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Louisiana Models for Change Initiative Selected Parish/Judicial District Highlights

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Caddo Parish (Shreveport), Louisiana Juvenile Justice System – Highlights

Parish Demographics:

- 4th most populous parish in Louisiana (2004 population estimates); population has increased by less than 2% since 1990 census.
- Almost 26,000 youth (ages 10–16) in the parish; estimate of youth population has decreased by 4% from 1990 census.
- 58% of these youth are African-American; 1.9% are of Hispanic descent and Native Americans and Asians each constitute less than 1% of the parish's youth population.
- Estimates of persons living in poverty in Caddo Parish are somewhat higher than for Louisiana as a whole and considerably higher than national estimates (2003)

2003 Estimates	Caddo Parish	Louisiana	United States
All ages living in poverty	19.7%	18.1%	12.5%
Children (0-17) living in poverty	29.3%	26.6%	17.6%
Median household income	\$32,575	\$33,792	\$43,318

Juvenile Arrest Statistics:

- Total juvenile arrests increased 118% in Caddo Parish over the 10-year period (1994-2003) with aggravated assaults increasing 65%.
- Juvenile arrests for simple assault and disorderly conduct increased 456% and 732%, respectively during the period.
- Interviews suggest that simple assault arrests have gone down substantially in the last year– at least in part due to modification in the school district's zero tolerance policy and the start of a school-operated (pre-arrest) anger management diversion program.

Juvenile Arrests For:	1994	2003	Percent Change 1994-2003
<i>All Offenses</i>	1,615	3,527	118%
<i>Violent Crime Index Offenses</i>	119	145	22%
<i>Property Crime Index Offenses</i>	738	760	3%
Simple Assaults	103	573	456%
Disorderly Conduct	82	682	732%
Weapons Law Violations	72	54	-25%
Drug Abuse Violations	104	186	79%

Juvenile Court of Caddo Parish:

- Second statutorily established Juvenile Court in Louisiana (1992).
- Three judges elected specifically to Juvenile Court bench. Judicial bench has a history of being very stable. Judges have been on bench an average of ten years.
- Court has jurisdiction over delinquency, FINS, CINC, adoptions, DV and child support.
- Delinquency (felonies, misdemeanors and FINS) filings– while high – have remained fairly steady and possibly decreased slightly in the past three years.
- Three sections of the court:
 - ✓ Clerk of the Courts
 - ✓ Juvenile Probation
 - ✓ Juvenile Detention Center
- Three Juvenile Court therapeutic dockets:
 - ✓ Family Drug Court
 - ✓ Juvenile Drug Court
 - ✓ Mental Health Court (Individualized Deferred-Disposition Docket)
- The Juvenile Court and other Caddo Parish system stakeholders have done a good job in braiding together a patchwork of programs through various funding sources (see last page of handout). *Sustainability of funding, however, is a major concern.*
- Juvenile Court is a certified out-patient substance abuse clinic (licensed through Department Health and Hospitals) which can provide up to 60 sessions of treatment (at no charge) to children 12-17 years of age regardless of their court status. This clinic is open to the public and funded through OAD through a federal Access to Recovery (ATR) grant from SAMHSA.

Caddo Parish Juvenile Detention Center:

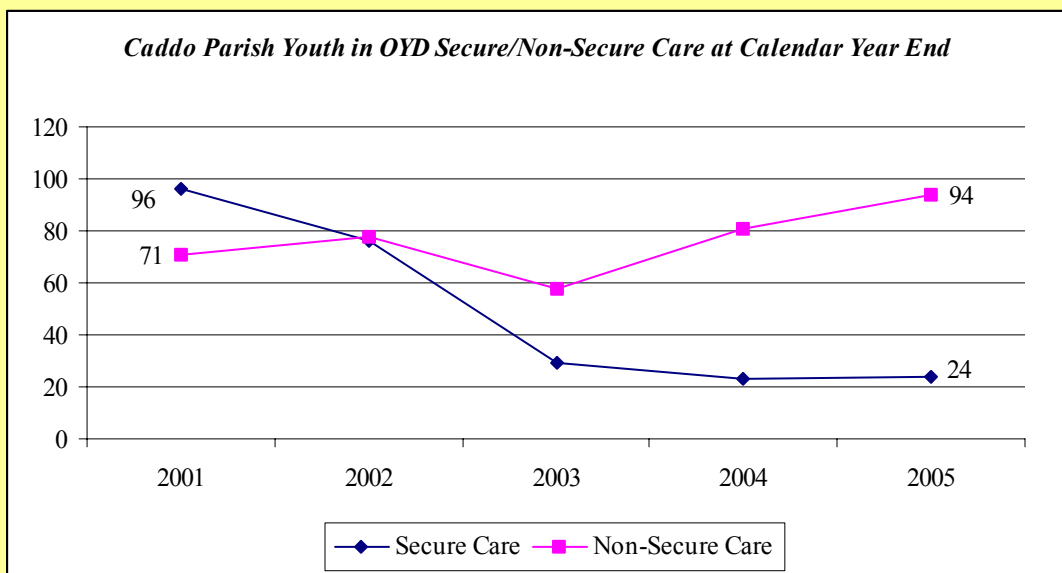
- Operated by the Juvenile Court. Facility constructed in 1990. Housing capacity is 52 (some double bunking in recent years – original rated capacity was 29).
- During 2004, there were approximately 1,500 detention admissions with an average length of stay of 10.2 days. Average daily population is estimated at 44-45 youth.
- Education program provided through Caddo Parish School Board. Detention center is considered an alternative school and maintains regular school schedule.
- Wide array of programs available to detained youth – medical, mental health, education, community volunteers/speakers, and activities.
- Physician available 24/7 with weekly visits. RN on site daily during the week.
- Mental health screenings provided by Master’s Degree student interns, LSW conducts group sessions twice per week, emergency psychiatric services available, counseling also available for rape/sexual assault victims.

