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Fiscal Year 2023 Executive Budget Review Youth Services

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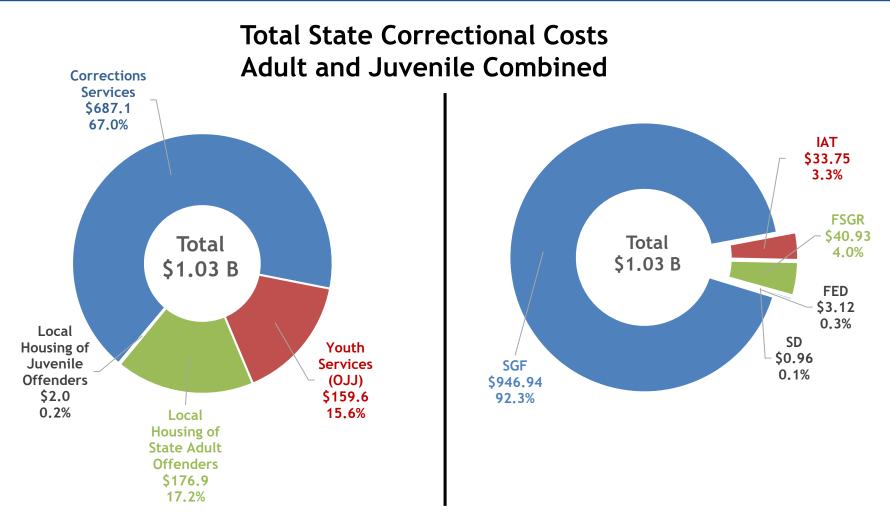
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FY 23 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

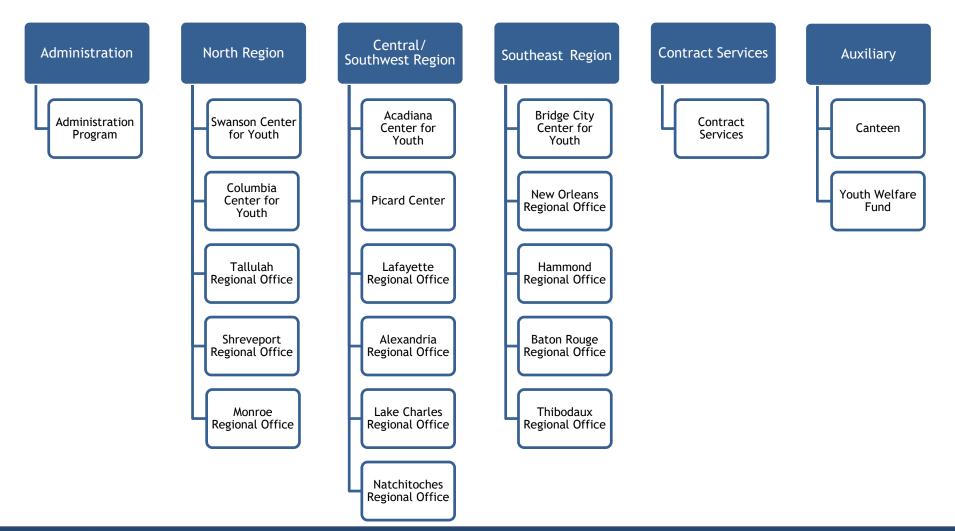


BUDGET RECOMMENDATION FY 23

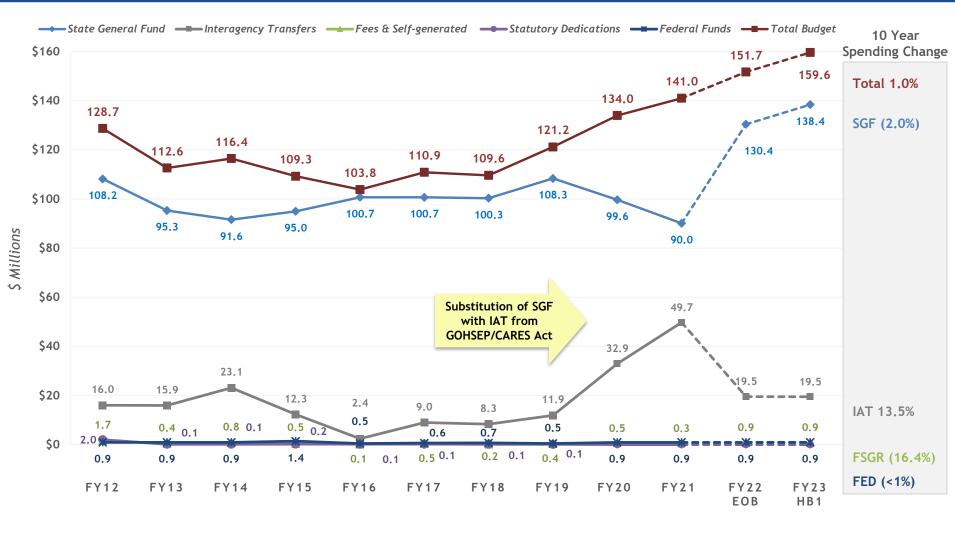
Total Recommended = \$159,637,121

Expenditure Categories Means of Financing Personnel Services \$78.2 M 49.0% SGF \$138.4 M 86.7% Operating Expenses \$6.2 M <1% Professional Services \$384,262 <1% IAT \$19.5 M Other Charges \$74.8 M 12.2% 46.9% FSGR \$924,509 <1% FED \$891,796 <1%

