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Overview

I.

Mission

The DJJ mission is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding young offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of services and sanctions in appropriate settings and by supporting youth in their communities to become productive and law-abiding citizens.

Vision

DJJ will lead the nation in preparing young people in its care to develop and sustain productive lives.

Values

DJJ will strive to create and sustain an agency culture that values accountability, integrity, security, superior performance, ongoing personal growth, intellectual curiosity, innovation, teamwork, and leadership - not only in our staff but also in the young people in our facilities and programs.



Overview



DJJ Goals

- Operate safe and secure facilities and community services offices while providing educational opportunities and reentry guidance
- Continue to implement Georgia's juvenile justice reform measures
- Promote strategic recruitment, retention, and succession planning
- Establish/maintain a systematic classification process for the placement of youth
- Promote youth reentry-focused programming and service delivery



Secure Facilities



Community Services Offices



Georgia Preparatory Academy Schools



Men & Women Employed by DJJ

The Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is a multi-faceted agency that serves the needs of the state's young offenders up to the age of 21. The Department employs more than 4,000 men and women at 26 secure facilities (19 Regional Youth Detention Centers and seven Youth Development Campuses) and 96 Community Services Offices throughout the state to affect justice and redirect the young lives in the agency's care.

Including those placed on probation, thousands of youths are diverted each year to evidence-based community programs, sentenced to short-term incarceration, and/or committed to long-term custody by juvenile courts. DJJ's professional corrections and law enforcement staff preserve public safety and safeguard the citizens of Georgia as well as protect victims of crime so that they can rebuild their lives. DJJ holds juvenile offenders accountable for their delinquent conduct through probation, supervision, and/or secure detention so that they take responsibility for their actions.

While under DJJ supervision, youth are provided with educational opportunities by some of Georgia's best teachers and administrators as well as medical, dental, and mental health treatment from qualified professionals who provide a range of services and support. DJJ also offers programs designed to equip the youth in its care with the social, intellectual, and emotional tools needed to achieve their successful reentry and reintegration into community, workplace, and neighborhood settings as more productive and law-abiding citizens.



Education



29 YEAR-ROUND SCHOOLS OPERATED BY GPA STATEWIDE **6,317** YOUTH ATTENDED GPA CLASSES DURING 2018

DJJ helps prepare the young people in its care to develop and sustain productive lives. Providing educational opportunities and reentry-focused programming are among the agency's key goals. DJJ supports the rehabilitation of youth in its care by equipping them with tools to succeed by delivering quality education as well as career development and job readiness training.

DJJ is Georgia's 181st school district. DJJ Commissioner Avery D. Niles serves as the Superintendent; the DJJ Board serves as the Board of Education.

DJJ's Georgia Preparatory Academy (GPA) operates 29 year-round schools which offer students academic services as they transition into and out of the DJJ system. These schools are located in RYDCs, YDCs and Education Transition Centers (ETCs).

More than 6,300 students were enrolled in GPA classes during FY 2018. Sixty-seven students were enrolled in GED courses with 63 successfully passing the examination. Twenty-eight students earned a Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC), and 31 students received a high school diploma. At the start of the 2017-2018 academic year, 35 students working towards a high school diploma were enrolled in the 12th grade.

DJJ SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

- **Georgia Preparatory Academy (GPA)** is the school system for middle and high school youth.
- **Pathway to Success** is the **Adult Education Program**.

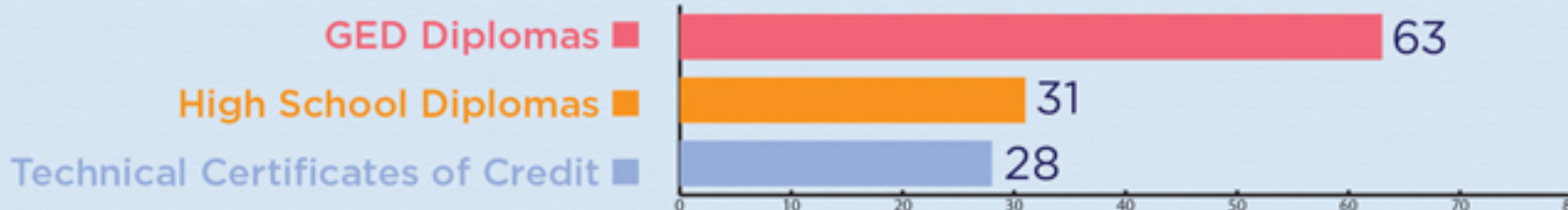
The Adult Education Program enables a student to obtain a GED. Students who are at least 16 years old and meet other state-mandated criteria can take the GED tests which are offered through local technical colleges via computer-based testing only.

