

Improving Louisiana's Status Offender System

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What are the needs of status offenders?



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What did we find?

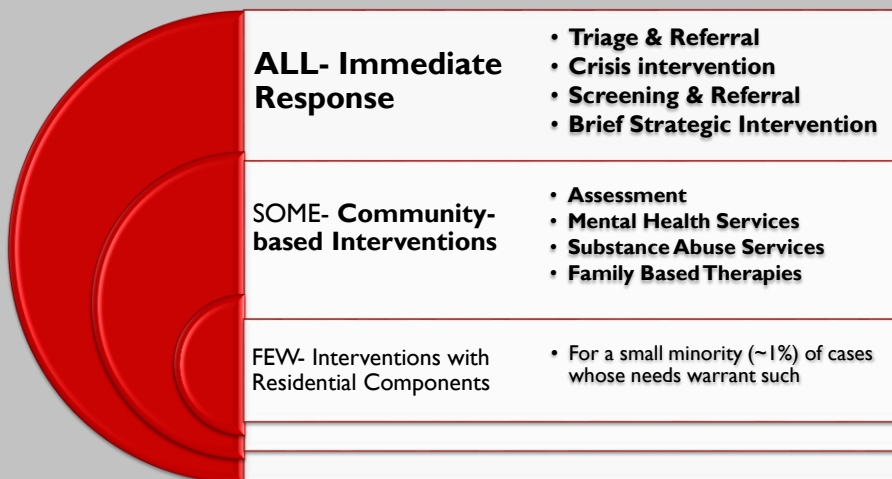
- The vast majority of status offending youth are simply going through **normal developmental immaturity** (not necessarily desired) **and/or brief crises at home or school.**



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Services provided by a model status offender system...



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Major Areas of Reform in Louisiana Last Five Years

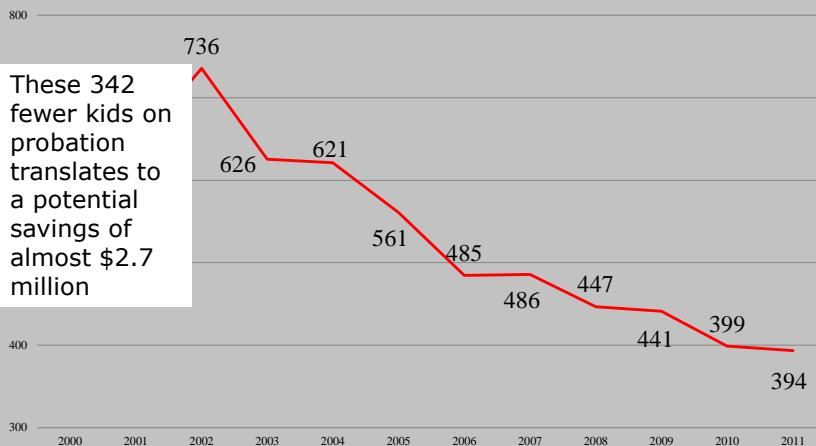
- Data-Driven Decision Making
- Eligibility Criteria
- Immediate Response, Expedited Triage, and Validated Screening Tools
- Effective Community and Regional Partnerships
- Senate Resolution 44- FINS Commission
- Senate Bill 467- Exhaustion of efforts prior to FINS
- House Resolution 129- Supreme Court to enact recommendations and Report to the Legislature

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Average Daily Population: State Status Offender / FINS Probation, 2001-2011

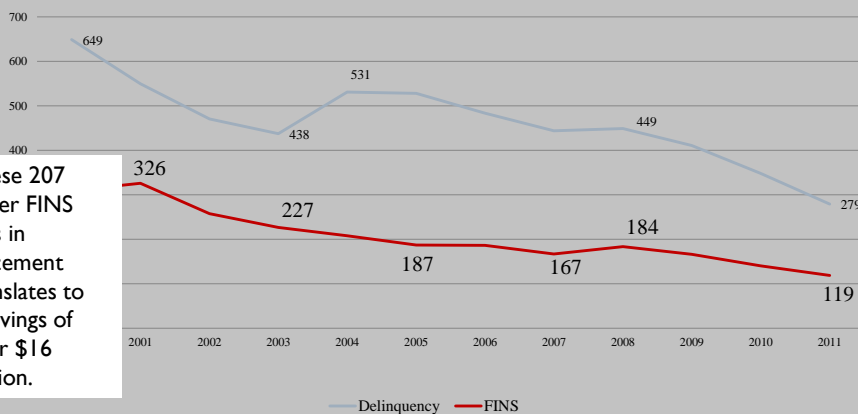


These 342 fewer kids on probation translates to a potential savings of almost \$2.7 million

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Average Daily Population of Youth in OJJ Non-Secure Custody: Delinquency and FINS (2001-2011)

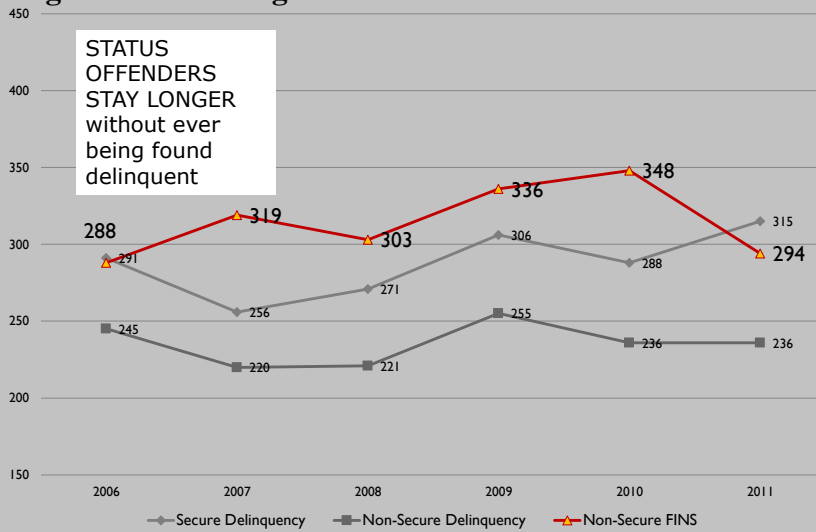


These 207 fewer FINS kids in placement translates to a savings of over \$16 million.

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Average Length of Stay in Secure and Non-Secure Custody Legal Status Ending in 2006-2011



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Questions & Discussion



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