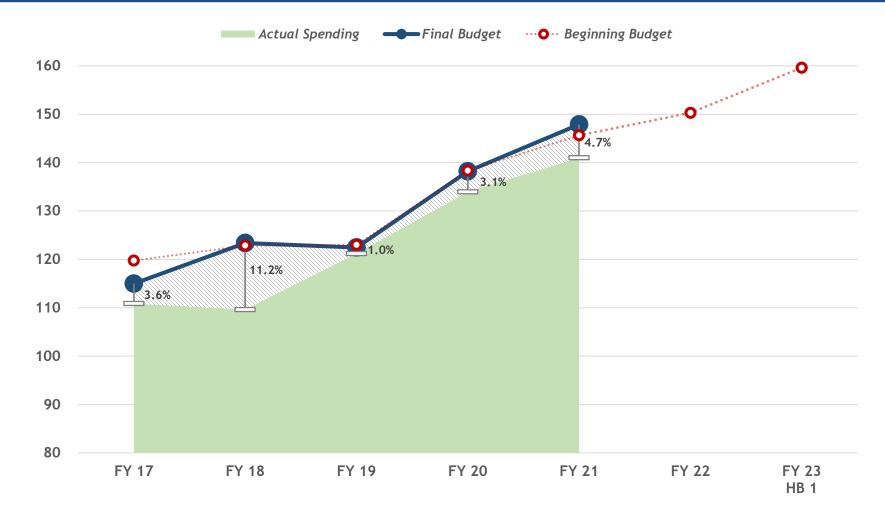
DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION



HISTORICAL SPENDING



HISTORICAL BUDGET



PRIOR YEAR ACTUALS FY 21

| Means of Finance | Final Budget (w/o FY22 carryfwrd) | | Amount Spent | | Unspent Authority | Unspent Authority % | Unspent % by MOF |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|----|-----------------|----|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund | \$ 90,103,067 | \$ | 90,040,853 | \$ | 62,214 | 0.1% | 1.0% |
| Interagency Transfers | 54,990,640 | | 49,728,374 | | 5,262,266 | 9.6% | 88.8% |
| Self-generated | 924,509 | | 331,834 | | 592,675 | 64.1% | 10.0% |
| Statutory Dedications | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Federal | 891,796 | | 879,906 | | 11,890 | 1.3% | 0.2% |
| FY21 Total | \$ 146,910,012 | \$ | 140,980,967 | \$ | 5,929,045 | 4.0% | 100.0% |

| Historical Total | | Final Budget | Amount Spent | Uns | pent Authority | Unspent % |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----|----------------|-----------|
| Unspent Budget | FY20 Total | \$ 137,004,078 | \$ 133,951,485 | \$ | 3,052,593 | 2.2% |
| - | FY19 Total | 122,143,051 | 121,189,153 | | 953,898 | 0.8% |
| | FY18 Total | 120,890,946 | 109,613,296 | | 11,277,650 | 9.3% |
| | 3 Year Avg. | \$ 126,679,358 | \$ 121,584,645 | \$ | 5,094,714 | 4.0% |

PRIOR YEAR ACTUALS FY 21

| | We | re projecte | d r | evenues coll | ect | ted? | Were collected revenues spent? | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----|--------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|----|-------------|----|-------------|----|-----------|------------------------|--|---|-------------|--|------------|
| | Final Budget (w/o FY22 carryfwrd) | | - | | Revenue Collections | | | | Difference | | Difference | | | Revenue Collections | | E | xpenditures | | Difference |
| SGF | \$ | 90,103,067 | \$ | 90,040,855 | \$ | (62,212) | SGF | \$ | 90,040,855 | \$ | 90,040,853 | \$ | (2) | | | | | | |
| ΙΑΤ | | 54,990,640 | | 50,244,546 | | (4,746,094) | ΙΑΤ | | 50,244,546 | | 49,728,374 | | (516,172) | | | | | | |
| FSGR | | 924,509 | | 449,496 | | (475,013) | FSGR | | 449,496 | | 331,834 | | (117,662) | | | | | | |
| SD | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | SD | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | | | | | |
| FED | | 891,796 | | 455,558 | | (436,238) | FED | | 455,558 | | 879,906 | | 424,348 | | | | | | |
| Total | \$ | 146,910,012 | \$ | 141,190,455 | \$ | (5,719,557) | Total | \$ | 141,190,455 | \$ | 140,980,967 | \$ | (209,488) | | | | | | |

The department collected \$5.7 million less than the FY21 budget. The majority of excess budget authority over collections was in interagency transfers and fees and self-generated.

Interagency transfers collections were less than budget due to fewer number of days Title IV-E will reimburse for, and empty emergency budget authority.

Fees and self-generated revenues were less than budget due to lower collections in the regional offices for supervision, the Picard Center, and custody fees. The department collected \$900,070 more than was spent in interagency transfers, self-generated and federal funds relative to program income.

\$476,686 in interagency transfers were carried over into FY 22 and \$39,488 was reverted.

\$117,662 in fees and self-generated revenue remained unspent at year end. These funds can only be spent within the canteen program and are authorized to stay with the agency.

