



Juvenile Reentry Task Force

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JJ Section Overview

Community Programs

- Develops and supports community-based programs that serve youth at-risk of delinquency and those who are court-involved with alternatives to DACJJ Youth Development Centers (YDCs).

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Court Services

- Staff provides intake evaluation and supervision for undisciplined and delinquent youth through district offices in each county.

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Youth Development Centers/Treatment and Clinical Programming

- Secure facilities that provide committed youth with court ordered long-term placement.
- Strong focus on individualized service planning and clinical treatment approaches.

Detention Services

- Secure facilities that provide temporary placement for juveniles who are waiting to go to court or for placement to be arranged.

Education and Health Services

- Staff provides committed/detained youth with education and comprehensive health services in Department facilities.



Overview of Comprehensive Strategy for Juvenile Justice

Problem Behavior > *Noncriminal Misbehavior* > *Delinquency* > *Serious, Violent, and Chronic Offending*

Prevention
Target Population: At-Risk Youth

Programs for All Youth >

Programs for Youth at Greatest Risk >

Immediate Intervention >

Intermediate Sanctions >

Community Confinement >

Youth Development Centers > Aftercare

Youth Development Goals:

- Healthy and nurturing families.
- Safe communities.
- School attachment.
- Prosocial peer relations.
- Personal development and life skills.
- Healthy lifestyle choices.

Graduated Sanctions
Target Population: Delinquent Youth

Youth Habilitation Goals:

- Healthy family participation.
- Community reintegration.
- Educational success and skills development.
- Healthy peer network development.
- Prosocial values development.
- Healthy lifestyle choices.

Comprehensive Strategy in N.C.

Graduated Responses and Rewards

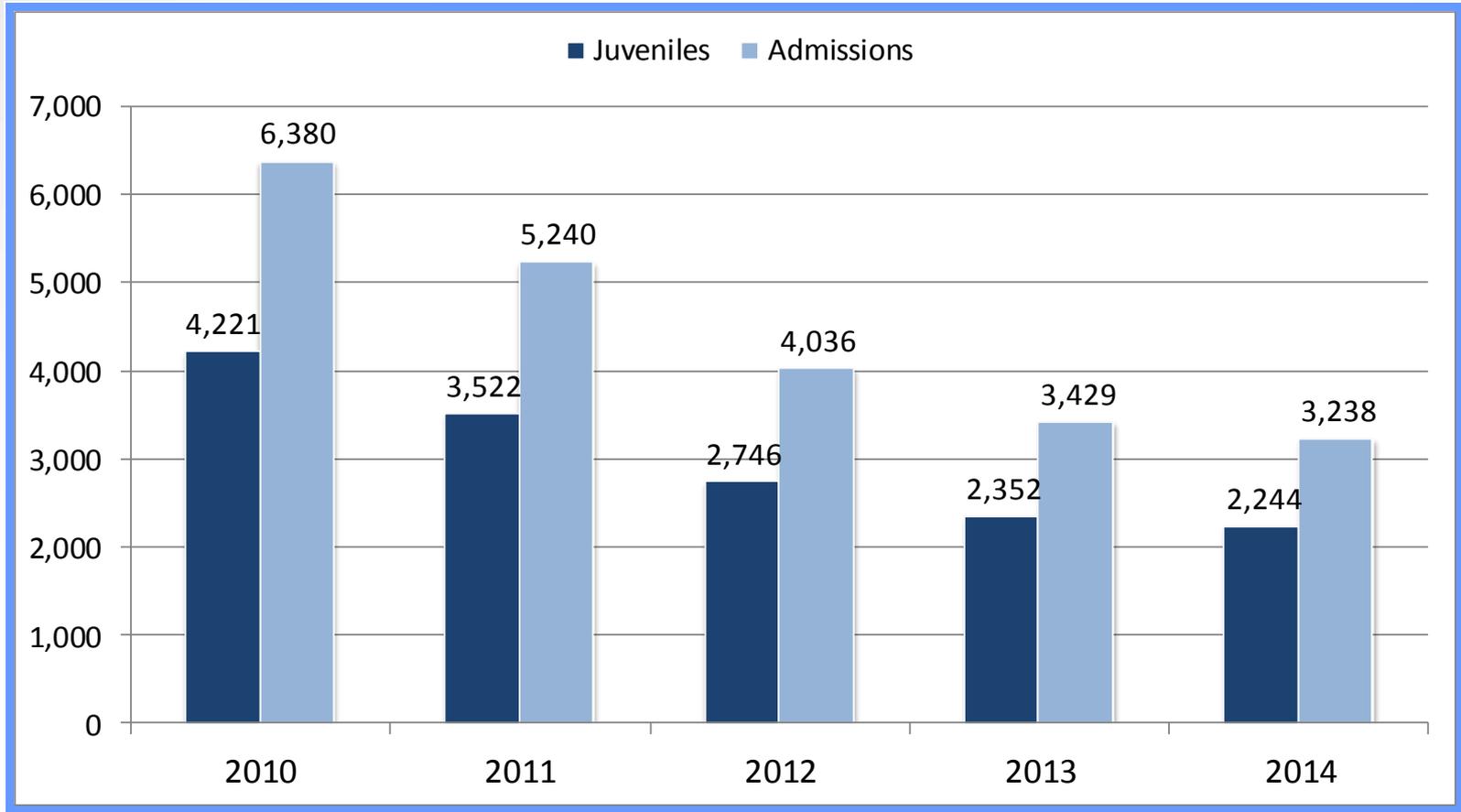
- Diversion plans and contracts at Intake
- Three levels of disposition
 - Community
 - Intermediate
 - Commitment