Juvenile Probation:

- Locally funded by the Caddo Parish Commission and operated by the Juvenile Court.
- Probation caseload has decreased somewhat in recent years. Current caseload estimated at approximately 500 youth.
- Specialized probation programs include:
 - ✓ Intensive Probation Supervision/Electronic Monitoring (used to supervise probation cases with suspended commitments, 10-20 OYD parolees, and to ensure house arrest compliance for youth on pre-trial release status).
 - ✓ Supervision of drug court and mental health court cases.
 - ✓ Supervision of chronic truants referred from the Caddo Parish School Board
- Probation has access to intensive day treatment education program as an alternative to incarceration (funded by OYD)

OYD Commitments:

- The number of Caddo Parish youth committed to OYD and in secure care facilities at any one time has dropped by approximately 75% since December 2001.
- The number of Caddo Parish youth committed to OYD and in non-secure residential programs has increased by approximately 30% since December 2001.
- Juvenile Court’s probation staff supervise approximately 10–20 OYD parolees through its Intensive Probation program (program funded by OYD).
- Also, Juvenile Court provides re-entry treatment intervention services for select number of OYD parolees with substance abuse/addiction problems. (New program established through contract with OYD.)



Selected Diversion and Treatment Programs Available in Caddo Parish:

Program	Target Population	Youth Served	Funding Source	Comments
Juvenile Court Drug Diversion Program	Diversion - 1 st time drug use referrals		OJJDP state funding	Juveniles referred by DA, probation, FINS program and other court officers. Eight-week group therapy program.
Juvenile Court Substance Abuse Clinic	Court-involved and public referrals	Open-ended new program)	SAMSA Access to Recovery Grant (OAD)	Clinic provides up to 60 sessions of treatment (at no charge) to children 12-17 years of age regardless of their court status.
Restorative Justice	Diversion	500-600/year	Court Budget	Assistant DA's Office screens and refers cases to Restorative Justice Coordinator. Clients assigned community service, restitution and/or to diversion programs described below.
Volunteers for Youth Justice (VYJ) Programs	Primarily diversion		Various sources	Organization operates a teen court, girls mentoring and various education/counseling programs (shoplifting, anger management, school fights and life choices)
Caddo Parish Sheriff's Educational Programs	Early intervention and diversion		Sheriff's Department	Conflict resolution/anger management and driving/life choices classes
VYJ – Families in Need of Services (FINS)		520 families in 2005	Supreme Court and Juvenile Court	Statutorily established program that provides assistance to parents for ungovernable, runaway and truant youth. Needs assessment and service referral conference.
Truancy Assessment and Service Center (TASC) – Rutherford House	Elementary school truants		Louisiana State Legislature	The Caddo TASC is a state-funded early intervention program to address truancy-related problems in elementary schools. Program can provide direct services to students as well as direct emergency assistance and social service referrals.
Curfew Center – Rutherford House			City of Shreveport	Students apprehended after curfew hours are brought to center by Shreveport police
Specialized Treatment and Rehabilitation (STAR) Program	middle school students adjudicated by the court or referred by school/parents.	50-75 students annually	State Legislature	All-day, in-school boot camp program. Drill instructors monitor classes, supervise breaks and assists teachers in addressing behavior issues. Also has early morning and after school component. Six-days per week.
“No Boundaries” Special Programs	Court-involved (adjudicated or diverted)		Private donations and fundraising	Special events programs for court-involved youth designed to reward youth who have performed well and are abiding by probation conditions. Probation officers volunteer time.

Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana Juvenile Justice System – Highlights

Parish Demographics:

- 4th most populous parish (184,961) in Louisiana (2004 population estimates). Prior to the hurricanes, the parish population had increased by approximately 10% since 1990 census. However, since the hurricanes, the population is estimated to have decreased by slightly more than 1%. (Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals).
- Approximately 18,750 youth (ages 10–16) resided in the parish before the hurricanes; estimate of youth population has increased by 2% from 1990 census.
- 30% of these youth are African-American; 2% are of Hispanic descent, 1% are Native Americans and Asians constitute less than 1% of the parish's youth population.
- Estimates of persons living in poverty in Calcasieu Parish are slightly lower than for Louisiana as a whole but are substantially higher than national estimates (2003)

2003 Estimates	Calcasieu Parish	Louisiana	United States
All ages living in poverty	16.3%	17.0%	12.5%
Children (0-17) living in poverty	23.8%	25.5%	17.6%
Median household income	\$36,587	\$33,792	\$43,318

Juvenile Arrest Statistics:

- Total juvenile arrests decreased by 29% in the Calcasieu Parish over the 10-year period (1994-2003). Juvenile arrests for violent crimes decreased by 47% and arrests for property crimes decreased by 19%.
- Juvenile arrests for disorderly conduct decreased by 31% during this 10-year period. Weapons violation arrests decreased by 79%. Drug abuse violations and simple assault arrests both increased by 31%.