- The **Connections Graduate Program (CGP)** focuses on reentry and job readiness skills at each YDC.

GPA students with a high school diploma or GED can enroll in the CGP. It focuses on transition and reentry. Among its components:

- **GeorgiaBEST** - With the Georgia Department of Labor, CGP offers Georgia Business Ethics Student Training (GeorgiaBEST) which concentrates on teaching students soft skills needed for workforce success. This certification validates to employers that students have strong work habits and are ready for the workforce.
- **ServSafe** - This National Restaurant Association certification enables students to obtain a job in the food industry.
- **Reentry Skills Preparation and Educational Career Training (RESPECT)** is designed to provide reentry and transition skills to graduates at the YDCs.
- **Academic/Study Preparation for Standardized Tests** - GPA and CGP provides students with preparation assistance for the ACT/COMPASS/ACCUPLACER tests.
- **eCore** - DJJ graduates can take college courses through eCore, a curriculum of online college-level core courses accepted by all colleges in the University System of Georgia. The process to apply to a college participating in eCore is the same for DJJ students as any other student in Georgia.

2018 Achievements





Education

GEORGIA PREPARATORY ACADEMY HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Accreditation** - GPA holds accreditation from AdvancED.
- **Curriculum and Standards** - Similar students in Georgia's traditional schools, GPA students receive regular or special education services each school day. Academic instruction is standards-based and aligned with the Georgia Department of Education's Georgia Standards of Excellence.
- **Performance Measures** - GPA fully implements the statewide Georgia Standards of Excellence for language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science. These standards are rigorous benchmarks all teachers use to guide instruction. Additionally, GPA administers the Georgia Milestones Assessments.
- **Teachers and Administrators** - GPA employs and recruits professionally certified, highly qualified and motivated teachers and administrators to ensure it is operating in compliance with the state's juvenile justice reforms and educational requirements.
- **Classroom Technology** - Students in GPA schools receive daily instruction as they would in traditional settings. GPA uses instructional materials presented in exciting and interactive ways that promote personal student involvement in the classroom.
- **Smart Boards** - Teachers and students are not constrained by textbooks or classroom handouts that limit innovative approaches to education. GPA instructors use overhead, interactive Smart Board systems in each classroom.
- **Parental Involvement** - DJJ educators and administrators know that parental involvement, especially in juvenile detention educational settings, can lead ultimately to significant gains in student achievement. GPA parental engagement coordinators encourage parents to be involved actively to ensure a positive impact on their child's academic learning. Parental engagement coordinators are also included in school advisory committees and help facilitate regular communication on school activities.
- **Education Transition Centers** - Youth leaving the DJJ School District who are no longer able to pursue their education in traditional public school settings due to suspension or expulsion can enroll in a DJJ community-based ETC. The ETCs are located in Bibb, Chatham, and Richmond counties. The ETCs provide youth under DJJ community supervision with opportunities to continue their education and earn course credit towards a high school diploma or GED outside of a public school setting.
- **Special Education Services** - GPA offers a full continuum of special education services. Students with disabilities receive a psychological evaluation and an individualized education program (IEP) when appropriate. The IEP creates opportunities for teachers, parents, school administrators, related services personnel, and students (when appropriate) to work together to improve educational results for students with disabilities.
- **Professional School Counselors** - Each GPA has a professional school counselor to give students the classroom guidance and academic advisement they need to gain their high school diploma or GED. They are responsible for reviewing transcripts, approving schedules, and coordinating testing. Counselors also organize career fairs during the spring semester.
- **Graduation** - GPA holds two graduation ceremonies per year. DJJ transports graduates from across the state to a central facility for an opportunity to celebrate their graduation honors. Students are recognized for their academic achievements during commencement ceremonies.
- **Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE)** - DJJ provides CTAE programs to connect students to future career opportunities while finishing their high school or GED studies. GPA works with several technical colleges to administer programs students can become certified in. Students can enroll dually in CTAE programs at Augusta, Eastman, Macon, and Sumter YDCs and receive Technical Certificates of Credit (TCC) upon program completion. TCC courses that are offered include automotive maintenance, computer applications, construction, corrections, cosmetology, horticulture, law, public safety, and security. There are also high school CTAE programs at Atlanta and Muscogee YDCs.