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EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET FY 22

The FY 2021-22 Existing Operating Budget (EOB) was frozen on December 1, 2021. This point-intime reference is used in both the Executive Budget and the General Appropriations Bill.

| Means of Finance | | Appropriation | Mid-Year Adjustments | | | Existing Operating Budget | | |
|------------------------|----|---------------|-------------------------|-----------|----|------------------------------|--|--|
| General Fund | \$ | 129,409,184 | \$ | 985,849 | \$ | 130,395,033 | | |
| Interagency Transfers | | 19,067,442 | | 425,507 | | 19,492,949 | | |
| Self-generated Revenue | | 924,509 | | 0 | | 924,509 | | |
| Stautory Dedications | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| Federal | | 891,796 | | 0 | | 891,796 | | |
| Total | \$ | 150,292,931 | \$ | 1,411,356 | \$ | 151,704,287 | | |

| | Budget Adjustments From Appropriation to EOB | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|--|---|-----------|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| July | August | September | October | November | | | | | | |
| No change | \$985,849 Funds were moved into FY 22 for contracts that were encumbered in FY 21 but not complete by the end of the year | \$425,507 Interagency transfers received from the Department of Corrections for juvenile contract services related to the Criminal Justice Reinvestment Initiative | No change | No change | | | | | | |

MONTHLY SPENDING TREND



FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FY 23

Total Funding = \$159,637,121

| Means of | f Finai | nce | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|-------------|--------------|--|--|
| State General Fund | | 68,190 | | | | |
| Interagency Transfers | | | 19,4 | 52,626 | | |
| Fees & Self-generated | | | 9 | 24,509 | | |
| Statutory Dedications | | | | 0 | | |
| Federal Funds | | | 8 | 91,796 | | |
| | Total | \$ | 159,637,121 | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| SGF 86.7% | | | | IAT 12.2% | | |

| Program | Funding & | Aut | horize | d Pos | sitions | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| | | | Am | ount | Positions | |
| Administration | I | \$ | 18,33 | 6,396 | 48 | |
| North Region | | | 40,73 | 3,820 | 345 | |
| Central/South | west Region | | 26,76 | 6,845 | 233 | |
| Southeast Reg | ion | | 34,08 | 8,109 | 281 | |
| Contract Servi | ces | | 39,47 | 6,269 | 0 | |
| Auxiliary | | | 23 | 5,682 | 0 | |
| | Total | \$ | \$ 159,637,121 | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | Central/ Southwest 16.8% | | |
| North Region 25.5% | Contract Services 24.7% | Sou 21. | ıtheast 4% | Admi 11.5% | nistration % | |

Sources of Funding

| State General Fund \$138.4 M | Interagency Transfers \$19.5 M | Self-generated Revenue \$924,509 | Federal Funds \$891,796 |
|---|---|---|--|
| The chief operating fund of the State recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference from various taxes, licenses, fees, and other revenue sources except for those identified as other means of financing | \$11.8 M From the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) for Title IV- E funding and TANF \$1.8 M From the Department of Education for Titles I and II, Child Nutrition Program and minimum Foundation Program Fund (MFP) \$5 M From the Dept. of Corrections for Criminal Justice Reinvestment Initiative | \$256,585 Rental fees at the Cecil J. Picard Educational and Recreational Center in Bunkie \$235,682 Telephone commissions and canteen sales \$160,606 Reimbursement for employee meals and clothing to defray costs incurred by the state \$149,022 Youthful Offender Management Dedicated Fund Account \$92,604 From parents for partial reimbursement of the cost of supervising their children on probation and parole, employee meal purchases, vending and photo sales, restitution and contraband seized from youth used to help defray the cost of housing maintenance and supplies \$36,200 Miscellaneous interagency transfers | \$809,804 Social Security Administration for disability and survivor benefits for eligible youth \$84,016 U.S. Department of Justice for various grants, including Second Chance Grant and Prison Rape Elimination Act Grant (PREA) |

FUNDING COMPARISON

| Means of Finance | Ex | FY21 Actual openditures | FY22 Existing Operating Budget 12/1/21 | FY23 HB1 E Budget | | Change Existing Operating Budget to HB1 | | Change Actual Expendite to HB1 | ures |
|---------------------|----|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------|----|---|--------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| SGF | \$ | 90,040,853 | \$ 130,395,033 | \$ 138,368,190 | \$ | 7,973,157 | 6.1% | \$ 48,327,337 | 53.7% |
| ΙΑΤ | | 49,728,374 | 19,492,949 | 19,452,626 | | (40,323) | (0.2%) | (30,275,748) | (60.9%) |
| FSGR | | 331,834 | 924,509 | 924,509 | | 0 | 0.0% | 592,675 | 178.6% |
| Stat Ded | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Federal | | 879,906 | 891,796 | 891,796 | | 0 | 0.0% | 11,890 | 1.4% |
| Total | \$ | 140,980,967 | \$ 151,704,287 | \$ 159,637,121 | \$ | 7,932,834 | 5.2% | \$ 18,656,154 | 13.2% |