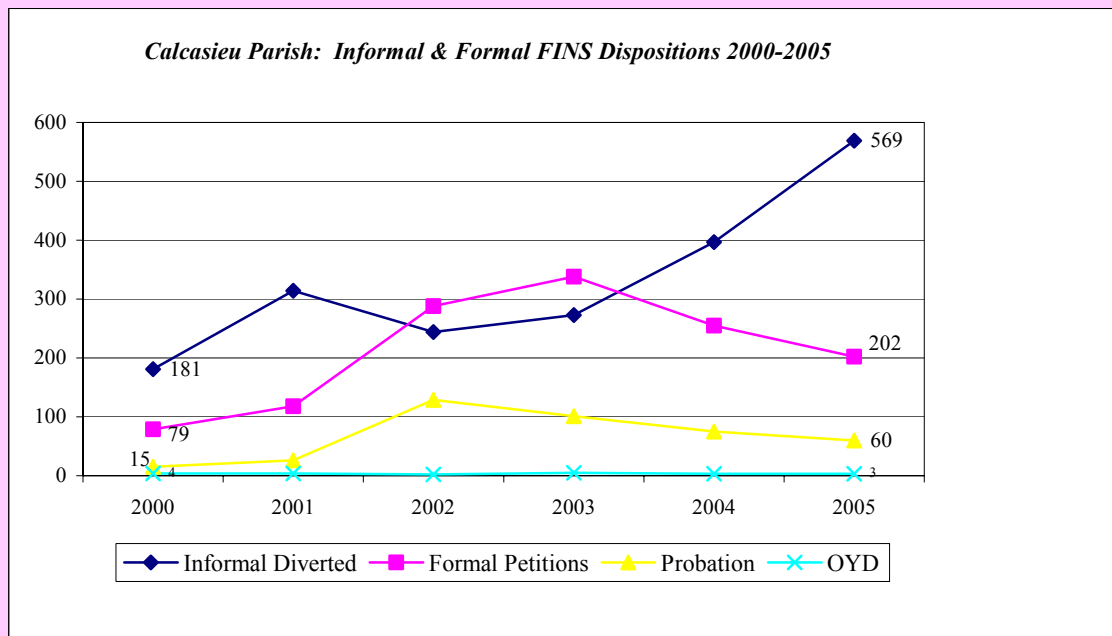
Juvenile Arrests For:	1994	2003	Percent Change 1994-2003
<i>All Offenses</i>	1,414	1,005	-29%
<i>Violent Crime Index Offenses</i>	98	52	-47%
<i>Property Crime Index Offenses</i>	487	393	-19%
Simple Assaults	51	67	31%
Disorderly Conduct	71	49	-31%
Weapons Law Violations	24	5	-79%
Drug Abuse Violations	104	136	31%

Calcasieu Parish Family Court:

- Unified Family Court model (2 divisions of District Court) was established by local rule.
- Two judges of the nine judges in the district handle all Family and Juvenile Court cases. One of the family court judges has been on the family court bench for at least six years and the other has been on the family court bench for at least three years.
- Family and Juvenile Court judges have jurisdiction over delinquency, FINS, CINC, adoptions, divorce and custody-related matters, division of property, and child support.
- The Family Court operates a juvenile drug court with a capacity of 30 treatment slots.
- OJJS indicated that delinquency filings, including FINS and TASC, remain high; however, a slight decrease has been observed in the past 3 years.
- FINS committee develops family service plans. If noncompliance, committee calls "mandatory conference." FINS Director chairs committee/conferences.
- Informal FINS cases handled by six case managers who have specialized caseloads for truancy, child abuse victims, and children with MH problems.

FINS Dispositions:

- The number of informal FINS cases diverted (i.e., handled informally) in Calcasieu Parish increased dramatically from 2000-2005 – by 214%. Formal FINS petitions have also increased during the same period – by 155%. However, the number of formal cases have gone down somewhat in the past two years from the high of 338 cases filed in 2003. Lastly, the number of FINS cases placed on probation has increased by 300%. The number of number of FINS committed to OYD has remained stable.



Calcasieu Parish Office of Juvenile Justice Services:

- OJJS is a department of the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury. Funded through 10-year millage (over 80% of budget) renewed in 2004. balance from grants, contracts, etc.
- MOU with 14th JDC authorizes OJJS to provide probation, detention and other services for the Court. Serves as an umbrella agency for all juvenile court programs.
- The Director of Programs serves on Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Board and is chair of DMC Committee. OJJS Director chairs local Planning Board.
- OJJS to pilot Comprehensive Approach to Sex Offender Management (OYD grant).

Calcasieu Parish Juvenile Detention Center:

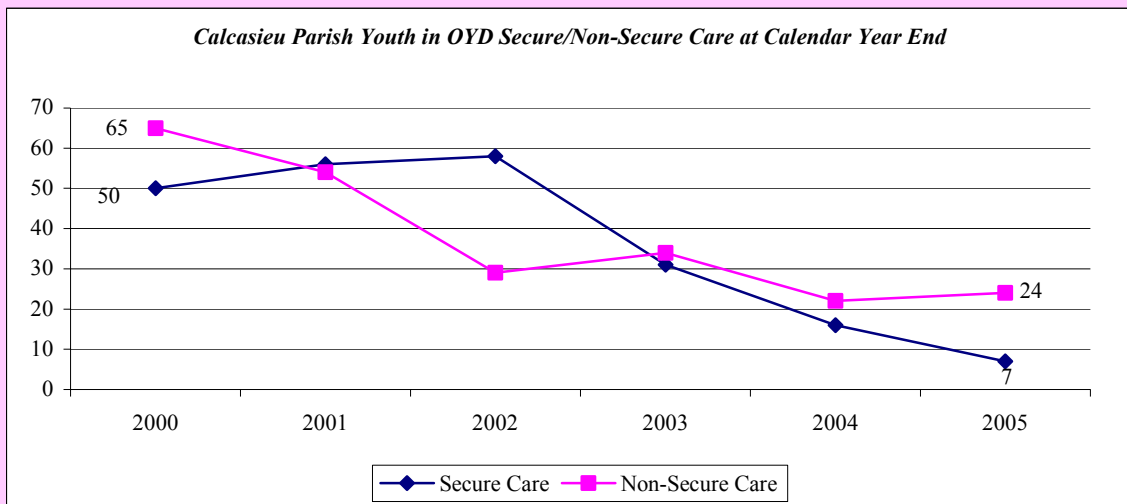
- Operated by the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury; constructed in 1969, 38 bed capacity.
- During 2005, there were 788 detention admissions with an average length of stay of 28.24 days. The local school Zero Tolerance program (school fighting policy) accounted for 446 of these admissions. General admission accounted for 342. ADP of 26.58 (2005)
- Services include education, medical, mental health, counseling, religious education, community volunteers, incentive programs, art programs and many other activities.
- Education program provided through "Homebound Program" with Parish School Board.
- OJJS applied to become a Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative site.
- Through a contract with LSU, physicians available 24/7 with three weekly visits. LPN on site 40 hours per week and is on call 24/7.
- All juveniles admitted receive the MAYSI-II screening instrument.
- Full time counselor (on staff) assigned to detention conducts group sessions 3X per week, including anger management and substance abuse. Provides individual counseling also.
- OJJS contracts with shelter for 9 beds per day - alternative to secure detention (for FINS).
- Pre-release staffings (to reduce likelihood of re-offending) held for all detained juveniles.

