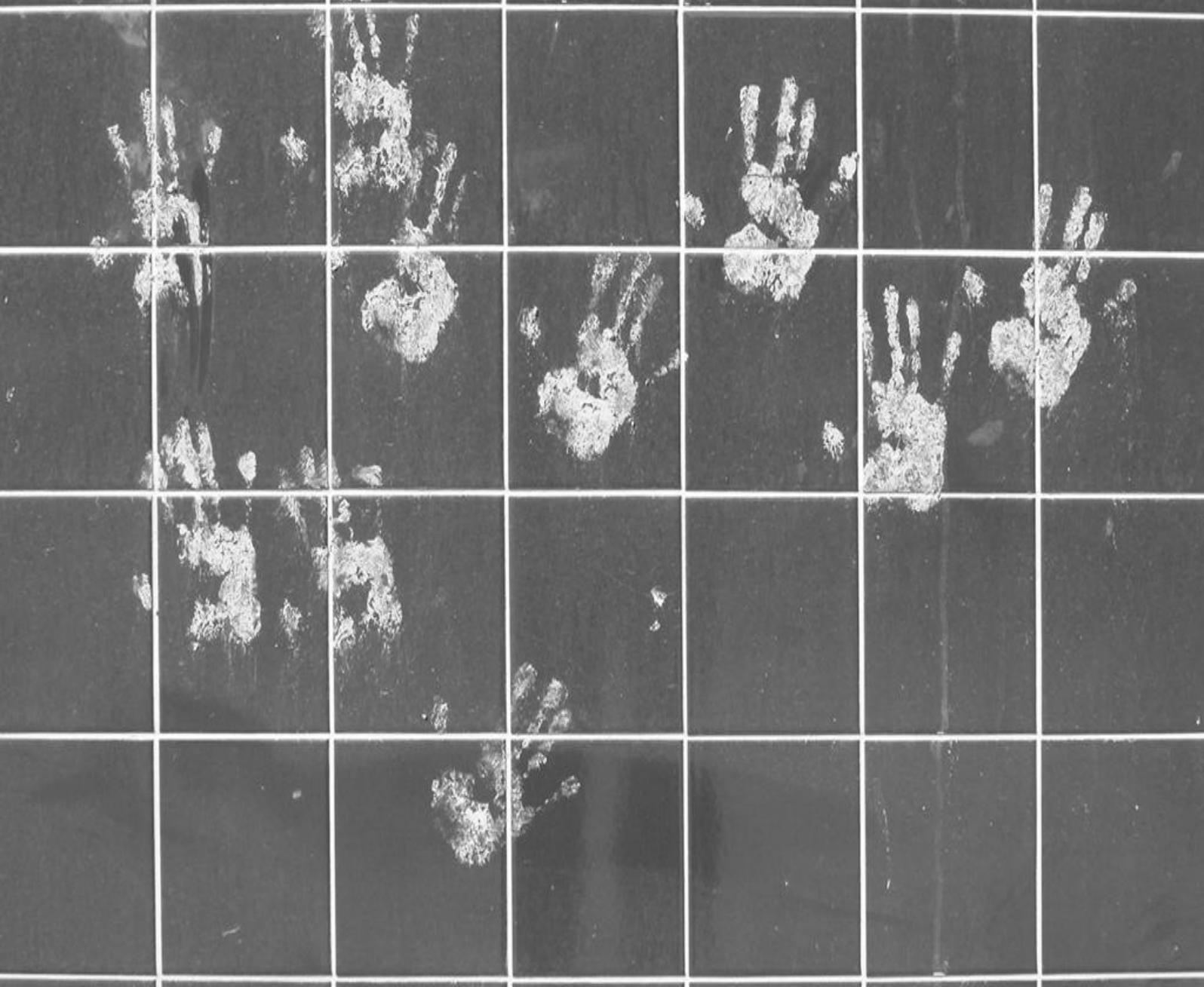
- Statewide professional contractors provide their homes, counseling, and independent living skills services for low risk youth.