Significant funding changes compared to the FY 22 Existing Operating Budget

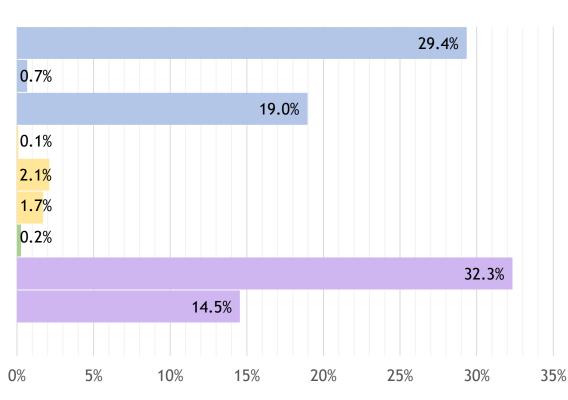
State General Fund

- \$7 million net increase in funding for standard statewide adjustments, special entrance rates and premium pay for employees, and the elimination of 27 vacant positions
- \$1 million increase in funding for the Contract Services Program to account for the increased number of youth being adjudicated to Non-Secure Care

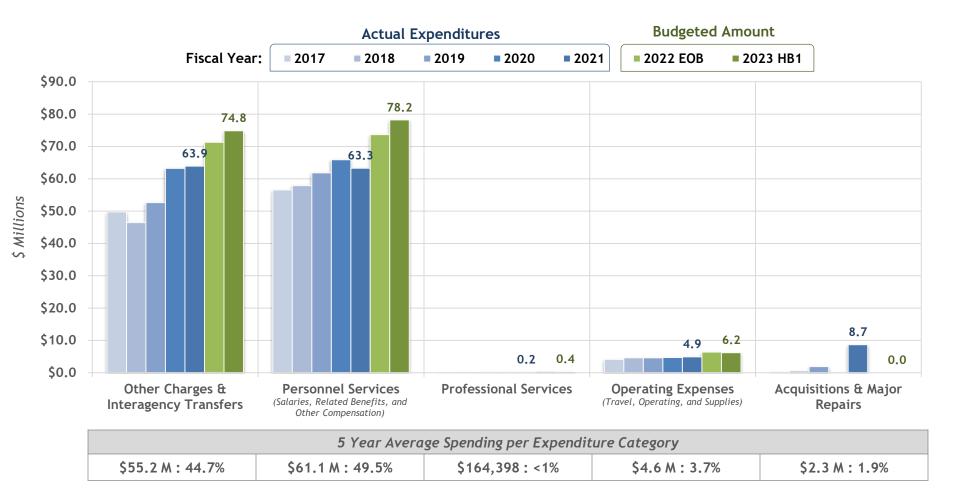
EXPENDITURE RECOMMENDATION FY 23

Total Budget = \$159,637,121

| Expenditure Category | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Salaries | \$ | 46,853,990 | | | | | | | |
| Other Compensation | | 1,067,518 | | | | | | | |
| Related Benefits | | 30,269,118 | | | | | | | |
| Travel | | 154,823 | | | | | | | |
| Operating Services | | 3,358,378 | | | | | | | |
| Supplies | | 2,707,739 | | | | | | | |
| Professional Services | | 384,262 | | | | | | | |
| Other Charges | | 51,621,075 | | | | | | | |
| Interagency Transfers | | 23,220,218 | | | | | | | |
| Acquisitions/Repairs | | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Total | \$ | 159,637,121 | | | | | | | |



EXPENDITURE HISTORY



EXPENDITURE COMPARISON

| Expenditure Category | FY21 Actual Expenditures | FY22 Existing Operating Budget 12/1/21 | FY 23 HB 1 Budget | Change Existing Operating to HB1 | Budget | Change Actual Expendit to HB1 | tures |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Salaries | \$ 39,734,881 | \$ 44,379,382 | \$ 46,853,990 | \$ 2,474,608 | 5.6% | \$ 7,119,109 | 17.9% |
| Other Compensation | 668,764 | 1,067,518 | 1,067,518 | 0 | 0.0% | 398,754 | 59.6% |
| Related Benefits | 22,866,376 | 28,184,616 | 30,269,118 | 2,084,502 | 7.4% | 7,402,742 | 32.4% |
| Travel | 56,446 | 154,823 | 154,823 | 0 | 0.0% | 98,377 | 174.3% |
| Operating Services | 2,913,302 | 3,361,503 | 3,358,378 | (3,125) | (0.1%) | 445,076 | 15.3% |
| Supplies | 1,958,452 | 2,872,924 | 2,707,739 | (165,185) | (5.7%) | 749,287 | 38.3% |
| Professional Services | 185,114 | 398,142 | 384,262 | (13,880) | (3.5%) | 199,148 | 107.6% |
| Other Charges | 46,706,039 | 51,551,610 | 51,621,075 | 69,465 | 0.1% | 4,915,036 | 10.5% |
| Interagency Transfers | 17,196,347 | 19,733,769 | 23,220,218 | 3,486,449 | 17.7% | 6,023,871 | 35.0% |
| Acquisitions/Repairs | 8,695,246 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | (8,695,246) | (100.0%) |
| Total | \$ 140,980,967 | \$ 151,704,287 | \$ 159,637,121 | \$ 7,932,834 | 5.2% | \$ 18,656,154 | 13.2% |