Juvenile Probation:

- Works with youth from intake to field supervision. Total caseloads (5/03/06) for Intake = 243; Field = 274.
- In process of implementing structured graduated sanctions (e.g., electronic monitoring, home detention, reporting center, community service, etc.).
- Probation has access to intensive day treatment education program through OYD.
- Full time counselor (on staff) for probation department.

OYD Commitments:

- The number of Calcasieu Parish youth (delinquency/FINS combined) committed to OYD and in secure care facilities at any one time has dropped by 86% since December 2000. Similarly, the number of youth committed to OYD and in non-secure residential programs at any one time has decreased by 63% during the same period.
- Beginning in 2004, all potential OYD commitments are staffed by OJJS, OYD, and service providers to consider alternatives to State commitment.



Selected Diversion and Treatment Programs Available in Calcasieu Parish:

Program	Target Population	Youth Served (2005)	Funding Source	Comments
Juvenile Drug Court Treatment Program	Delinquents with subs. abuse history	30 slots	LA Supreme Court	Intensive treatment program, combining supervision and court involvement.
Families In Need of Services (FINS)	Status Offenders	524 families (1290 offenses)	Supreme Court and CPPJ	Statutorily established program that provides assistance to parents for ungovernable, runaway and truant youth. Needs assessment and service plans utilizing community network.
Truancy Assessment and Service Center (TASC)	Elementary school truants grades K – 5	277 referrals	Louisiana State Legislature (through LSU)	Early intervention program to address truancy-related problems in elementary schools. Staff provides service referrals and follows FINS model.
Shoplifters Accountability Program (SAP)	1 st time offenders	131 referrals	OJJS and fees	First time shoplifters and parents attend 3 hour class. Only 4% have re-offended since program started.
Teen Court	1 st time offenders (non-violent)	34 referrals	OJJS and other grants	Court operated program trains teens to hear cases and “sentence” juveniles
CADET	Referrals from FINS and Probation	76 referrals	DA’s Office, OJJS, and fees	Operated by District Attorney. Teaches anger management, decision making and teamwork through experiential activities.
McNeese St. Univ. Farm Work Project	Drug Court Program	58 sanctions	Drug Court grant OJJS	Work project serves as graduated sanction for Drug Court. Work at farm on Sat A.M.
Community Service	Probation violations, first time offenders (diversion)	91 referrals	Fees, LCLE	Local safety council coordinates community service activities for court referred youth
Crime Victims Counseling	Juvs/families refer'd by Probation/FINS	28 referrals	LCLE/Crime Victims Act	Specialized counseling program through contract with local agency
Family Preservation	Juvs/families refer'd for intensive svcs by Prob/FINS/Drug Ct	38 referrals	OJJS (millage)	Intensive in-home counseling/case management for youth at-risk of out of home placement
Anger Management	Juvs/families refer'd by Probation/FINS	43 referrals	OJJS	Contract with local provider for multi-family group counseling (6 week course)
Substance Abuse	Juvs/families refer'd by Probation/FINS	30 referrals	OJJS	Contract with local provider for multi-family group counseling (6 week course)
Mental Health Court	FINS (adjudicated)	14 referrals	LCLE/OJJDP and OJJS	Collaborative program provides intensive staffing, case management, and treatment referrals to keep youth out of JJ system
Harbour House, Emergency Shelter for Children	Status offenders, step down from detention, juveniles pending treatment	159 admissions	OJJS (millage)	OJJS contracts with shelter for 9 beds per day to provide alternatives to detention & temporary placement for status offenders

Jefferson Parish, Louisiana Juvenile Justice System – Highlights

Parish Demographics:

- 2nd most populous parish in Louisiana (before the hurricanes); However, between September 2005 and January 2006, the population in the parish decreased by approximately 20% (Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals).
- Almost 44,000 youth (ages 10–16) resided in the parish before the hurricanes; estimate of youth population has decreased by 4% from 1990 census.
- 36% of these youth are African-American; 8% are of Hispanic descent, 4% are of Asian descent and Native Americans constitute less than 1% of the parish's youth population (2004 U.S. Census estimate). The parish has the largest concentration of Hispanic youth in the state.
- Estimates of persons living in poverty in Jefferson Parish are lower than for Louisiana as a whole but are considerably higher than national estimates (2003)

2003 Estimates	Jefferson Parish	Louisiana	United States
All ages living in poverty	15.7%	18.1%	12.5%
Children (0-17) living in poverty	22.5%	26.6%	17.6%
Median household income	\$38,018	\$33,792	\$43,318