Structured Decision Making

- Individual risk assessment
- Individual needs assessment
- Community risk and resource assessment
- Disposition chart for delinquent dispositions

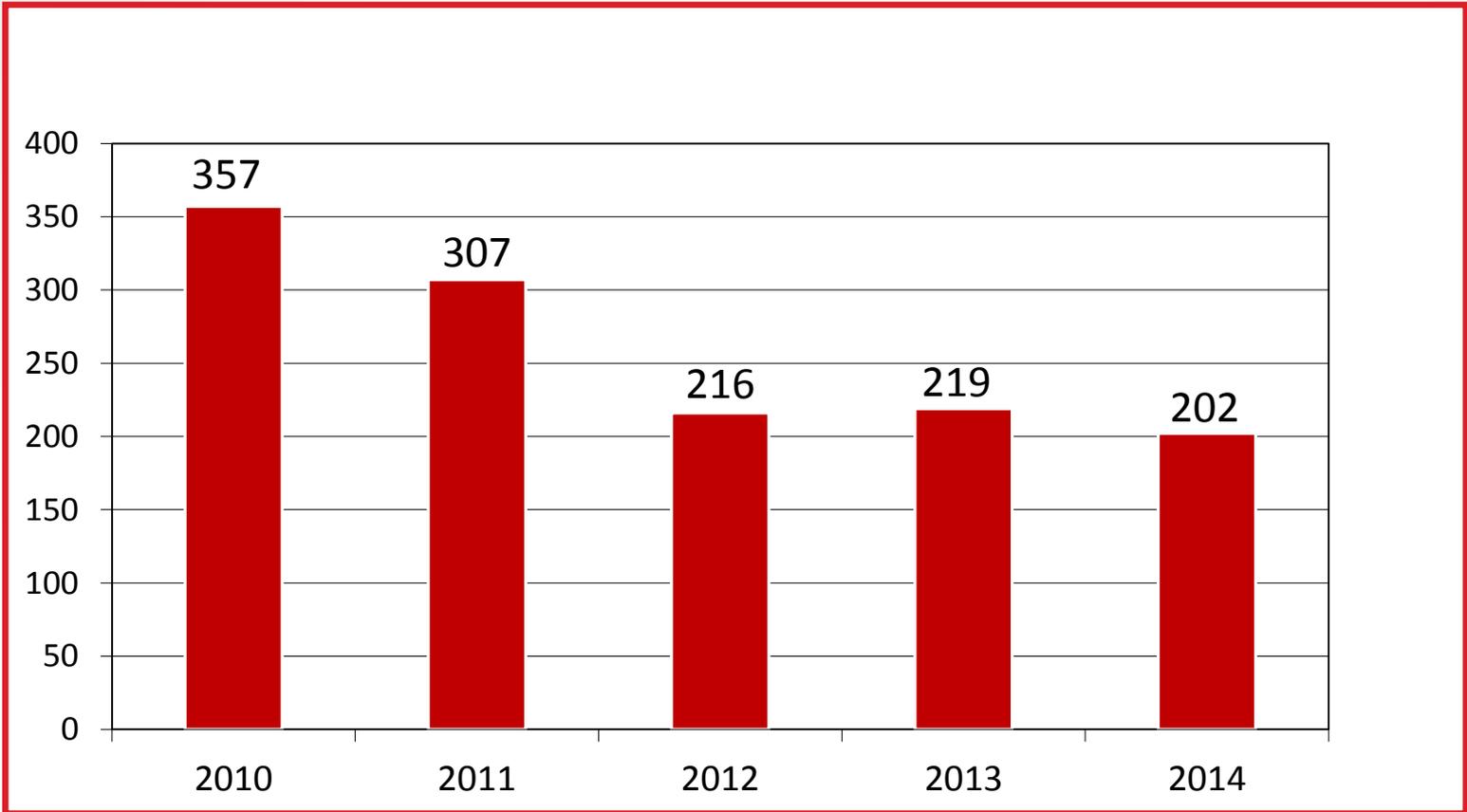
