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Department of Health and Social Services
Mat-Su Youth Facility
Component Budget Summary

Component: Mat-Su Youth Facility

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Component Mission

The mission of the Division of Juvenile Justice is to hold juvenile offenders accountable for their behavior, promote the safety and restoration of victims and communities, and assist offenders and their families in developing skills to prevent crime.

Proposed change:

The mission of the Division of Juvenile Justice is to protect the public, hold juvenile offenders accountable for restoration of victims and communities, and assist juveniles to develop appropriate competencies.

Component Services Provided

The Mat-Su Youth Facility is a 15-bed secure detention unit that serves three different law enforcement agencies and houses a local juvenile probation unit of 5 JPOs who also screen/approve admissions to the facility.

Detention Programs (15 beds)

The Mat-Su Youth Facility provides a fully operational secure setting for juveniles from the Mat-Su District who have committed crimes and who are being detained until their cases can be investigated and processed through the court. The number of detention admissions to the McLaughlin Youth Center (MYC) from Mat-Su led to detention overcrowding in the past. This resulted in the FY2000 construction of a new 15-bed detention facility in the Mat-Su Valley which opened for operation in the Fall of 2000. Serving youth in their community provides for greater offender accountability, easier victim and community restoration, and contact with families, the court, local and state law enforcement officials, public defenders, and schools. This also allows probation and youth counselor staff to work with community service providers for placement of youth leaving the facility.

This program provides probation staff with effective victim service coordination and adequate supervision of youth being released back into the community to help provide for the continued protection of the community. The operation of this detention unit reduces the time of transit incurred by law enforcement personnel (both state and local governments), department staff, youth advocates, families and many others by not having to travel to MYC to conduct business.

To assist in transition planning and to avoid lengthy stays in detention, residents are assessed through a local agency and an initial plan of intervention and support is developed between the family, the minor and DJJ's community partners to ensure prompt and appropriate intervention in each case. The facility's Probation Night School program plays an important role in this transition plan.

In an effort to closely address substance abuse and mental health issues present with many of our residents, active planning and implementation of education and support services for these issues will be part of the programming at the MSYF. This will involve the active participation of community partners inside the facility.

The MSYF continues to provide a safe and supervised setting for the local school district program to function year around. Also, the MSYF will continue to provide a similar setting for a night school (away from the detention population) targeting high risk probationers who have been either suspended or expelled and are potential residents for the facility.

Where possible, operating costs have been reduced to take advantage of already-existing administrative support services such as human resources, accounting and payroll, staff training, procurement and supply available at MYC in Anchorage.

Component Goals and Strategies

The following are the goals for the Division of Juvenile Justice.

To provide serious, violent, and chronic juvenile offenders with secure sanctions to hold them accountable for their offenses, protect the public, and provide a structured treatment environment that is consistent with nationally recognized standards.

To protect the community from delinquency, to hold offenders accountable to repair the harm committed against victims and communities, and to equip juvenile offenders with the competencies necessary to live productively and responsibly in the community.

To ensure that the Division meets the needs of juvenile offenders, victims and communities through the provision of a range of community-based programs serving both urban and rural Alaska. To promote offender accountability by strengthening the juvenile justice system through partnering with other juvenile justice agencies. To promote quality programs that effectively meet the stated need.

Key Component Issues for FY2002 – 2003

Alternatives to Detention - An alternative to detention effort is being explored which focuses on prompt assessment and service identification within the community that will help to shorten the length of stay for detention residents and at the same time, shorten the length of time between the release and the involvement of the minor and their family in intervention and support services. Successful reintegration of residents back into the community requires close coordination between DJJ and community partners.

Aftercare Services - MSYF youth counselor staff have begun to coordinate and develop aftercare services for Mat-Su youth who have been released from the long-term treatment program at MYC. The MSYF does not provide long term treatment services for its juveniles at this time. Aftercare services include intense community supervision and close coordination of intervention services within the community. Prompt aftercare services lessen the likelihood that this population will return to a secure environment.