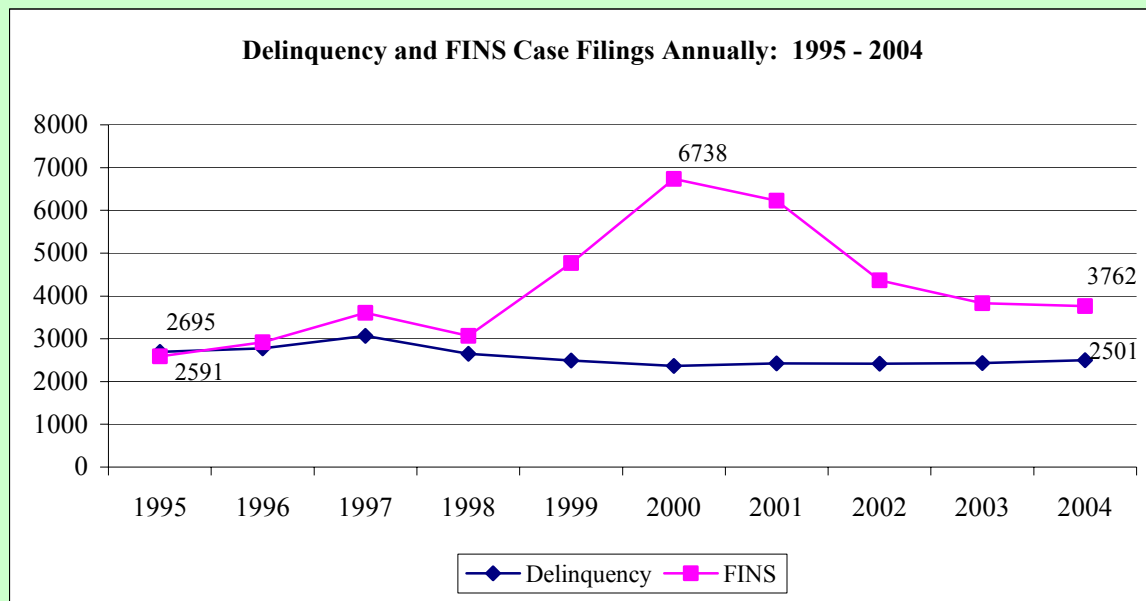
Juvenile Arrest Statistics:

- Total juvenile arrests increased 36% in Jefferson Parish over the 10-year period (1994-2003). However, juvenile arrests for violent crimes remained essentially stable – decreasing by 4%. Juvenile arrests for property crimes increased by 13%.
- Juvenile arrests for simple assault and disorderly conduct increased 51% and 240%, respectively during the period. Drug offense arrests increased by 106%.

Juvenile Arrests For:	1994	2003	Percent Change 1994-2003
<i>All Offenses</i>	5,858	7,979	36%
<i>Violent Crime Index Offenses</i>	360	345	-4%
<i>Property Crime Index Offenses</i>	1,460	1,653	13%
Simple Assaults	585	883	51%
Disorderly Conduct	252	857	240%
Weapons Law Violations	93	35	-62%
Drug Abuse Violations	217	448	106%

Jefferson Parish Juvenile Court:

- Juvenile Court was established by the Louisiana Legislature in 1958.
- Three judges elected specifically to Juvenile Court bench. Judicial bench has a history of being very stable. Judges have been on bench an average of 17+ years.
- The Juvenile Court operates a juvenile drug court with a capacity of 35 treatment slots. MST services provided to drug court participants through the Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority.
- Delinquency case filings have remained fairly steady for 10 year period before hurricanes. Historically, there have been more FINS filings annually than delinquency filings. FINS filings spiked in 2000-2001.

**Jefferson Parish Juvenile Detention Center:**

- L. Robert Rivarde Memorial Home is the juvenile detention facility for Jefferson Parish and is part of the Department of Juvenile Services.
- Rated capacity is 55 beds but two units were closed after the hurricanes. Current capacity is 32 and the Department anticipates that this will suffice in the future.
- Average daily detention population hovered around rated capacity limits in recent years (2001-2004). Detention alternatives include electronic monitoring and trackers.
- Services provided to detainees include: education (classes, library and computer lab), drug prevention, medical evaluation, counseling and recreation.
- African-American youth represented 72% of all admissions in 2005. This represents a slight increase from recent years.
- Females represented 27% of all admissions in 2005.

Juvenile Probation:

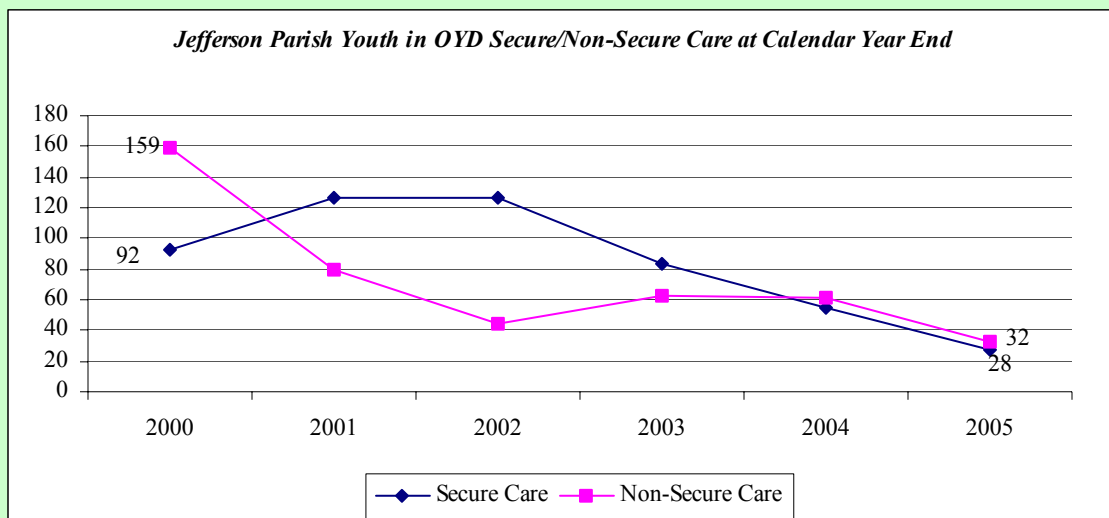
- Also the responsibility of the Department of Juvenile Services. Funded through local millage and funding cut 20% since hurricanes.
- Probation caseloads have dropped considerably since the hurricanes. Probation caseload at the end of 2005 was 620 youth compared to 954 youth at the end of 2004.
- African-American youth represented 64% of all new probation cases in 2005.
- Specialized probation programs include electronic monitoring, intensive probation supervision, COPS (see last page for description), and informal FINS supervision.
- MST services available through the Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority.