Community Services



The Division of Community Services provides youth who are under DJJ supervision with intake, counseling, probation, case management, detention planning, and after-care supervision services in most of Georgia's 159 counties. The Division has 96 Community Services Offices (CSOs) and also includes the Office of Reentry Services (ORS) to assist youth as they transition from a DJJ secure facility to the community.

Since the 2014 implementation of the Georgia Juvenile Justice Reform Act, the number of youth participating in community-based services has increased. This has created an additional demand for DJJ evidence-based services that should result in a reduction in juvenile recidivism rates over time.

96 Community Services Offices Across Georgia

10,526
YOUTH SUPERVISED
(ON AVERAGE) DAILY BY THE
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

- 230** In adult jails
- 331** In DJJ Youth Development Campuses
- 502** In DJJ Regional Youth Detention Centers
- 324** In community, non-secure residential placements
- 9,139** In the community, at-home and under supervision

Daily Supervision - Division of Community Services

Data Disclaimer:

Community: Excludes juveniles with independent court caseworkers
Jail: Includes Department of Corrections (DOC), Jail, Secure Detention (SD), and Secure Commitment (SC)
Residential: Excludes third-party vendors
RYDC: Includes DJJ case worker cases, and excludes superior court cases
YDC: Includes DJJ case worker cases

**DIVISION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:**

- Intake (court admission process including detention decision-making and diversion)
- Secure detention monitoring alternatives (monitor the status of youth in detention and offer alternatives to judges)
- Non-secure detention alternatives (electronic monitoring and group home placements)
- Probation supervision
- Commitment supervision
- School-based supervision (probation officers in 75 schools in 33 school districts)
- High Intensity Team Supervision (42 HITS units)
- Juvenile sex offender community supervision (an average of more than 400 per month)
- Residential placement (room, board and watchful oversight and/or psychiatric residential treatment facilities for an average of more than 300 youth per month)
- After-care supervision and services for youth returning from DJJ Youth Development Campuses and Residential placements



Community Services



THE DIVISION USES A NUMBER OF TOOLS AND PROGRAMS TO IMPLEMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORMS AND IMPROVE THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. AMONG THEM ARE:

- **Adult detention facility monitoring** - An annual site inspection is completed at the 182 Georgia adult detention facilities that temporarily hold or detain juveniles or Children in Need of Services (CHINS).
- **Youth Tracking Program** - Tracking services (provided by private contractors) provide intensive surveillance and monitoring, allowing juvenile offenders to remain at home pending further court action. Face-to-face tracking contacts in the home, neighborhood, work, or school are made at least daily, along with a telephone curfew check.
- **Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST)** - An evidence-based intensive treatment program to address environmental systems impacting medium- and high-risk juvenile offenders aged 12-17 with lengthy delinquency histories and serious anti-social behavior. MST services are delivered in the home, school, and neighborhood, emphasizing behavior change in the youth's environment which includes family and peers. This 24/7 service provides counselors available to respond immediately to crisis situations.
- **High Intensity Team Supervision (HITS)** - a community-based, in-home detention placement alternative for community-supervised youth. HITS team supervision strategies include housebound detention alternative, electronic monitoring, curfew checks, drug and alcohol testing, crisis management, evidence-based programming and home, school, work, and office visits.
- **School-based supervision** - DJJ collaborates with county school systems at more than 75 school-based supervision sites. Youth in the program are monitored for important outcomes such as decreases in dropout rates, truancy, suspensions and expulsions, and corresponding increases in grades and graduation rates. High school completion is closely correlated with a successful adult life and no further involvement in criminal activity.
- **Thinking for a Change** - An evidence-based program that includes social skills development, cognitive restructuring, and the development of problem-solving skills.
- **Aggression Replacement Training** - A cognitive behavioral intervention program designed to help aggressive adolescents aged 12-17 improve their social skills competence and moral reasoning, better manage anger, and reduce aggressive behavior.
- **Rural evidence-based programming** - DJJ is implementing evidence-based programming grants to expand services for medium- and high-risk youth in rural areas.
- **Education Transition Centers (ETCs)** - ETCs in Bibb, Chatham, and Richmond counties provide an alternative educational setting for youth reentering public school or transitioning back to their community.

Office of Reentry Services

The Office of Reentry Services (ORS) is responsible for the successful transition of youths back to their families and communities.