Level E Group Homes

- This Statewide Staff Secure Residential program provides a highly structured environment and regularly scheduled contact with professional staff for juvenile offenders who have extreme antisocial and aggressive behavior.

<u>Facility Name</u>	<u>FY2012 Beds</u>
Butler	16
Cedar Canyon	16
Cornerstone	16
Foss Lake Adventure Program	16
Harbor House	16
Lawton Adventure Program	16
Lighthouse	32
People Inc	16
ROCMND	16
Sequoyah Enterprise	16
Speck Homes	12
Spencer House	12
Tenkiller Adventure Program	16

COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES



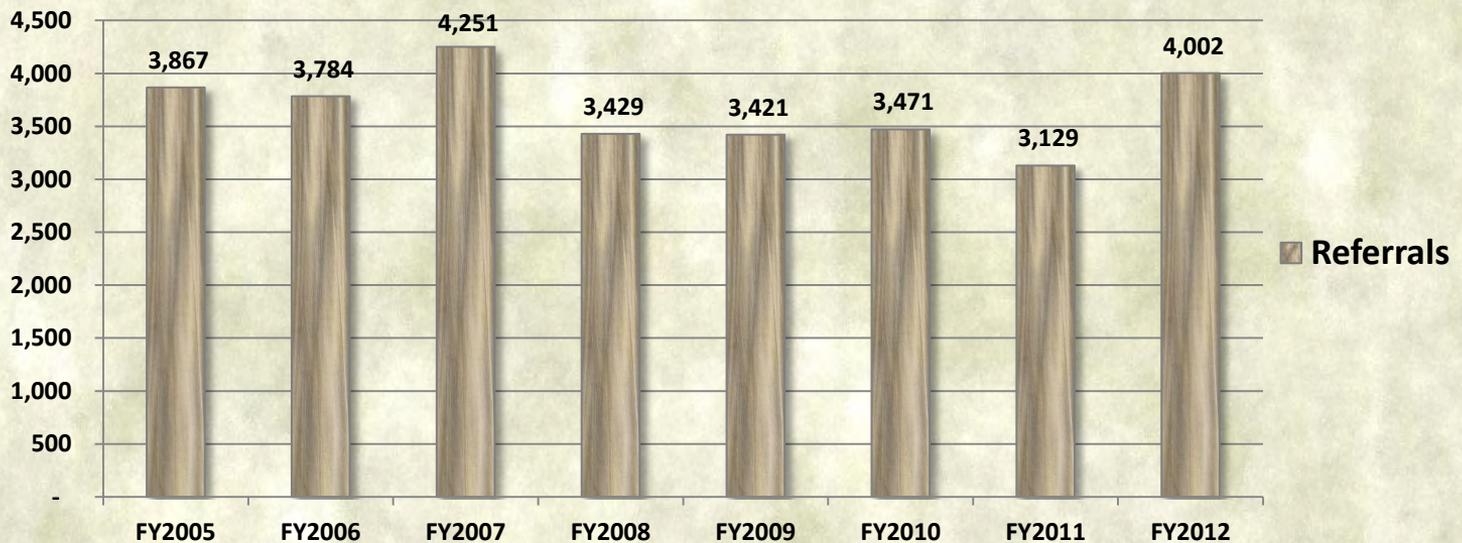
Community-Based Programs

Community Prevention Programs

• **Graduated Sanctions Program:** The program is a community-based initiative designed to provide accountability for offenders at an early stage and provide immediate consequences for non-compliant youth. Community Councils in each participating city and county provide leadership and guidance to ensure that referred juveniles receive proper attention and services and to determine appropriate sanctions if violations occur. Participation by parents and youth in the program is voluntary.

