Colorado Youth Detention Continuum

Safety, Housing, Education, and Homelessness Committee
August 21, 2024



CYDC Overview

 SB 91-94 adopted to support local service options in lieu of adding more detention facilities (alternatives to incarceration).

Senate Bill 94

Local Control

 SB93-94 moved funding from counties to judicial districts and mandated creation of local Juvenile Service Planning Committees.

- Rebranded as the Colorado Youth Detention Continuum in 2017.
- Number of detention beds statewide down from 479 beds in 2003 to 215 in 2024.

Current State



2nd JD Juvenile Services Planning Committee

Role of JSPC

- Develop and approve local plan and budget
- Provide general program oversight in collaboration with fiscal agent and CYDC Coordinator
- Denver only JSPC with a youth on the JSPC

Name	Representing	Title/Role
Judge Laurie Clark	Denver Juvenile Court (co-chair)	Juvenile Court Judge
Priscilla Gartner	Colorado Public Defender Office (co-chair)	Deputy Chief - Juvenile
Juan Silva	Denver District Attorney's Office	Deputy Chief - Juvenile
Benita Martin	Denver District Attorney's Office	Diversion Director
Eric King	Denver Police Department	Juvenile Intake
Bonnie Graham	WellPower	Program Manager
Paige Dennis	Denver Collaborative Partnership	Director
Erin Stremming	Denver Human Services	Deputy Division Director
Scott Romero	Denver Public Schools	Support Specialist
Vera Dominguez	Division of Youth Services	Gilliam Director
Tammy Schneiderman	Division of Youth Services	Central Region Director
Serena Gonzales- Gutierrez	Municipal Representative	City Council At-Large
Kimberly Howard	Denver Juvenile Probation	Chief Probation Officer
·	Community/Youth Member	Student
		Central Region Program
Nicole Chamblin	Division of Youth Services	Manager



Racial and
Ethnic
Disparity
(RED)
Subcommittee

Purpose: This subcommittee assists in identifying the root causes of racial and ethnic disparities within the Denver Juvenile Justice system and makes recommendations on how to address these issues.

This subcommittee is comprised of: City of Denver Attorney's Office **Community Members** Colorado Department of Justice District Attorney's Office Juvenile DA Diversion Denver Collaborative Partnership Denver Juvenile Court Denver Police Department Denver Public Safety Youth Programs Denver Youth Detention Continuum Mental Health Center of Denver National Center of Youth Law Denver Juvenile Probation Denver Public Defenders Office



CYDC

- \$1,360,583.00
- Budget covers
 personnel and
 operational
 expenses including
 services for youth
- 12 FTE's

MTR

- \$370,875.00
- Budget covers personnel and operational expenses including services.
- Services limited to substance misuse services.
- 2 FTE's

Shelter Funds

- \$19,565.00
- New funding source added in FY 22/23.
- Funding to be used to help transition youth out of detention
- Denver using for kinship support



Intake

- Screen all youth arrested in Denver on misdemeanor and/or felony
- Use JDSAG, CJRA, HRV Tool, CRAFFT
- Determine detention or Home Release

Supervision

- Supervise preadjudicated youth 10-17
- Provide free services including mental health, substance misuse, basic needs, and connection to pro-social activities
- Follow court orders and terms and conditions of supervision levels

Bed Management

- Manage bed roster to ensure court orders are followed
- Emergency release meetings to identify youth to be released if necessary
- Work with other counties to transfer youth as appropriate





- Youth Screened:513
- Screened into Detention 379 (74%)
- Screened Home134 (26%)
- Youth with New Charges 363 (70%)

2022-2023

- Youth Screened:504
- Screened into Detention 373 (74%)
- Screened Home 131 (26%)
- Youth with New Charges 393 (78%)

2023-2024

- Youth Screened:548
- Screened into Detention 382 (70%)
- Screened Home 166 (30%)
- Youth with New Charges 430 (79%)



Males: 421

• Female: 92

Hispanic: 206

African American:228

• White: 62

Other: 17

2022-2023

Males: 414

Female: 90

• Hispanic: 212

African American:212

White: 61

• Other: 19

2023-2024

Males: 445

• Female: 103

Hispanic: 266

African American:216

• White: 60

Other: 6





- Total youth served:262
- FTA/AWOL: 34 (13%)
- Non-Compliant: 33 (13%)
- Recidivism: 11 (4%)
- Length of Stay: 97 days
- Handgun or COV charges: 172 (66%)

2022-2023

- Total youth served:295
- FTA/AWOL: 26 (9%)
- Non-Compliant: 21 (7%)
- Recidivism: 10 (3.4%)
- Length of Stay: 113 days
- Handgun or COV charges: 181 (61%)

2023-2024

- Total youth served:320
- FTA/AWOL: 17 (5.3%)
- Non-Compliant 27 (8.4%)
- Recidivism: 19 (5.9%)
- Length of Stay: 157 days
- Handgun or COV charges: 186 (58%)



• Males: 224

Female: 38

Hispanic: 128

African American:107

• White:19

Asian: 5

Other: 3

2022-2023

Males: 251

Female: 44

Hispanic: 147

African American:123

• White: 15

Asian: 7

Other: 3

2023-2024

Males: 270

Female: 50

Hispanic: 170

African American:

119

• White: 24

Asian: 5

• Other: 2