Reentry Planning and Transition Plan - DJJ facilitates the reentry planning process and also a youth's connections to services and support for up to 60 days post-release. ORS is focused on the transition plan, which is a youth's roadmap to success. The transition plan is a "living document" detailing the programs and services needed by each youth for successful reentry.

Resource Map - A recently developed resource map provides youth, family, and staff with a searchable database of community-based programs and services.

Reentry Taskforce - ORS oversees DJJ's Reentry Task Force, which is comprised of more than 60 state and non-profit agencies. The Task Force provides support in the areas of policy, barriers, and services.



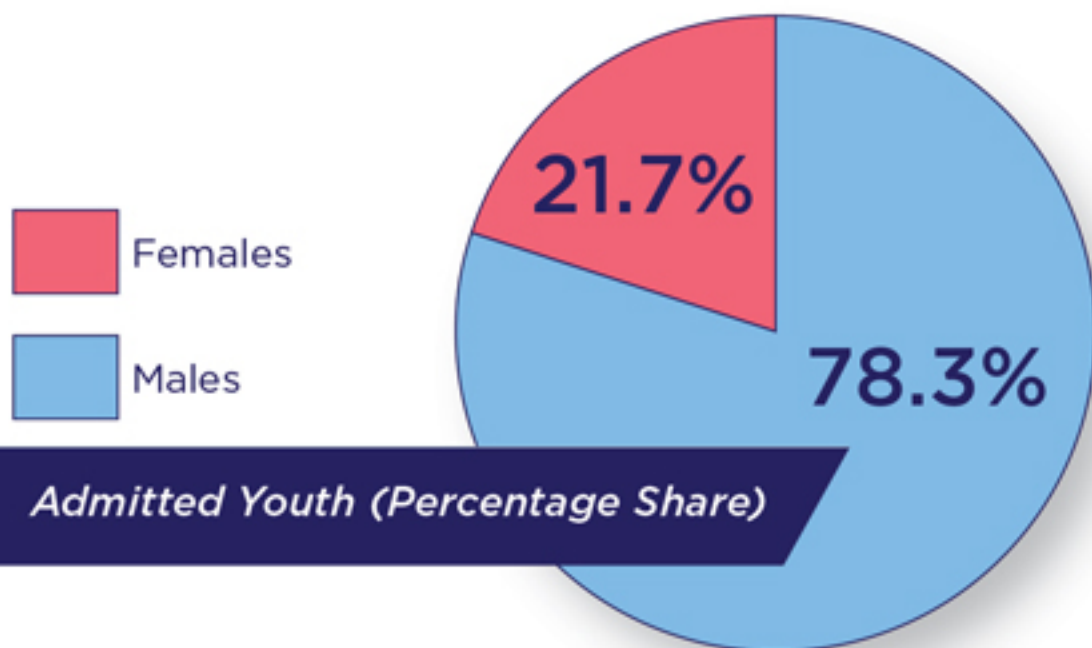
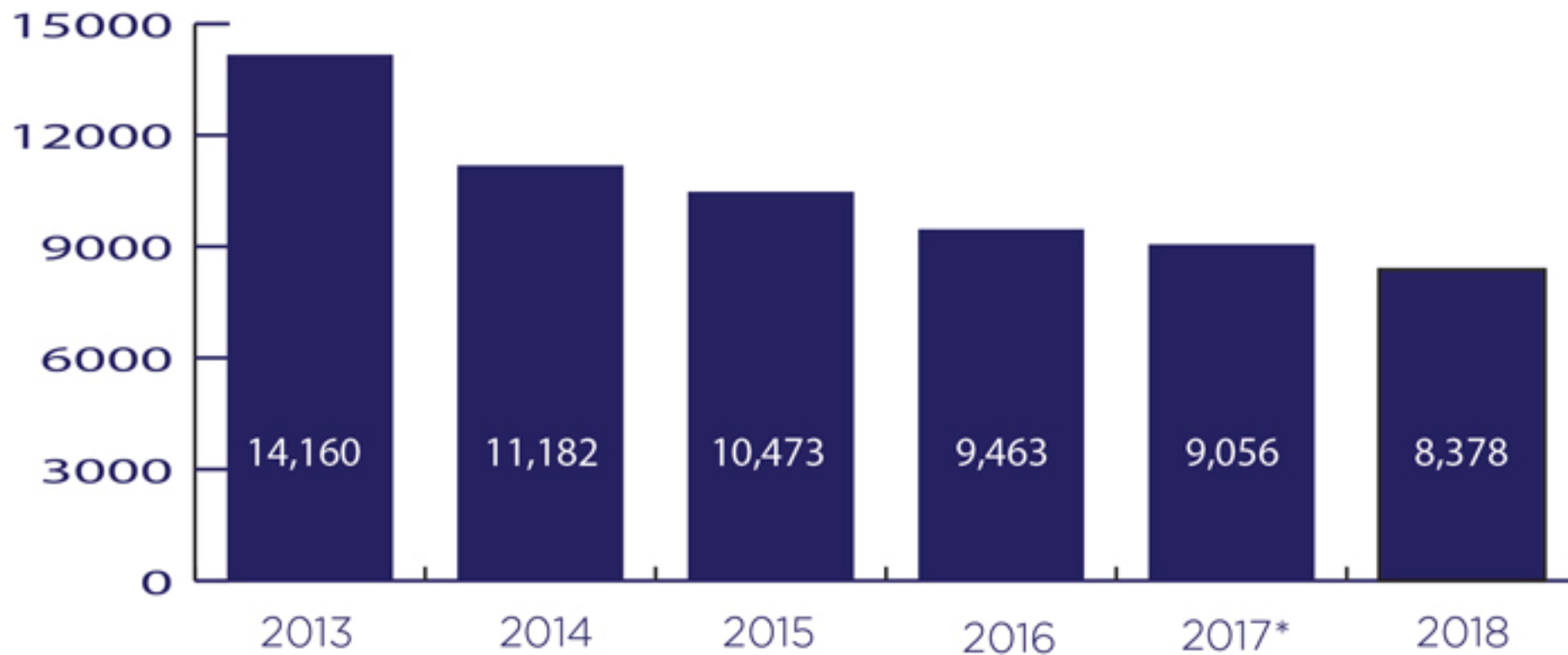
Secure Detention (RYDCs)