Detention Center Admissions

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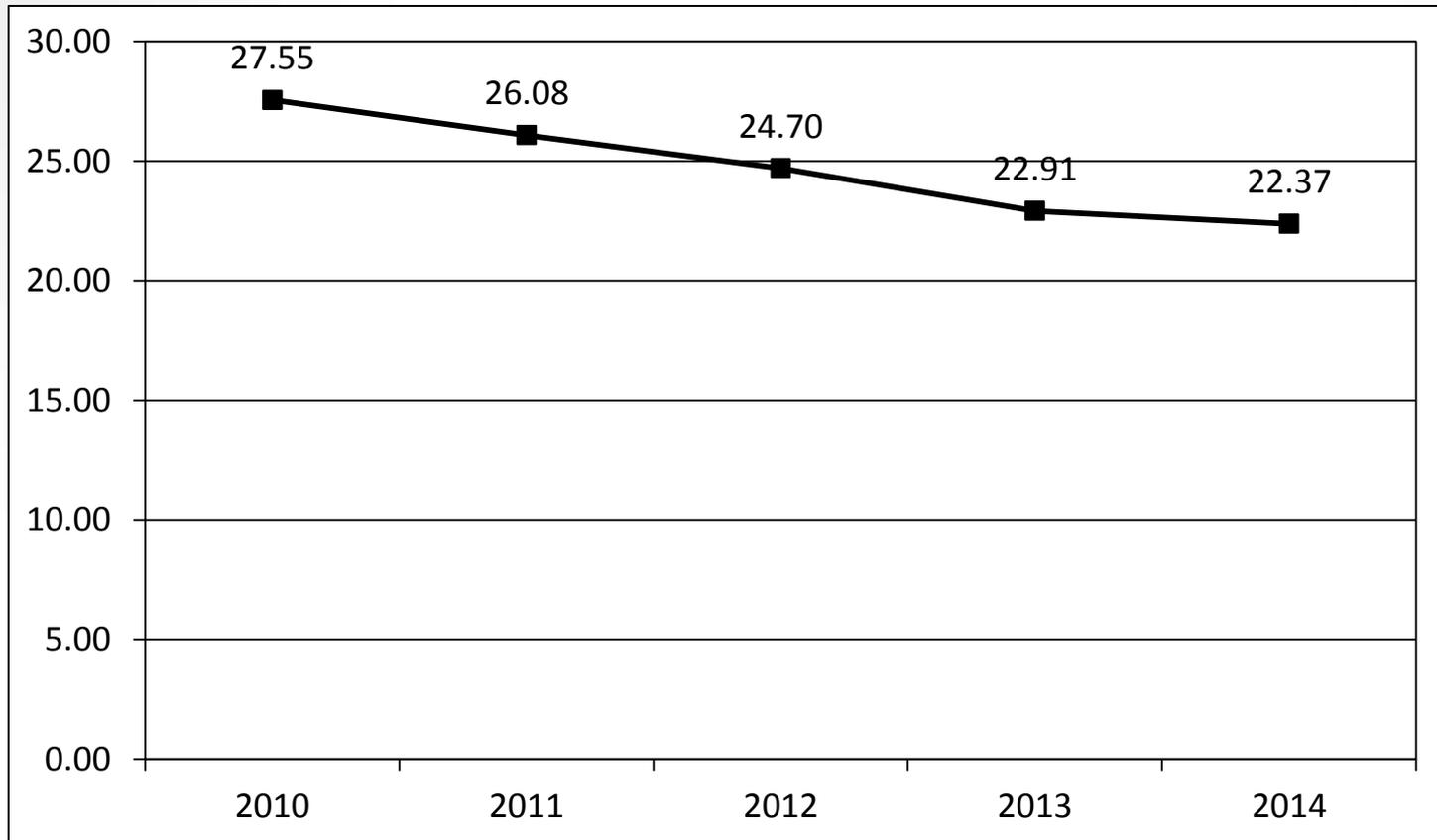
Youth Development Center Commitments

Since 2010, YDC commitments have declined 43%.