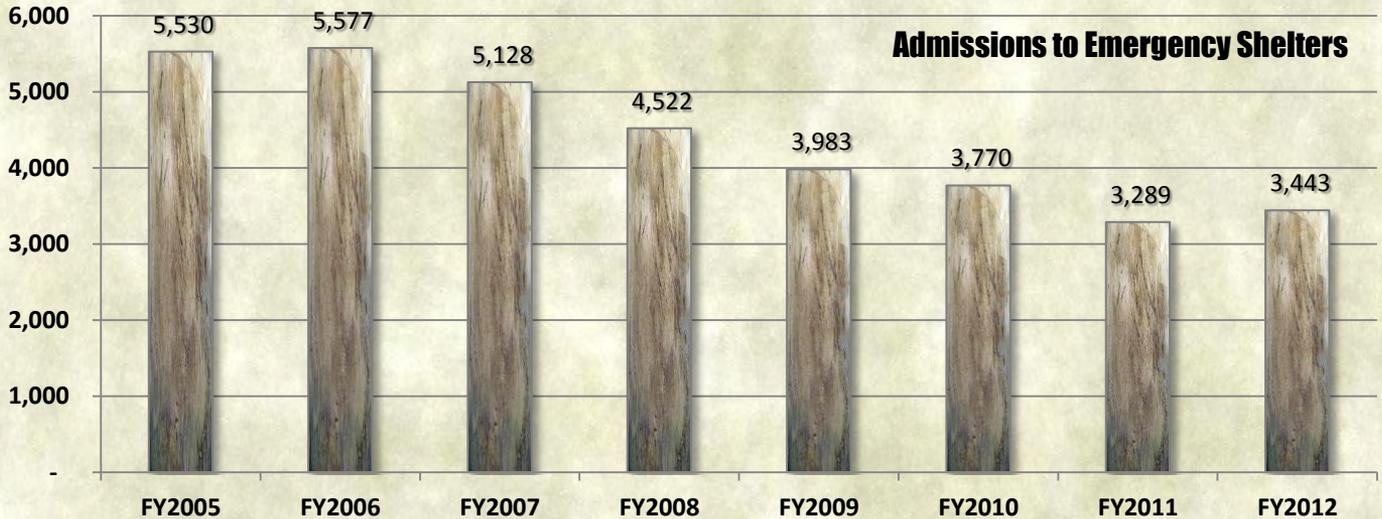
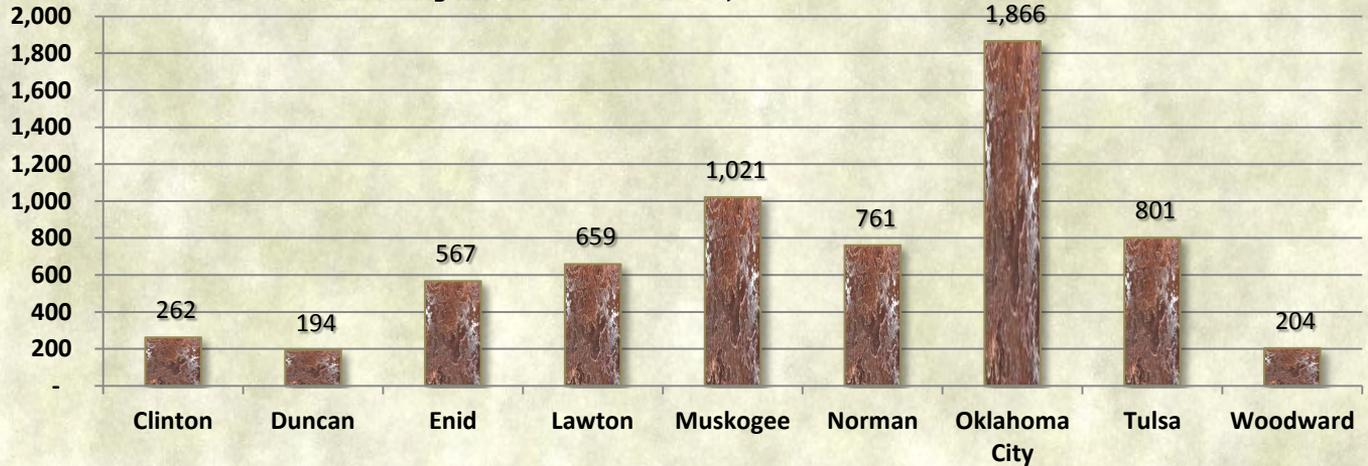
• **Community-Based Youth Services Programs:** A network of designated youth services agencies provides a statewide service delivery system of prevention, diversion, and treatment programs to keep juveniles from entering or progressing further into the juvenile justice system. Funding is legislatively mandated and passed through OJA for contracting purposes.