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DJJ's Regional Youth Detention Centers (RYDCs) provide temporary, secure care, and supervision to youth who have been charged with offenses or who have been adjudicated delinquent and are awaiting placement. In addition, youth who have been committed to the custody of DJJ are sometimes placed in an RYDC while awaiting treatment in a community program or a long-term facility.

DJJ's regional administrators and RYDC directors ensure that each RYDC follows departmental policy and procedures and provides quality services in the following areas: medical, behavioral health, education nutrition, and general programming.

Total RYDC Admissions



847
YOUTH HOUSED
AS OF 01/30/2019

CLASSIFICATION OF YOUTH

The RYDC population is comprised of pre-adjudicated youth with charges that include felonies and misdemeanors.

* In the 2018 Quick Facts Edition, the total RYDC Admissions for 2017 was an error as 6,135.



Secure Detention

IV.

RYDC LOCATIONS

Facility	Capacity	Capacity	County
Augusta	(64)	64 Males	Richmond
Claxton	(30)	22 Males / 8 Females	Evans
Glaze (Clayton)	(70)	70 Males	Clayton
Cohn (Columbus)	(64)	48 Males / 16 Females	Muscogee
Crisp	(48)	48 Males	Crisp
Elbert Shaw (Dalton)	(30)	22 Males / 8 Females	Whitfield
DeKalb	(64)	64 Males	DeKalb
Eastman	(30)	30 Males	Dodge
Gainesville	(64)	48 Males / 16 Females	Hall
Macon	(64)	48 Males / 16 Females	Bibb
Marietta	(70)	60 Males / 10 Females	Cobb
Metro	(200)	150 Males / 50 Females	DeKalb
Rockdale	(52)	52 Males	Rockdale
Bob Richards (Rome)	(64)	48 Males / 16 Females	Floyd
Savannah	(100)	84 Males / 16 Females	Chatham
Terrell County	(56)	48 Males / 8 Females	Terrell
Loftiss (Thomasville)	(30)	22 Males / 8 Females	Thomas
Waycross	(30)	22 Males / 8 Females	Ware
Wilkes	(48)	40 Males / 8 Females	Washington

TOTAL CAPACITY - (1,178) : 990 Males / 188 Females



Secure Campuses (YDCs)