Juvenile Assessment/Intake Center:

- Staffed by a multi-disciplinary team consisting of 5 Juveniles Services case managers, 2 Sheriff's deputies, assistant DAs, an on-call indigent defense attorney and a school liaison.
- The Center serves as a centralized intake/booking and assessment center for arrested juveniles in the Parish. Using a locally-developed instrument (MAJOR), case managers assess for a variety of risk and protective factors. Youth are either returned to parents/guardians or placed in detention based on their risk score.
- 1,976 juveniles were assessed in 2005.

OYD Commitments:

- The number of Jefferson Parish youth committed to OYD and in secure care facilities at any one time has dropped by 70% since December 2000. Similarly, the number of youth committed to OYD and in non-secure residential programs at any one time has decreased by 80% during the same period.



Selected Diversion and Treatment Programs Available in Jefferson Parish:

Program	Target Population	Youth Served	Funding Source	Comments
District Attorney's Office Diversion Program	Pre and post-filing diversion		Mixture of State DA's and Parish funding	Primarily tutoring and therapeutic services managed by 6 masters-level clinicians in the DAs office. The office was formerly staffed with 14 clinicians. Cutbacks occurred prior to storms.
Juvenile Services – Evaluation and Treatment Services	Primarily diversion	In 2005, 483 evaluations completed 125 referred to treatment in Jan-March, 06	Parish funded	Provides behavioral health evaluations for juvenile offenders and families through contract and in-house providers. Administers a range of behavioral health interventions managed by masters level court services staff.
Juvenile Services Correctional Options Program (COPS)	Adjudicated Delinquents at risk of placement	28 cases at beginning of 2005 and 17 cases as of 12/31/2005.	Parish funded; may expand through 2006 OYD funding opportunity	Juvenile services intends to expand its program to maintain youth in the community through a coordinated package of substance abuse treatment services, intensive probation and job assistance through the COPS program.
Parish Human Services Authority Behavioral Health Services	Drug court and other diverted and adjudicated youth.	In 2005, 66 referrals for SA services and 65 referrals for MH services	Dept. of Health and Hospital funding from legislature— may be cut	The Authority provides assessment and treatment services to support the drug court but also to support non-drug court referrals.
Court School	Youth expelled and not eligible for adult ed.	12	IV-E funded	Alternative education program for court-involved youth.
Truancy Assessment and Service Center (TASC)	Elementary school truants		LSU/TASC Grant; IV-E, Co-operative endeavor with the Parish	State-funded early intervention program to address truancy-related problems in elementary schools. Program can provide direct services to students as well as direct emergency assistance and social service referrals.
School based health center	Prevention		Parish Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools	School based bullying intervention program that applies an evidenced based model. Additional services include peer mediation, substance abuse education and tutoring.
Juvenile Services Mentoring and Tutoring Volunteer Services Program	Court-involved (adjudicated or diverted)	700 in 2005	Parish funded	Court services recruits and organizes volunteer mentors for a one hour per week commitment of time.

Rapides Parish, Louisiana Juvenile Justice System – Highlights

Parish Demographics:

- Rapides Parish is one of 13 Louisiana parishes with a population of 100,000 or more. U.S. Census estimates that approximately 128,000 persons resided in the parish in 2004. As of January 2006, the parish's population had increased by 6% since the hurricanes (Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals).
- Slightly more than 13,000 youth (ages 10–16) resided in the parish in 2004. The estimated youth population has decreased by 10% since the 1990 census.
- 38% of these youth are African-American; 2% are of Hispanic descent, 1% are of Asian decent and Native Americans constitute less than 1% of the parish's youth population (2004 U.S. Census estimate).
- Estimates of persons living in poverty in Rapides Parish are somewhat higher than for Louisiana as a whole and considerably higher than national estimates (2003).

2003 Estimates	Rapides Parish	Louisiana	United States
All ages living in poverty	19.2%	18.1%	12.5%
Children (0-17) living in poverty	29.0%	26.6%	17.6%
Median household income	\$31,651	\$33,792	\$43,318

Juvenile Arrest Statistics:

- Total juvenile arrests decreased by 32% in Rapides Parish over the 10-year period (1994-2003). Juvenile arrests for violent crimes decreased by 44% and juvenile arrests for property crimes decreased by 38%

Juvenile Arrests For:	1994	2003	Percent Change 1994-2003
<i>All Offenses</i>	2,039	1,377	-32%
<i>Violent Crime Index Offenses</i>	64	36	-44%
<i>Property Crime Index Offenses</i>	512	315	-38%
Simple Assaults	108	128	19%
Disorderly Conduct	156	207	33%
Weapons Law Violations	25	4	-84%
Drug Abuse Violations	112	103	-8%

9th District Court (Rapides Parish):

- One judge assigned full-time to the juvenile docket.
- Delinquency cases spiked several years ago but remain high. FINS cases are increasing. In 2005, 1,644 delinquency and FINS cases were docketed.
- Local FINS committee/panel reviews all FINS referrals and makes filing recommendations – 891 pre-petition FINS cases in 2005.
- The District Court operates a Juvenile Drug Court and has recently started a Truancy program (March 2006).
- Responsibility for diversion is a shared responsibility of the District Attorney's Office, the District Court, Parish Probation and OYD.
- General diversion programs are somewhat limited but include:
 - Teen Court (court-operated)
 - Community Service
 - Restitution
 - Shoplifter Class
- The local Children and Youth Planning Board process has been initiated and the Judge presiding over juvenile matters has taken an active leadership role.

