



New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

*To join communities and families in providing opportunities
for citizens to achieve health and independence*



Division for Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS)



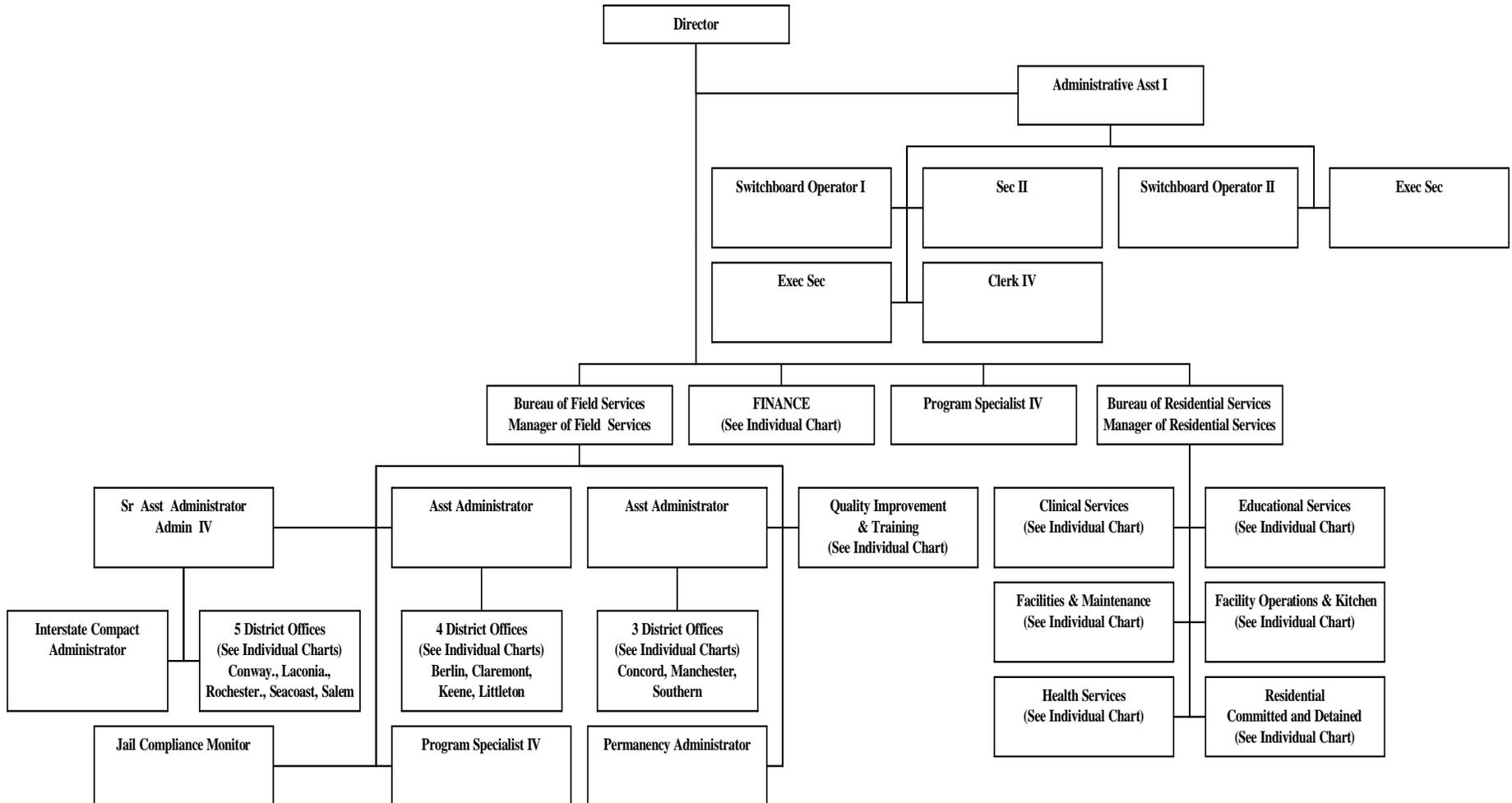
DJJS

Mission Statement

To promote community safety and positive youth outcomes. DJJS will achieve these results through the use of evidence based treatment practices; ensuring offender accountability through restoration of individuals and communities harmed by misconduct and by treating youth as assets to be developed within families and communities.



DJJS





Organization

Directors Office

- Financial (Manager, Business Office, and Grants)
- Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)
- Administrative Support

Residential Services - Sununu Youth Services Center (SYSC)

- Clinical & Psychological Services
- Medical
- Education

Field Services & Quality Improvement

- Juvenile Probation and Parole Services
- Jail Compliance Standards Monitor
- Performance Based Standards (PbS)
- Legislative Liaison
- Training/Quality Improvement



Personnel and Administrative Profile

DJJS currently supports 312 authorized positions.

DJJS provides supervision and rehabilitative services for youth adjudicated under state law as delinquent or as children in need of services (CHINS):

- Juvenile Probation and Parole Officers (JPPOs), work in the community, across the state conducting investigations and providing supervision of CHINS and delinquents, including delinquents released from SYSC on parole.
- SYSC provides residential placement and treatment for detained and committed NH youth involved with the NH court system.
- Community-based providers licensed and/or certified by DHHS provide residential and nonresidential community-based services.



Enabling Legislation

RSA 169: Neglected and Delinquent Children and Persons in Need of Supervision

- RSA 169:B Delinquent Youth
- RSA 169:D Children in Need of Services – CHINS

Both 169:B and 169:D

...encourage the wholesome moral, mental, emotional, and physical development of each minor coming within the provisions of this chapter, by providing the protection, care, treatment, counseling, supervision, and rehabilitative resources which such minor needs.