- Forty-two agencies provide Community Prevention and Diversion Services through school-based counseling services, community presentations, and counseling services focused on youth and family problems.
- Thirty agencies provide Emergency Shelter services for children needing temporary shelter.
- Forty-two agencies provide First Offender Program services for youth and families referred to the juvenile justice system for the first time.
- Data for the Emergency Shelter admissions and First Offender program referrals were derived from JOLTS and data from the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services (OAYS).



Community-Based Programs

Admissions to Community Intervention Centers,

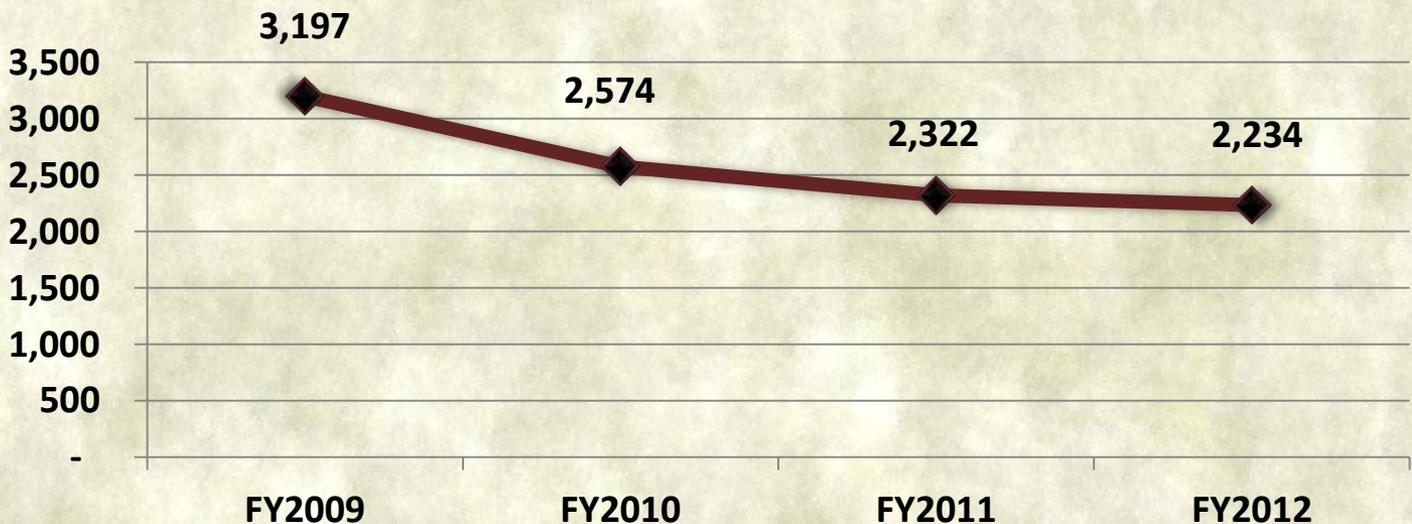


Community Protection Programs

Community Intervention Centers: OJA contracts with nine municipalities for the provision of Community Intervention Centers (CICs). These programs provide police with an alternative when arresting juveniles for violations not requiring secure detention. The CICs provide short-term holding facilities, assessment services, and referrals to other agencies or municipal courts. The centers are additionally supported with federal and local funds. The target population includes all juveniles arrested by local law enforcement officers for municipal and state law violations.