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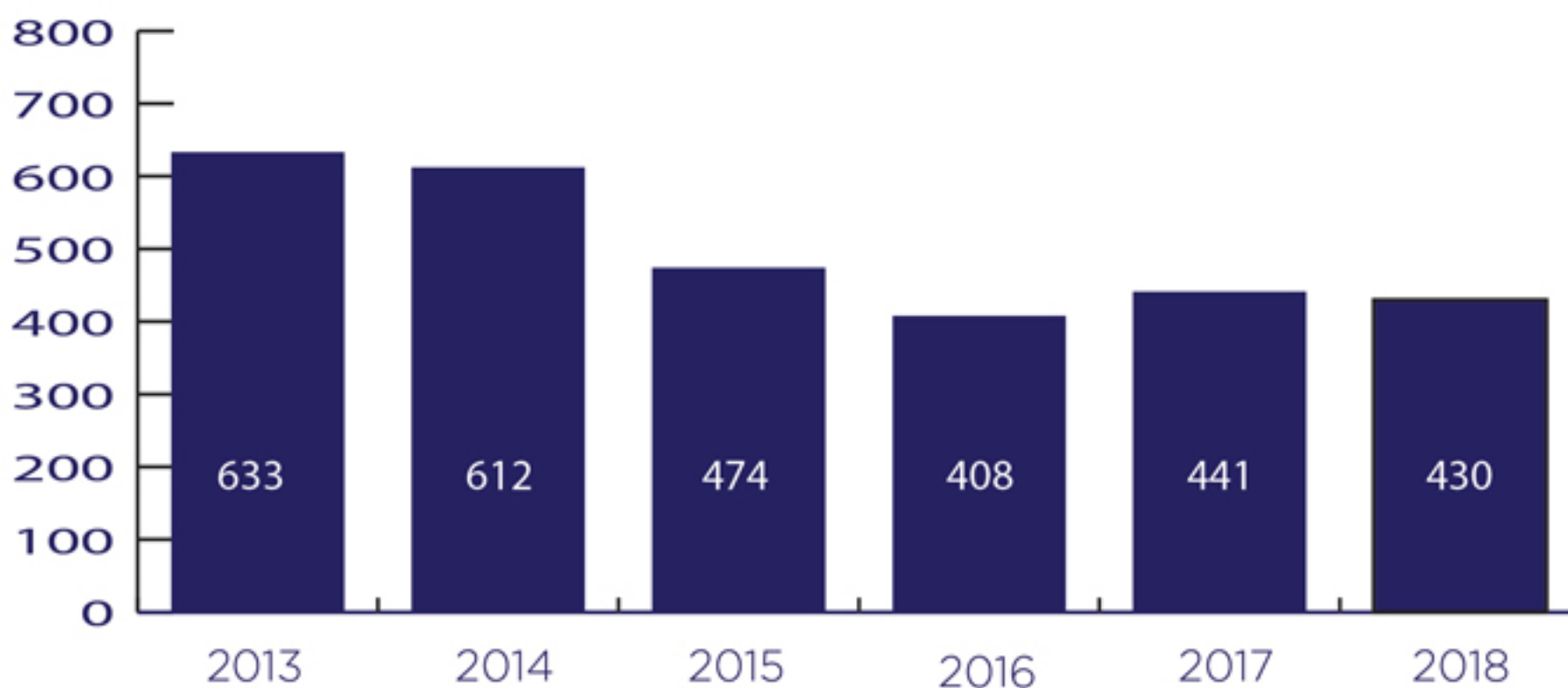
Each Youth Development Campus (YDC) provides secure care, supervision, and treatment services to the youths who have been committed to DJJ custody for short-and long-term programs.

YDC PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Each YDC provides education, vocational programming, health and mental health treatment, food services, resident counseling, substance abuse treatment and counseling, and family visitation, among other services to the youth under its care.