SIGNIFICANT EXPENDITURE CHANGES FY 23

Compared to the FY 22 Existing Operating Budget

| \$2.7 M increase to account for the 27th pay period \$2.8 M increase for payments to the Office of Risk Management \$2.8 M increase for payments to the Office of Risk Management \$1 M increase in the contract services program to address the additional need for community-based residential placements to account for the increased number of youth being adjudicated to non-secure care \$1.2 M increase for a Special Entrance Rate for Juvenile Justice Specialists that began in January 2022 \$306,720 increase for a \$2 per hour premium pay adjustment for Juvenile Justice Specialists that began January 2022 \$1.9 M) decrease, including 27 authorized positions, to eliminate vacancies Net \$0 adjustment that moves 3 authorized positions and associated funding from the north region program to the administrative program to hire an additional attorney and two | Personnel Services | Other Charges |
|--|--|--|
| | \$2.7 M increase to account for the 27th pay period \$2.2 M net increase for statewide standard adjustments such as market rate increase, unclassified pay increases, and related benefits increases, offset by a decrease due to attrition \$1.2 M increase for a Special Entrance Rate for Juvenile Justice Specialists that began in January 2022 \$306,720 increase for a \$2 per hour premium pay adjustment for Juvenile Justice Specialists that began January 2022 \$1.9 M) decrease, including 27 authorized positions, to eliminate vacancies Net \$0 adjustment that moves 3 authorized positions and | \$2.8 M increase for payments to the Office of Risk Management \$1 M increase in the contract services program to address the additional need for community-based residential placements to account for the increased number of youth being adjudicated to non-secure care \$733,723 increase for other statewide standard adjustments such as Office of Technology Services, rent, building |

OTHER CHARGES/INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS

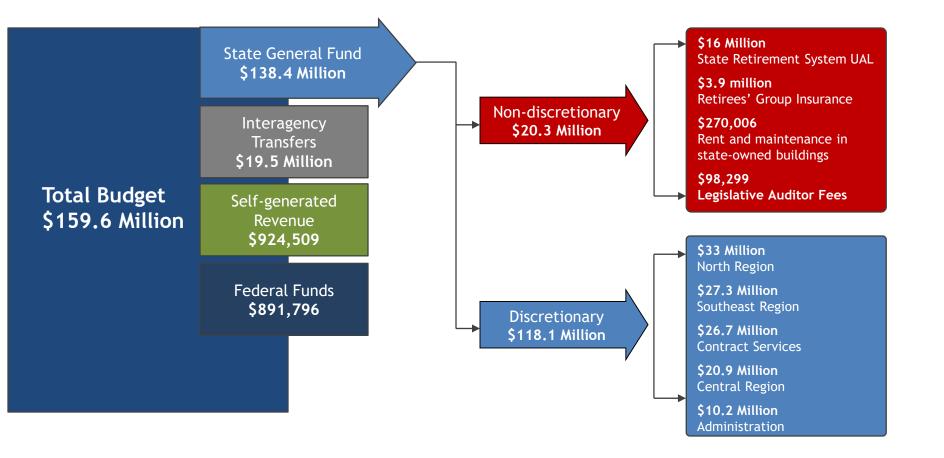
Other Charges

| Amount | Description |
|---------------|---|
| \$ 39,461,269 | Payments to contracted agencies that provide |
| | residential treatment and foster care services, |
| | temporary emergency housing for minor deliquencies, |
| | and non-residential services |
| 6,641,876 | Field Services- funds for clothing, toiletries, |
| | medication, counseling, medical and dental services |
| 1,542,524 | Probation and parole costs |
| 1,181,616 | Other Charges positions (TO and wage) |
| 1,083,580 | Miscellaneous purchases and maintenance |
| | expenditures at the facilities |
| 850,583 | Grant budget authority held for new grants |
| 389,114 | Title I- salaries, related benefits, and operating |
| | services fo rthe Title I Director, Title I Teacher, and |
| | Title I Aides |
| 235,682 | Canteen sales and telephone commissions collected in |
| | the state facilities |
| 211,528 | Expenditures related to youth education and |
| | community based programs |
| 12,000 | PIP (Professional Improvement Plan) fund from the |
| | Dept. of Education for eligible teaching staff |
| 11,303 | Title II funds for staff development consultants |
| \$ 51,621,075 | Total Other Charges |

Interagency Transfers

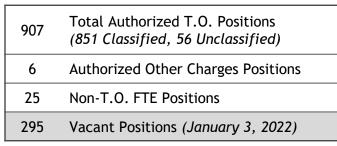
| Amount | Description |
|------------------|--|
| \$ | Office of Risk Management |
| 2,731,225 | Office of Technology Services |
| 1,846,798 | Payments to various state agencies for fuel, |
| | medication, food and supplies |
| 971,678 | Funding associated with the consolidation of human |
| | resources, budget, audit, and finance functions in OJJ |
| | within the Dept. of Public Safety |
| 389,066 | Rent and maintenance in state-owned buildings |
| 277,730 | LEAF financing for laptops and desktop computers |
| 240,443 | Emergency IAT authority |
| 226,753 | Civil Service fees |
| 207,243 | Office of Technology Services- telephone |
| 136,729 | Office of State Procurement |
| 120,000 | Field services- Prison Enterprises for food supplies |
| 101,603 | Transfer to Public Safety Services for data circuits, |
| | postage, and utililties |
| 98,299 | Legislative Auditor fees |
| 58,882 | Capitol Police |
| 53,647 | Office of State Uniform Payroll |
| 29,492 | CPTP fees |
| 15,000 | Children's Cabinet administrative costs |
| \$ 23,220,218 | Total Interagency Transfers |