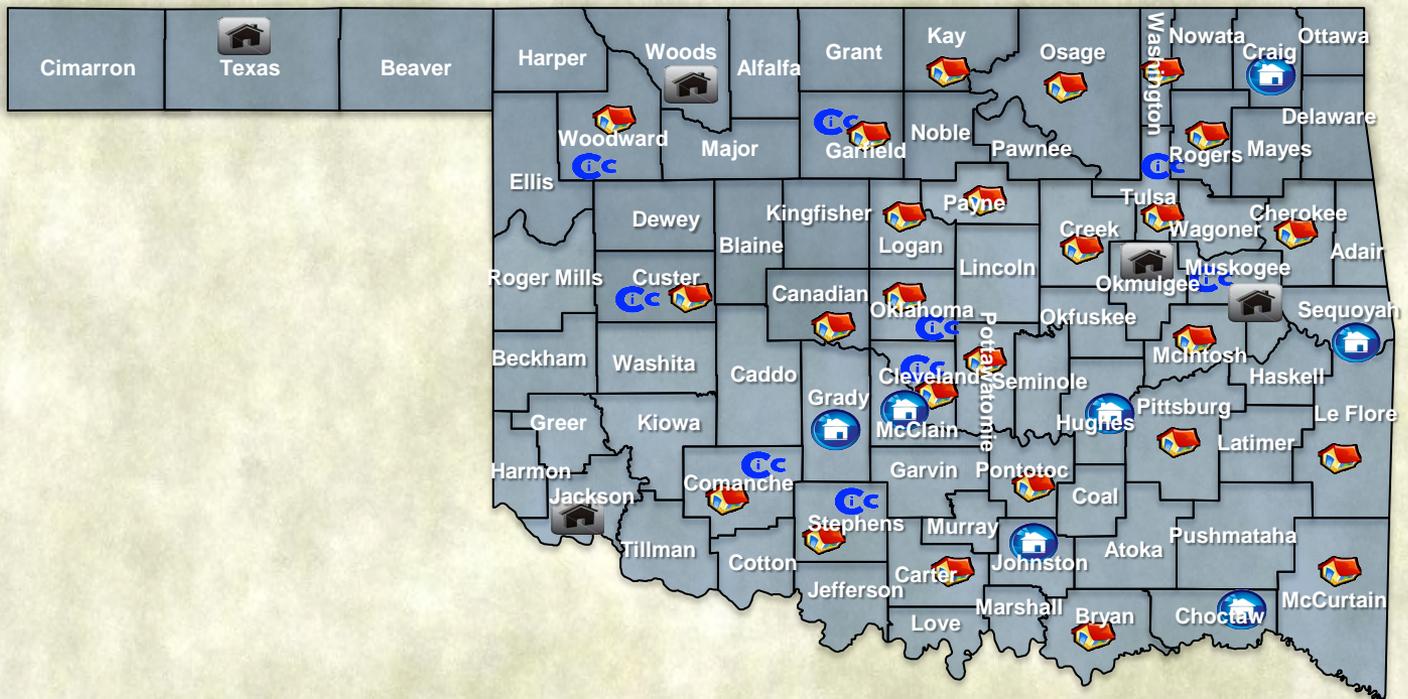
Community At Risk Services (CARS)

- Community At Risk Services (CARS) began as an OJA administrative initiative to transition service delivery from multiple providers to the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services Agencies. 10A O.S., Section 2-7-305.
- The purpose of the program is to provide community based services to juveniles in custody or under the supervision of OJA to prevent out-of-home placement and to reintegrate juveniles returning from placements.
- Designated Youth Services Agencies provide statewide treatment plan development, mentoring, tutoring, counseling, diagnostic and evaluation services and supervision of youth in independent living.
- The target population includes juveniles in custody, probation or on informal adjustment with a primary emphasis on those that are medium or high risk.