Mental Health Needs of Youth – Mental illness and substance abuse problems are common among Mat-Su DJJ clients. Quick assessment and identification of services within the community and within the facility are important steps in beginning the process of change for clients. On an average, one-quarter of the residents at the MSYF require mental health services and many residents have drug and alcohol use and/or abuse histories. Ongoing mental health/substance abuse education and support programs inside the facility are essential to a resident's smooth transition back into the community.

Implementing the Restorative Justice Model -Teaching and incorporating Restorative Justice concepts through class instruction, group activity and service projects within the facility will enhance the residents' understanding of cause and effect relationships while at the same time develop empathy toward their victims.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2001

The MSYF opened for operation in October of 2000 with several new and experienced employees who participated in a large amount of training prior to opening. The opening was well-received by the community.

The Citizens Advisory Board for Mat-Su DJJ continues to function and provide insights into community perceptions of juvenile justice activities in the Valley.

Mat-Su DJJ personnel have worked closely with community partners in the planning and implementation of a Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) in the Mat-Su Valley. JAC clinicians perform initial assessments on juveniles who are detained at the MSYF and assist DJJ with appropriate identification of support services for youth and families based on the results of the assessment.

The MSYF Superintendent currently chairs the local Community Justice Coalition, which is a community group that takes on juvenile crime projects such as the construction of the MSYF and the Juvenile Assessment center. This group also supports local community and agency efforts to address juvenile crime.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.05 Administration of Welfare, Social Services and Institutions
AS 47.10 Children in Need of Aid
AS 47.12 Delinquent Minors
AS 47.14 Juvenile Institutions
AS 47.15 Uniform Interstate Compact on Juveniles
AS 47.17 Child Protection
AS 47.18 Programs and Services Related to Adolescents
AS 47.21 Adventure Based Education
AS 47.37 Uniform Alcoholism and Intoxication Treatment Act
7 AAC 52 Juvenile Correctional Facilities & Juvenile Detention Facilities
7 AAC 54 Administration

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Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

Non-Formula Program:	FY2001 Actuals	FY2002 Authorized	FY2003 Governor
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	785.1	1,115.5	1,151.9
72000 Travel	6.7	2.0	2.0
73000 Contractual	143.5	92.3	92.3
74000 Supplies	125.1	95.0	95.0
75000 Equipment	119.4	106.0	106.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	20.3	20.0	20.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	1,200.1	1,430.8	1,467.2
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	21.3	0.0	0.0
1004 General Fund Receipts	1,171.6	1,415.8	1,452.2
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	0.0	15.0	15.0
1053 Investment Loss Trust Fund	7.2	0.0	0.0
Funding Totals	1,200.1	1,430.8	1,467.2

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2001 Actuals	FY2002 Authorized	FY2002 Cash Estimate	FY2003 Governor	FY2004 Forecast
Unrestricted Revenues						
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues						
Federal Receipts	51010	21.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Interagency Receipts	51015	0.0	15.0	0.0	15.0	15.0
Restricted Total		21.3	15.0	0.0	15.0	15.0
Total Estimated Revenues		21.3	15.0	0.0	15.0	15.0

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2003

No service changes.

Summary of Component Budget Changes

From FY2002 Authorized to FY2003 Governor

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2002 Authorized	1,415.8	0.0	15.0	1,430.8
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Year 3 Labor Costs - Net Change from FY2002	36.4	0.0	0.0	36.4
FY2003 Governor	1,452.2	0.0	15.0	1,467.2

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Personal Services Information

	Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2002</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	19	19	Annual Salaries	775,654
Part-time	3	3	COLA	18,748
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	43,156
			Annual Benefits	314,347
			<i>Less 0.00% Vacancy Factor</i>	(0)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	22	22	Total Personal Services	1,151,905

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Clerk II	0	0	0	1	1
Enviro Services Journey II	0	0	0	1	1
Juvenile Prob Officer II	0	0	0	2	2
Maint Gen Journey	0	0	0	1	1
Nurse II	0	0	0	1	1
Unit Leader	0	0	0	1	1
Youth Center Supt I	0	0	0	1	1
Youth Counselor I	0	0	0	6	6
Youth Counselor II	0	0	0	5	5
Youth Counselor III	0	0	0	3	3
Totals	0	0	0	22	22