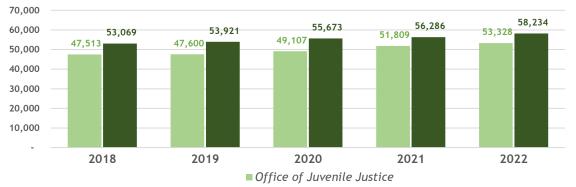
DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES FY 23



PERSONNEL INFORMATION

FY 2023 Recommended Positions





Historical Average Salary



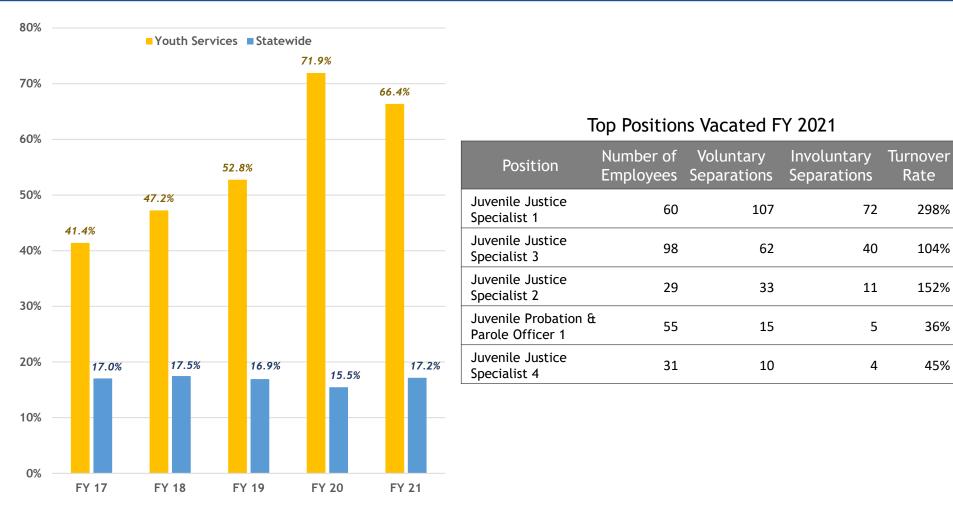
FTE Source: Dept. of Civil Service Weekly Report on State Employment

* Existing Operating Budget on 12/1/21

Youth Services

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TURNOVER HISTORY



Source: Department of Civil Service Turnover Statistics

JUVENILE JUSTICE SPECIALIST PAY

Pay plan for Juvenile Justice Specialists that began in January 2022

| Job Title | Minimum of Pay Level/Hourly | Current SER 1/2/2018 (hourly) | New SER 1/3/2022 (hourly) | New SER Annual Pay | Premium Pay \$2/Hr | Total New Annual Salary | Total Cost Estimate SER * | Total Cost Premium * |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Juv Just Spec 1 | \$12.70 | \$15.63 | \$17.50 | \$36,400 | \$4,160 | \$40,560 | \$223,311 | \$126,880 |
| Juv Just Spec 2 | \$13.59 | \$16.72 | \$18.80 | \$39,104 | \$4,160 | \$43,264 | \$100,561 | \$56,160 |
| Juv Just Spec 3 | \$14.54 | \$17.89 | \$20.11 | \$41,829 | \$4,160 | \$45,989 | \$413,064 | \$203,840 |
| Juv Just Spec 4 | \$17.82 | \$20.39 | \$23.03 | \$47,902 | \$4,160 | \$52,062 | \$113,169 | \$47,840 |
| Juv Just Spec 5 | \$20.40 | \$22.53 | \$24.64 | \$51,251 | \$4,160 | \$55,411 | \$106,041 | \$45,760 |
| Juv Just Spec 6 | \$21.83 | \$24.11 | \$26.37 | \$54,850 | \$4,160 | \$55,010 | \$50,902 | \$18,720 |

| Historical Turnover by Position | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Job Title | FY 19 | FY 20 | FY 21 | | | | | | |
| Juv Just Spec 1 | 156% | 229 % | 133% | | | | | | |
| Juv Just Spec 2 | 69 % | 142% | 79 % | | | | | | |
| Juv Just Spec 3 | 65% | 71% | 60% | | | | | | |
| Juv Just Spec 4 | 34% | 32% | 30% | | | | | | |
| Juv Just Spec 5 | 31% | 71% | 33% | | | | | | |

| Job Title | Entry Salary | Diploma/ GED | Bachelor Degree | | |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Juv Just Spec 1 | \$15.63 | Yes | No | | |
| Corrections Cadet | \$15.37 | Yes | No | | |
| Police Off. 1/A | \$17.50 | Yes | No | | |
| Prob/Parole Adult | \$17.79 | Yes | Yes | | |
| Prob/Parole Juv | \$17.79 | Yes | Yes | | |

NOTE: SER= Special Entrance Rate

*Total cost estimates are based on current filled positions, not total positions

LOCAL HOUSING OF STATE JUVENILE OFFENDERS

| Means of Finance | FY21 Actual Expenditures | | FY22 ing Operating Iget 12/1/21 | FY23 HB1 Budget | | Change Existing Operating Budget to HB1 | | Change Actual Expenditures to HB1 | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---|---------|---|----|---------|-------|
| SGF | \$ | 1,468,342 | \$ 1,516,239 | \$ | 2,016,144 | \$ | 499,905 | 33.0% | \$ | 547,802 | 37.3% |
| ΙΑΤ | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | 0.0% | | 0 | 0.0% |
| FSGR | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | 0.0% | | 0 | 0.0% |
| Stat Ded | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | 0.0% | | 0 | 0.0% |
| Federal | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | 0.0% | | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total | \$ | 1,468,342 | \$ 1,516,239 | \$ | 2,016,144 | \$ | 499,905 | 33.0% | \$ | 547,802 | 37.3% |

Located in Schedule 20-452 Other Requirements in HB 1

Local Housing of Juvenile Offenders Program provides a safe, secure and therapeutic environment for juveniles who have been adjudicated delinquent and are awaiting transfer to Youth Services.