Juvenile Detention:

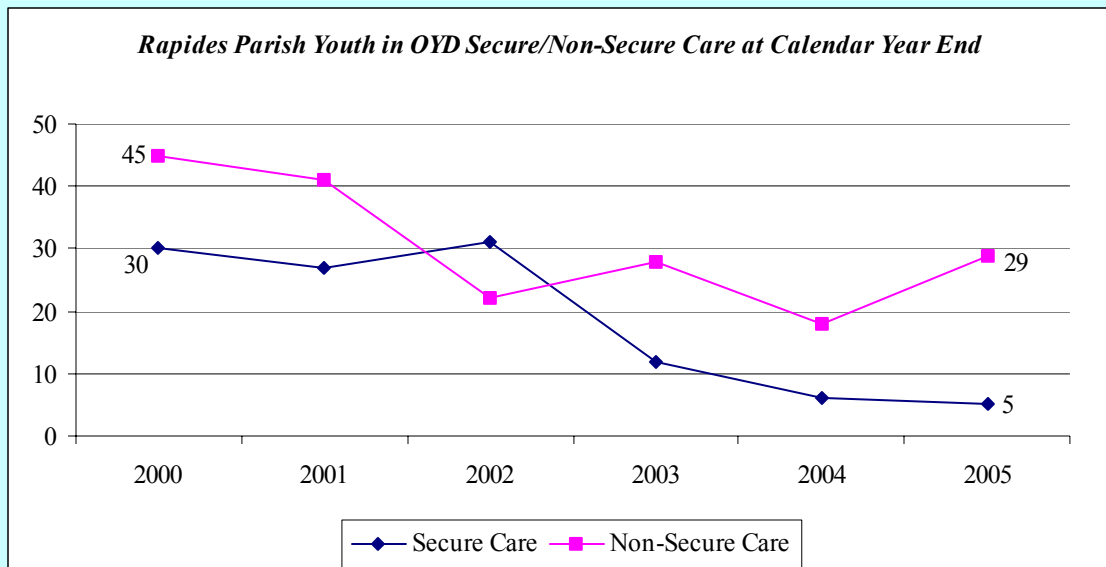
- Renaissance Home for Youth, a local non-profit organization, operates the juvenile detention center for Rapides Parish and surrounding parishes. The detention center is ACA accredited, and is funded (at least, in part) through a local millage.
- Rated capacity is 16 beds. Rapides Parish is given priority admission.
- Average daily detention population typically runs at 15-16.
- 73% of all youth admitted to detention in 2005 were African American (compared to an estimated 38% in the overall youth population).
- The MAYSI II is administered to all new admissions.
- Detention supervisor receives calls from law enforcement and pre-screens potential detention cases. If bed is not available, law enforcement will call the Judge.
- Limited detention alternatives are available. Renaissance Home has four shelter beds in two group homes it operates.

Juvenile Probation:

- The responsibility of the local parish authority.
- 150 juveniles were on probation as of March 2006.
- Probation department has limited access to OYD electronic monitoring program.
- Three probation officers specifically assigned to:
 - drug court,
 - mental health,
 - and electronic monitoring cases.
- The Juvenile Drug Court is an important resource but services are limited
- A consulting psychiatrist is available through the Renaissance Home but the hurricanes have reduced the availability of mental health resources.

OYD Commitments:

- The number of Rapides Parish youth committed to OYD and in secure care facilities at any one time has dropped by 83% since December 2000. Similarly, the number of youth from the parish committed to OYD and in non-secure residential programs at any one time has decreased by 36% during the same period.



16th Judicial District, (Iberia, St. Martin, & St. Mary Parishes) Juvenile Justice System – Highlights

16th District Demographics:

- The 16th Judicial District includes three relatively small parishes (Iberia, St. Martin and St. Mary). The total estimated 2004 population for this three-parish district is slightly more than 175,000. As of January 2006, the district's population had increased by 2% since the hurricanes (Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals).
- Slightly less than 20,000 youth (ages 10–16) resided in the judicial district in 2004. The youth population has remained relatively stable since the 1990 census. However, Iberia and St. Martin's parishes have experienced slight gains in the youth population since 1990 while St. Mary's has experienced a 13% drop.
- 38% of these youth are African-American; 2% are of Hispanic descent, 2% are Asian and Native Americans constitute less than 1% of the parish's youth population.
- Estimates of persons living in poverty in the 16th JDC are somewhat higher than Louisiana as a whole and considerably more than national estimates (2003).

2003 Estimates	16th JDC	Louisiana	United States
All ages living in poverty	20%	17.0%	12.5%
Children (0-17) living in poverty	29%	25.5%	17.6%
Median household income	\$31,957	\$33,792	\$43,318

Juvenile Arrest Statistics:

- Total juvenile arrests decreased by 22% in the 16th JDC over the 10-year period (1994-2003). Juvenile arrests for violent crimes decreased by 44% and arrests for property crimes decreased by 45%.
- Juvenile arrests for disorderly conduct increased by 212% during this 10-year period. Weapons violation arrests decreased by 68%.

Juvenile Arrests For:	1994	2003	Percent Change 1994-2003
<i>All Offenses</i>	2,430	1,897	-22%
<i>Violent Crime Index Offenses</i>	99	55	-44%
<i>Property Crime Index Offenses</i>	564	310	-45%
Simple Assaults	271	325	20%
Disorderly Conduct	135	421	212%
Weapons Law Violations	28	9	-68%
Drug Abuse Violations	95	100	5%

16th Judicial District (District and City Courts):

- District and city courts handle juvenile matters. Other than continued custody hearings, district courts in each of the three parishes hold juvenile delinquency/FINS hearings one day per month.
- In 2004, the 3 district court judges handling juvenile matters processed 2,220 juvenile filings – with approximately 40% of these filed with the Iberia District Court, 34% with the St. Mary District Court, and 26% with the St. Martin District Court.
- This represents a decrease of 15% in juvenile filings since 2000.
- The five city courts also handle a substantial number of juvenile cases. In 2004, these courts processed 1,174 new juvenile filings with the New Iberia Court handling almost half (47%). The vast majority of these filings were for delinquency matters.
- Juvenile drug courts are in operation in multiple locations throughout the 16th JDC (Iberia and St. Mary District Courts and the Beaux Bridge City Court).