Emergency Shelters

Emergency Shelters and the programming they provide are a valuable resource to the State of Oklahoma. Accepting ages ranging from birth to 18, each shelter has a variety of programs based upon the current census at each location. Designed with the idea of serving abused and neglected children on an emergency basis, communities utilize shelter both on a local level and also take children outside their community based upon need. Below is a map with the location of the Youth Services agencies throughout Oklahoma.



Denotes CIC Locations



Denotes Youth Service Locations with Host Homes



Denotes Youth Service Locations with No Shelters



Denotes Youth Service Locations with Shelters

AGENCY LISTING



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Institutional Services Division – State Office 2012

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GLOSSARY

Glossary of Terms

Acronyms Used in the Juvenile Justice System

• **JSU** - Juvenile Services Unit, part of the Juvenile Services Division of the Office of Juvenile Affairs

• **Juvenile Bureau** – An agency of county government that is duly established according to applicable state statutes to provide intake and probation services to juveniles. In order for a county in Oklahoma to begin the process of establishing its own Juvenile Bureau, the population of the county must meet or exceed a statutorily established minimum. Currently Canadian, Comanche, Oklahoma, and Tulsa counties are the only counties in Oklahoma with Juvenile Bureaus.

• **Referral** - A written report or request from a law enforcement agency, a school, or a public or private agency or individual to a local JSU office or Juvenile Bureau making certain allegations about a juvenile's problematic behavior.

• **Intake** - The processing of a referral, also known as a preliminary inquiry. The juvenile and his/her parent/guardians meet with local JSU worker or a Juvenile Bureau intake worker. They discuss the allegation contained in the referral to decide what recommendation to make to the district attorney regarding the appropriate response the juvenile should take toward changing the juvenile's problematic behavior.

• **Intake Decision** - The district attorney's final decision based upon the information gathered at intake. Possible intake decisions are:

• **Decline to File** – The filing of a petition is at the district attorney's discretion. Filing may be declined for several reasons, including lack of sufficient evidence, age of the juvenile, best interest of the juvenile, or a witness refusing to testify.

• **Divert** – A decision by the district attorney that the juvenile is to be referred to an available community agency or service designed to ameliorate the juvenile's problematic behavior when more severe legal sanctions appear inappropriate at the time.

• **Informal Probation** – A decision by the district attorney to enter into a Informal Adjustment (IA) or a Deferred Decision of File (DDF) with the juvenile, further adverse action being contingent upon whether the juvenile successfully follows an agreed set of rules or program.

• **File a Petition** – The district attorney decides to file a petition with the county court clerk's office making certain allegations against a juvenile when the seriousness of the offense warrants it or when prior attempts have failed to correct the juvenile's behavior.

• **Transfer to Adult Court** – The process of prosecuting a juvenile in adult criminal court instead of in the juvenile court. The district attorney initiates this process by filing a Motion to Certify with the county court clerk's office.

Glossary of Terms

Acronyms Used in the Juvenile Justice System

•[Disposition Decision](#) – The action taken on a petition by the district court judge. Following are possible dispositions:

•[Dismissal](#) – The court may, at its discretion, dismiss the petition if it believes it is in the best interest of the juvenile and the public.

•[Probation](#) – The juvenile is adjudicated delinquent by a judge or jury at a formal adjudicatory hearing and then is made a ward of the court at a disposition hearing, remaining in the parents'/guardian's legal custody.

•[Custody](#) – The district court vests temporary legal custody of the adjudicated youth to OJA at the disposition hearing.

•[Secure Detention](#) – County operated or contracted secure facilities located throughout the state designed to hold juveniles awaiting the outcome of prosecutorial or judicial decisions. Bond is set at a detention hearing held the morning of the first day the court is in session subsequent to a juvenile being securely detained.

Notes:



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