Due to space limitations in state operated youth facilities, Youth Services continues its partnership with local governing authorities by utilizing parish and local detention for housing juvenile offenders and supporting the delivery of services during the youth's placement.

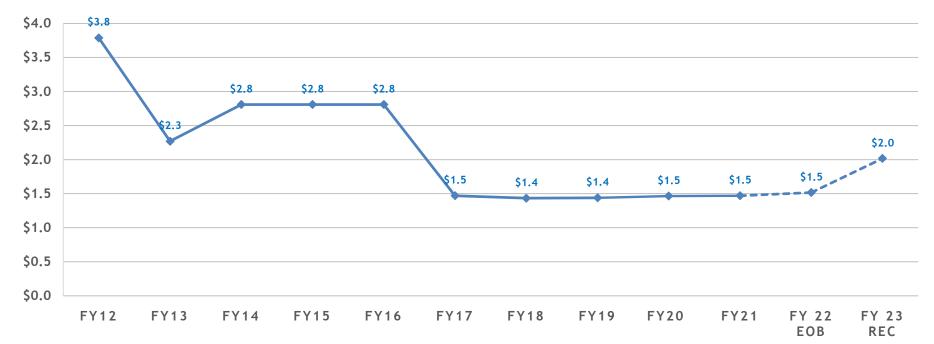
Significant funding changes compared to the FY 22 Existing Operating Budget

State General Fund

\$500,000 increase to realign local housing payments to projected youth population

LOCAL HOUSING OF STATE JUVENILE OFFENDERS

General Fund Historical Spending



The current year daily rates for Local Housing of State Juvenile Offenders:

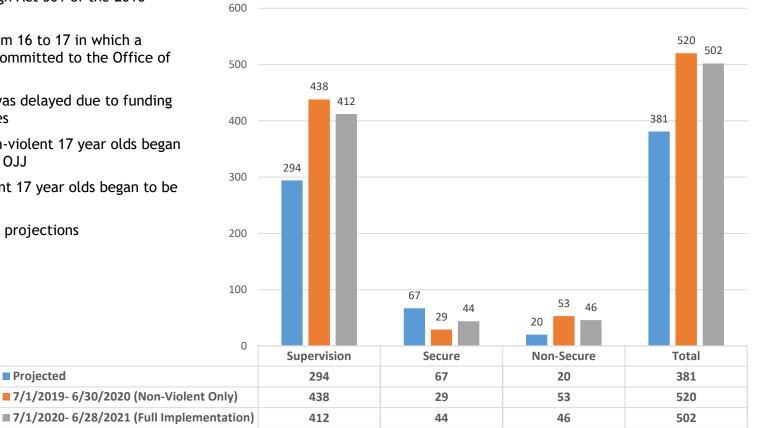
- Youth pending placement in secure care- \$122.21/day
- Youth pending placement in non-secure care- \$26.39/day

RAISE THE AGE LEGISLATION

- Established through Act 501 of the 2016 ٠ **Regular Session**
- Raises the age from 16 to 17 in which a ٠ juvenile may be committed to the Office of Juvenile Justice
- Implementation was delayed due to funding ٠ and capacity issues
- March 1, 2019 non-violent 17 year olds began • to be placed with OJJ
- July 1, 2020 violent 17 year olds began to be • placed with OJJ