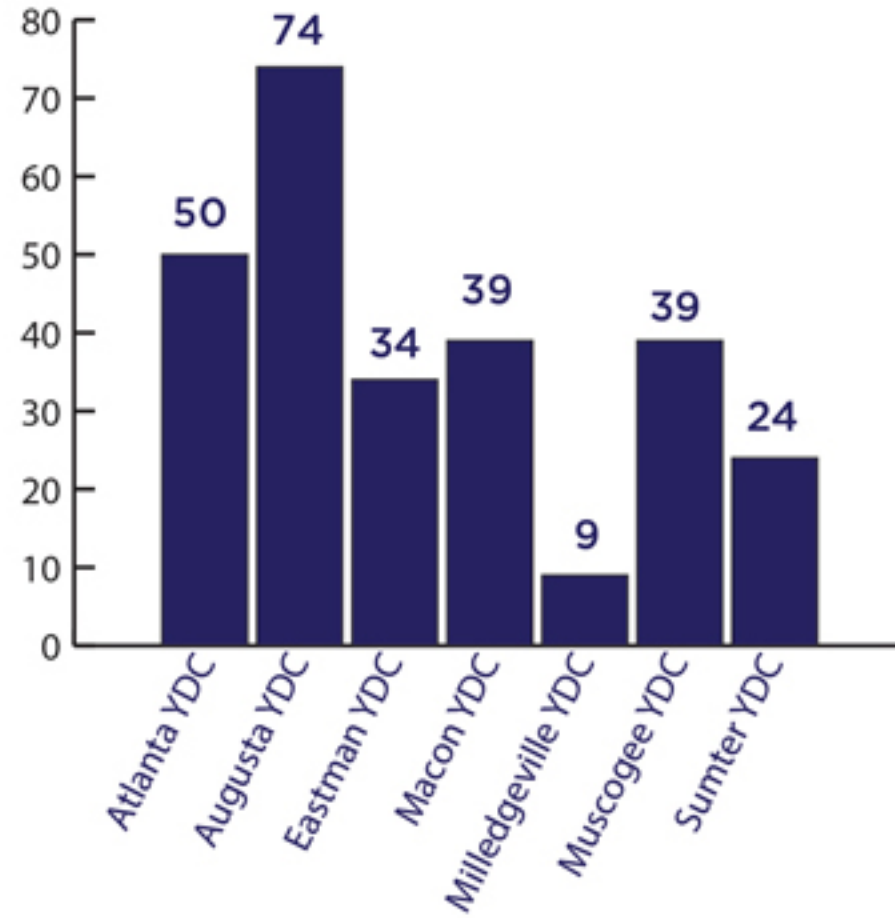
Educational services include middle school and high school courses, GED study classes, vocational education courses, and counseling. Additional programming includes activities such as Girl Scouts, Beat the Streets (a youth fitness initiative), and Rescue 2 Restore (a community partnership focused on animal rescue care).

Total YDC Admissions





Secure Campuses



2018 - Youth Releases
(# of Youth Transitioning to Community)

YDC LOCATIONS

Facility	Capacity	County
Atlanta	80 Males	Fulton
Augusta	100 Males	Richmond
Eastman	256 Males	Dodge
Macon	70 Females	Bibb
Milledgeville	30 Males	Baldwin
Muscogee	60 Males	Muscogee
Sumter	150 Males	Sumter

TOTAL CAPACITY - (746) : 676 Males / 70 Females



Support Services

VI.

The Division of Support Services (DSS) provides evidence-and best practice-based services to youth served by DJJ. The division consists of the Office of Behavioral Health Services (OBHS), Office of Classification and Transportation Services (OCATS), Office of Health Services (OHS), and the Office of Nutrition and Food Services (ONFS).

Office of Behavioral Health Services (OBHS)

OBHS provides behavioral health treatment services and programs that adhere to current nationally recognized best practices and meet the identified needs of the youth in DJJ's care. OBHS program areas include:

- **Mental Health - each secure facility:**
 - Has a mental health treatment team: mental health clinicians, psychiatrist, psychologist, registered nurse, and substance abuse counselors (YDCs only)
 - Utilizes various individual and group mental health treatment programs
- **Programs**
 - Provide counseling and case management at all facilities
 - Utilize evidence-based interventions
- **Sexual Offender Treatment (YDCs only)**
 - Assessment/treatment specific to sexually harmful behaviors
 - 70 sexually harmful youth completed treatment
- **Substance Abuse Treatment (YDCs only)**
 - Residential substance abuse treatment for youth with intensive treatment needs
 - Weekly group counseling
- **Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports**
 - Behavior management system utilizing reinforcement of positive behaviors and youth strengths

2018 Facts & Figures

Number of youth provided treatment during 2018

- Mental Health Caseload - RYDCs: 2,607 - 37 percent of youth admitted
- Mental Health Caseload - YDCs: 604 - 73 percent of youth admitted
- Number of youth provided sex offender treatment - 171
- Number of youth provided substance use treatment at YDCs - 357

Office of Classification and Transportation (OCATS)