Juvenile Detention Center:

- The Juvenile Detention Center opened in 2000 and has a 48-bed rated capacity. The detention center is run by the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Department.
- No structured decision-making tool in use at present. Law enforcement makes immediate detention decision, calls the District Attorney's office for consultation. District Court Judge then called to authorize detention.
- Detention services include education, medical and some counseling services.
- Availability/extent of alternatives (e.g., electronic monitoring, home arrest) to secure detention appear limited.

District Attorney's Office Early Intervention Program:

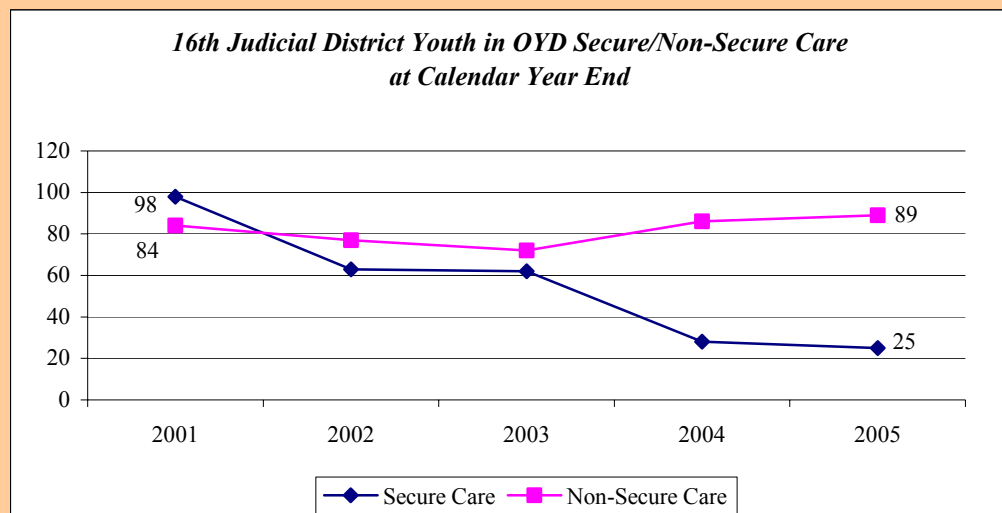
- Target population is “at-risk” students in elementary schools whose behavioral or performance problems cannot be resolved through standard channels.
- As of January 2006, the Early Intervention Program (EIP) was limited to elementary school children. However, plans are to expand the program to at least three middle schools with funding provided through OYD Court Empowerment funds.
- EIP case managers and counselors are based at participating schools. Individual, family, and group counseling is provided by counselors employed by the District Attorney's Office but these counselors are based in the schools. Program length is generally 60 days with provisions to extend as needed.
- Additional EIP services include a number of programs cited by SAMSHA and OJJDP as being effective with at-risk youth.
- The DA's Office Family Services Division tracks a variety of interim outcome and performance measures that indicate improved conduct and grade performance, reduced FINS referrals, and strong support by parents and teachers.

Juvenile Probation:

- Operated by OYD. Assigned probation officers generally stay with assigned cases before and after state commitment. These officers appear in District and City Courts.
- OYD probation generally does not receive cases until post-adjudication and/or disposition (including IAA's and deferred disposition cases), though in St. Martin Parish there may be some pre-petition diversion cases.
- As of January 2006, roughly 516 juveniles were on probation in OYD Region #5 (Region #5 is comprised of 8 parishes including the 3 parishes in the *16th JDC*).
- OYD estimates that 50% of its cases (pre-commit probation and post-commit parole) are FINS cases. As of January 2006, the OYD regional office estimated 189 FINS cases on probation/parole supervision and 100 FINS cases in out of home placements – again, this is for the entire OYD Region (not just the *16th JDC*).
- All probation cases go through an OYD staffing process to identify services. The staffing process is standardized. OYD uses a standardized risk screening/case classification tool to set supervision levels that is in place statewide.
- There is one non-OYD probation officer assigned to the juvenile drug court in New Iberia (funded by the District Attorney's Office).

OYD Commitments:

- The number of youth committed to OYD from the 16th JDC and in secure care facilities at any one time has dropped by approximately 74% since December 2001.
- Overall, the number of youth committed to OYD and in non-secure residential programs has remained fairly stable since December 2001. However, the use of non-secure placement appears to have decreased in St. Mary Parish and increased in Iberia and St. Martin parishes.
- OYD Regional Offices are hiring Social Services Worker IV positions to assist with aftercare planning and other services.



Selected Diversion and Treatment Programs Available in the 16th Judicial District:

Program	Target Population	Youth Served	Funding Source	Comments
FINS Committee	Status offenders and other youth/families in need of services		Supreme Court and DA's Office	Closely linked to the EIP. DA's Office serves "gate-keeping" function for FINS.
Truancy Court (New Iberia City Court)	Students with five unexcused school absences or more	Elementary, middle school, and high school students	No special funding.	New Iberia City Court holds truancy courts on a periodic basis, either at court or in schools. When held, truancy court may involve pre- and post-disposition cases.
Informal Pre-Trial diversion	Generally, less serious delinquency cases		DA's Office	Contract agreement established with each child/family. If child complies with agreement, case is dismissed. May involve IAAs – informal adjustment agreements
Youth Challenge	Delinquent youth who may be facing probation revocation			At least one district court judge refers cases facing possible probation revocation. An educational and quasi- boot camp program that some local officials feel is an effective alternative to revocation or commitment.
Harbor House	Delinquent youth under OYD supervision	Less serious delinquent youth	OYD	Out of home placement and respite services, available pre- and post-disposition.