Projected

OJJ has exceeded projections ٠

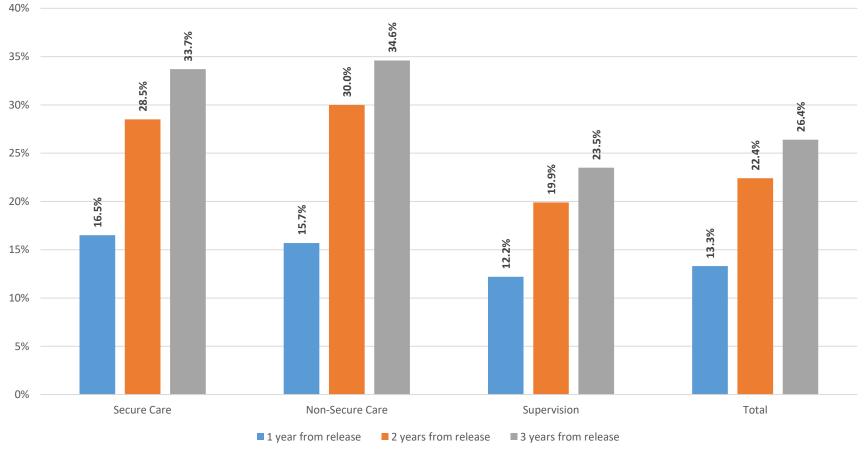


17-Year Old Commitments

Source: Office of Juvenile Justice 2021 Annual Report

RECIDIVISM RATES

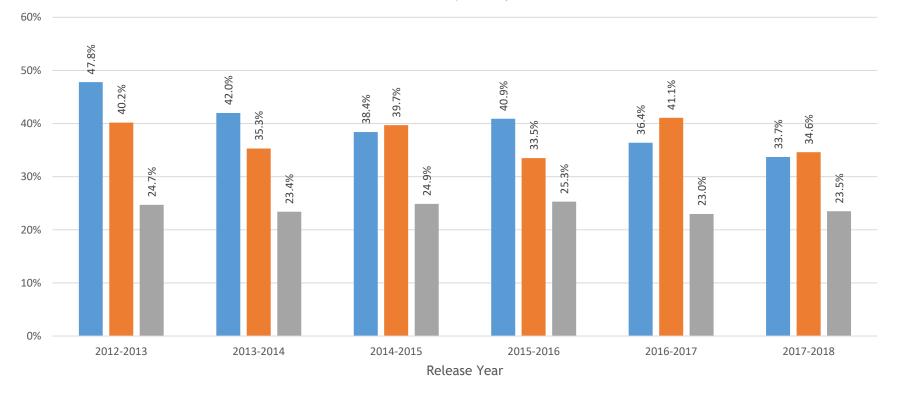
Recidivism by Care Type 2017-2018



Source: Office of Juvenile Justice 2021 Recidivism Report

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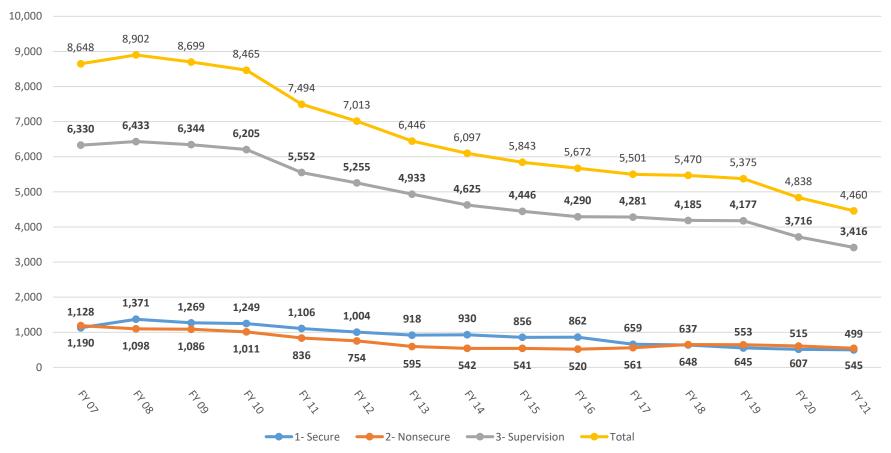
Recidivism rates 3 years post release



■ secure ■ non-secure ■ supervison

JUVENILE OFFENDER HISTORY

15 Year History of Youth Served



Source: Office of Juvenile Justice Annual Report

DEPARTMENT CONTACTS



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DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW



The Office of Juvenile Justice protects the public by providing safe and effective individualized services to youth, who will become productive, law-abiding citizens.

Office of Juvenile Justice

- The Office of Juvenile Justice serves youth who have been adjudicated delinquent as well as any youth and their families ruled in need of service by courts of juvenile jurisdiction, including Families in Need of Services (FINS). The department is responsible for youth assigned to their care by the court system, either for supervision or custody in residential placement or secure care. The department also provides services to youth under local court supervision
- The department's policies call for youth to receive services in the least restrictive placement setting. These services include:
 - Probation and Parole
 - Non-Secure Care
 - Secure Care
- Some of these services are contracted through private programs which focus on education, mentor tracker services, family centered services, early intervention, counseling and therapy, local courts and provide therapeutic intervention to individuals and their families. Services are extended to parents and youth to improve general communications skills and may include social and emotional adjustment and independent living skills. These services are offered at all levels of care

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Secure Care

Some youth require the most intensive treatment if they are considered a threat to public safety or they have had limited success in the services provided to them in the community. The court may recommend placement in a secure facility that offers the most structured setting. This level of custody/care is referred to as secure care placement

- The 24-hour secure care facilities for males are Bridge City Center for Youth, in Bridge City near New Orleans, Swanson Center for Youth in Monroe and its satellite facility, Swanson Center for Youth at Columbia, and Acadiana Center for Youth located in Bunkie. Secure care for female youth is provided at Ware Youth Center in Coushatta
- Youth are housed in dormitories or housing units with an average of 10-12 per dorm. The juvenile justice system's secure care is reserved for those youth deemed by a judge or by OJJ to be a risk to public safety and/or not amenable to treatment in a less restrictive setting. Secure care facilities are characterized by perimeter fences, locked units and high security. Youth are monitored constantly under direct supervision of staff, and are not allowed to come and go freely

Probation and Parole

Many youth who come in contact with the agency can be served in their own community, while receiving supervision services from probation and parole officers in one of the 11 regional offices. Probation and parole officers serve as the coordinators of services for these youth and their families, while holding the youth accountable to the court-ordered conditions of probation

Non-Secure Care

For youth who require more intensive treatment and/or supervision, but not secure care, the courts may recommend placement in a non-secure treatment facility offering a more structured setting than the home environment can offer. This level of custody/care is referred to as Residential Placement