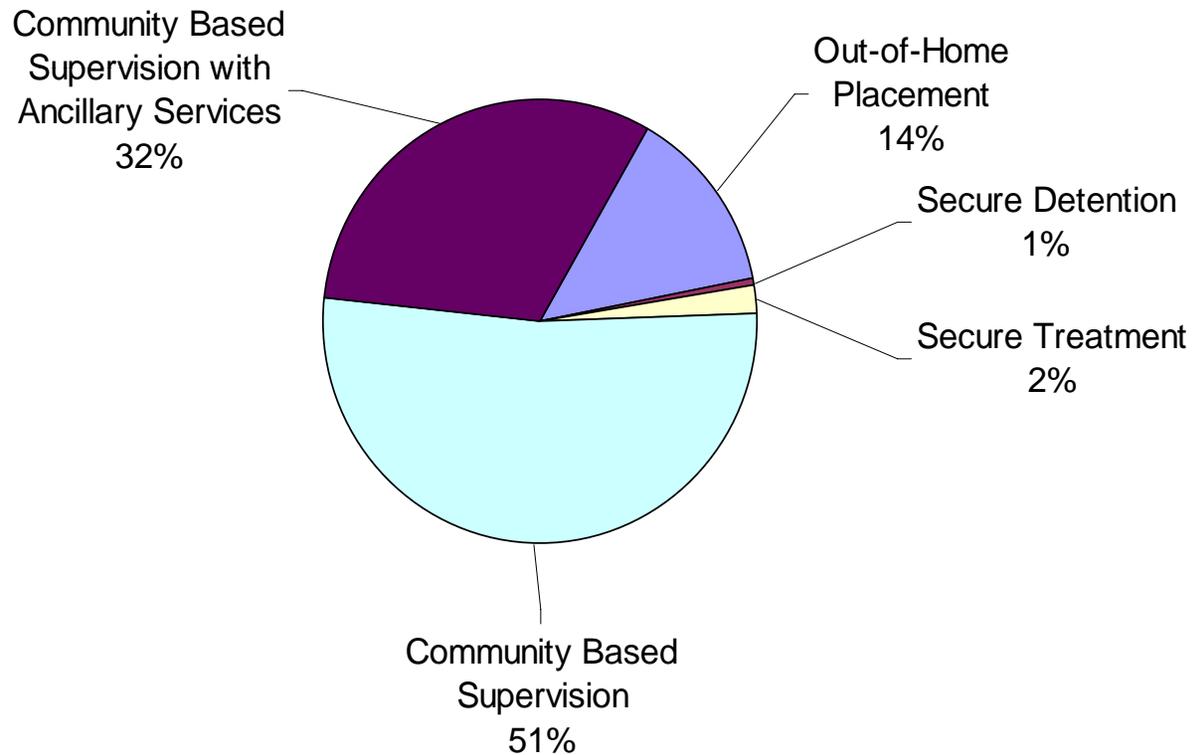
Target Population Served

- Children in Need of Services (CHINS): Those youth under age 18 who are habitually truant, are runaways, or repeatedly disobey reasonable commands of parents/guardians.
- Delinquents: Those youth under age 17 who commit offenses which would be felonies or misdemeanors if committed by adults.
- Families of youth who are CHINS or delinquents.



Service Delivery

Total Youth Served: 4,857
Total Service Days: 855,123
(Dec 2009 to Dec 2010)





Expected Outcomes

- Community Safety: Youth leaving DJJS care will be less likely to re-offend.
- Restoration of the Community and the Victims of Juvenile Offenses: Repair the harm caused by misconduct through restitution and community service.
- Reintegration into Communities and Permanency of Youth into Families: Fewer youth in out-of-home placements and successful expedited transitions from residential placements back to families and communities.
- Cost effective intervention through appropriate rehabilitative services for juvenile offenders and CHINS.



Major Initiatives

- The Sununu Youth Services Center (SYSC) received fully accredited status from the American Correctional Association (ACA) in August, 2010 (COMPLETED)
- The DJJS Bureau of Field Services (Juvenile Probation and Parole) is currently in the “Self Assessment” stage for ACA accreditation. (PENDING)
- Initiated nationally recognized Performance-based Standards (PbS) data collection and reporting system as part of continuous improvement process. (ONGOING)
- Constructed a DJJS data mart in collaboration with the University of New Hampshire to produce standardized DJJS management reports. (ONGOING)



Major Initiatives

- Continue efforts around certification and in-service training for staff in the areas of counseling, understanding adolescent brain development, working with populations suffering from mental illness, de-escalation techniques for youth in crisis, aggression management, professional behavior, emergency/crisis response and suicide prevention. (ONGOING)
- Continue to provide therapeutic and educational group sessions, individual counseling, family sessions, organized recreation, community meetings, extracurricular activities and community service opportunities for SYSC residents. (ONGOING)



Costs

Children's Services Account DJJS	2009	2010
SRV Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures
Children's Services	\$ 33,097,711	\$ 29,786,122
Juvenile Probation & Parole	\$ 8,712,183	\$ 9,197,502
SYSC & Grants	\$ 16,741,663	\$ 17,382,086
Total	\$ 58,551,557	\$ 56,365,710
Total Youth Served	4,907	4,857



Challenges

- The population under the care of DJJS is increasingly more mentally ill. This population requires greater numbers of staff to manage, and that those staff have more training to deal with the special population.
- Proactive implementation of best practices for both Residential and Field Services to minimize prospect of any litigation which could potentially drive increases in expenditures.
- Ensuring that all staff have the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities to deal with the changing population of children entering the Juvenile Justice System.
- Federal rules and regulations for reimbursement of services.
- Expense of community based treatment services.
- Ensuring that the most qualified staff are placed in the appropriate work classification positions given the existing personnel system.



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