Delinquency Rate

NC's juvenile delinquency rate is at an all-time low.



*Delinquency rate is defined as delinquent complaints received per 1,000 youth ages 6-15.

Juvenile Justice Strategic Plan

- ✓ **Acknowledges** the history and uniqueness of the juvenile justice system in North Carolina;
- ✓ **Invests** in and capitalizes on previous state financial commitments - multi-uses, use of facilities already invested in;
- ✓ **Enhances** operations by utilizing safer and more secure facilities, makes the system more cost efficient;
- ✓ **Reinvests** by shifting YDC costs savings to evidence-based practices, including community-based programs;
- ✓ **Preserves** best practices in treatment and education, using established principles of effective programming; and
- ✓ **Plans** for the future.

The Strategic Plan...

- ✓ **Closes** two youth development centers (YDCs)
 - ✓ C.A. Dillon; and
 - ✓ Dobbs;

- ✓ **Re-opens** two newer, more secure, recently-funded YDCs
 - ✓ Lenoir; and
 - ✓ Edgecombe;

- ✓ **Expands:**
 - ✓ Two re-opened newer YDCs (12 additional YDC beds)
 - ✓ Lenoir and Edgecombe;
 - ✓ One existing newer, more secure YDC (12 additional YDC beds)
 - ✓ Chatham; and
 - ✓ The remaining portion of a renovated building at Stonewall Jackson YDC
 - ✓ McWhorter Building located at Stonewall Jackson YDC, called phase 2, for 16 additional YDC beds;

- ✓ **“Reinvests”** funds from closed YDCs and use existing appropriated funds to:
 - ✓ Open 16 new crisis beds;
 - ✓ Open five new transitional homes, totaling 40 beds; and
 - ✓ Fund expanded reentry services;



The Strategic Plan...

- ✓ **Completes investments and utilization** of currently-underway improvements and previously appropriated funds, and to increase utilization of “multi-use” facilities through:
 - ✓ Renovations to the Stonewall Jackson YDC McWhorter Building located at Stonewall Jackson YDC (phase 1);
 - ✓ Renovations to the Kirk Building located at Stonewall Jackson YDC to replace the Gaston Detention Center;
 - ✓ Renovations to the C.A. Dillon YDC D Housing Unit for crisis beds; and
 - ✓ Renovations to the closed Buncombe Detention Center to convert to a multi-purpose home;

The Strategic Plan...

- ✓ Reclassifies identified positions in order to create a cost savings and to provide staff with an established career path;
- ✓ Enhances detention center operations with 2 additional direct care staff at each detention center;
- ✓ Studies the current youth transportation operations to enhance public safety and efficiencies; and
- ✓ Implements the proposed changes over a 1-1/2 year period (beginning in November, 2014 and concluding in July, 2016).

The Strategic Plan Results In...

- ✓ An overall reduction in YDC bed capacity by one;
- ✓ An increase in detention center bed capacity by eight;
- ✓ An increase in community-based programs capacity (crisis and transition beds) of 56 and in-home reentry services for an additional 150 youth and families;

The Strategic Plan Results In...

- ✓ An increase in multi-purpose home bed capacity by eight utilizing existing resources for capital improvements and operations; and
- ✓ A reduction in 41 YDC positions.

Fiscally, this Strategic Plan Recommends To...

- ✓ **Fund no new costs for capital improvements** for the modification and expansion of facilities. Instead, the proposed facility modifications and expansions will be made through the *use of the \$1.7 million in repair and renovation funds previously appropriated for the Dobbs kitchen renovations.*
- ✓ **Fund no start-up costs** for the re-opening of facilities through the Department's utilization of existing furniture and equipment made available from the closure of youth development centers as well as recently closed adult facilities;
- ✓ **Fund no new operating costs** for the re-opening of facilities through the “transfer” of funding from closed youth development centers to the new and expanded facilities (G.S. 143B-806(b));

Fiscally, this Strategic Plan...

- ✓ **Funds no new costs to support the operation of crisis beds**, as those costs will be supported through existing appropriated funds;
- ✓ **Funds no new positions** to staff the re-opened and expanded facilities, as the funding source for those positions will be made available from the closed youth development centers(G.S. 143B-806(b)) ; and
- ✓ **Utilizes the realized reduction funds** as a funding source to enhance detention center operations and if possible, transportation operations, to be analyzed and determined in the near future (G.S. 143B-806(b)).