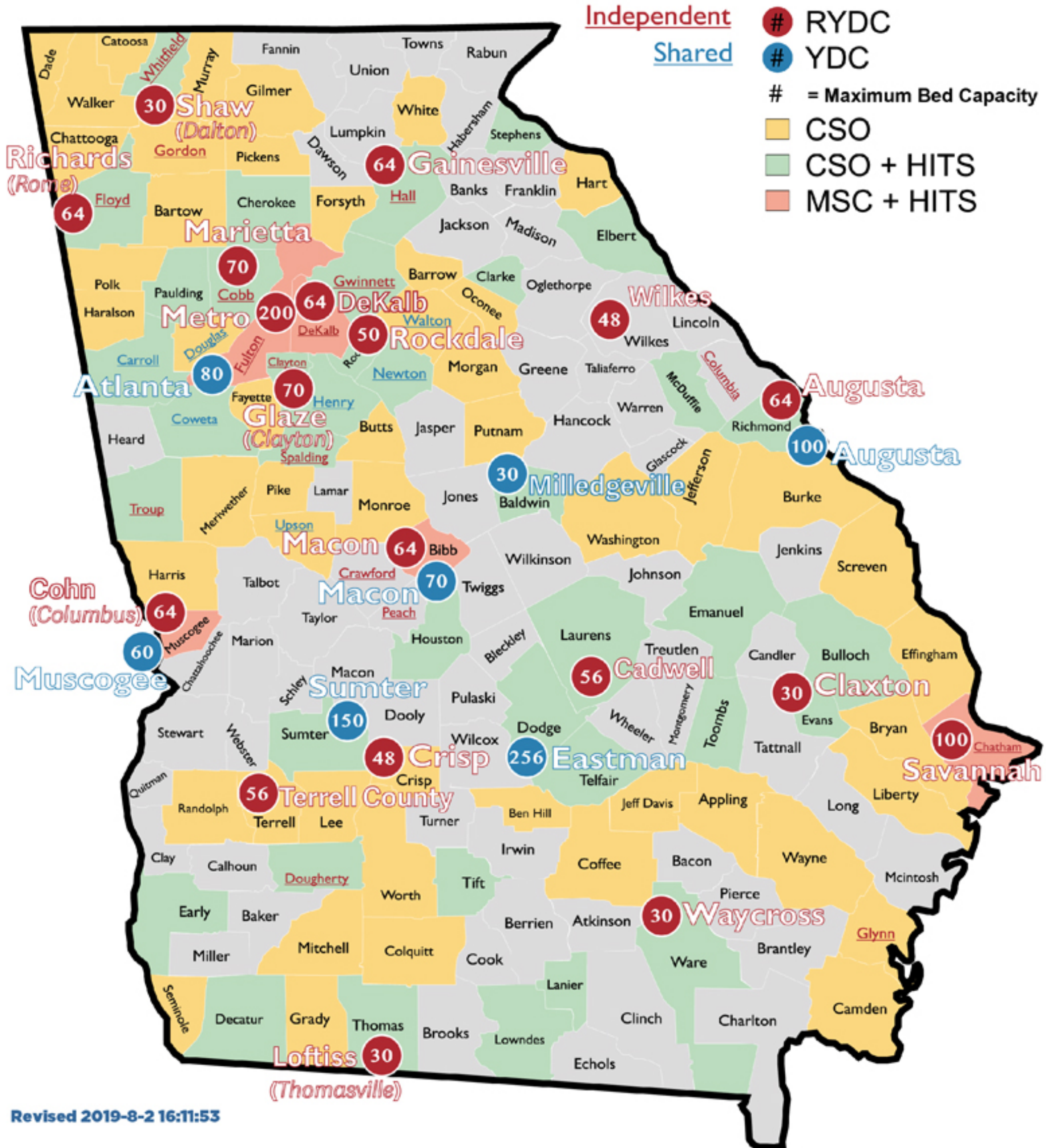
OCATS provides a variety of services:

- Review/monitor Regional Youth Detention Center (RYDC) populations
- Administer assessment tools upon commitment, coordinating, and chairing the screening committee meetings
- Process youth for the Short-Term Program
- Process Superior Court youth
- Placement of youth in Youth Development Campuses (YDCs) utilizing DJJ assessment tools
- Process YDC requests and YDC extensions
- Provide safe transport of youth between secure facilities, medical appointments, interviews, and other appointments as available, as well as to special events such as GPA graduations, Commissioner's Youth Council meetings, etc.



DJJ Locations

Community Services Offices & Secure Facilities



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