

State of Alaska
FY2021 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services
Juvenile Justice
Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary

Juvenile Justice Results Delivery Unit

Contribution to Department's Mission

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.

Results

(Additional performance information is available on the web at <https://omb.alaska.gov/results>.)

Core Services

- Probation
- Detention
- Treatment

Measures by Core Service

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1. Probation
2. Detention
3. Treatment

Major RDU Accomplishments in 2019

- In FY2019, the Division of Juvenile Justice continued its efforts to improve services and implement evidence based programs that strengthen juvenile and system outcomes. Specific accomplishments include:
- All division facilities participate in the Performance Based Standards (PbS) system improvement program to identify, monitor and improve conditions and rehabilitation services provided to youths using national standards and outcome measures. Facilities report PbS information twice annually, receive ratings, and implement improvement plans to address specific deficiencies.
- The Division of Juvenile Justice expanded the use of its trauma and resiliency screening tool from a pilot project at Johnson Youth Center to three additional secure facilities. The remaining two facilities will be implementing the tool in 2020. The tool is used to assist staff in identifying youth trauma and resiliency and incorporating this information into case planning and activities promoting positive interactions with staff and success of youth.
- All Division of Juvenile Justice facilities have been certified compliant with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) since November 2016. This achievement is credit to years of hard work of all staff to follow PREA standards to prevent, detect, report and respond to incidents of sexual abuse in Division of Juvenile Justice detention and treatment facilities.
- In order to better meet the needs of girls in the Girls' Detention and Girls' Treatment Units at McLaughlin Youth Center, the Division of Juvenile Justice has committed to implementing the Trauma Informed Effective Reinforcement System (TIERS). This approach to services has reduced incidents on these units and resulted in fewer restraints. As this system is trauma responsive and strength based and has been very effective in working with youth exhibiting challenging behaviors, such as aggression, self-harm, and cognitive deficits, the Division of Juvenile Justice is expanding the program to the Fairbanks Youth Facility.

Key RDU Challenges

Recruiting qualified applicants for facilities, probation, and support positions throughout Division of Juvenile Justice continues to be a challenge. This challenge extends to rural facilities / probation offices and to leadership positions throughout the division. In an effort to address this challenge the Division of Juvenile Justice has increased the number of ongoing recruitments posting on Workplace Alaska, worked to recruit strong candidate pools and

coordinated efforts with the department's Human Resources personnel to expedite the approval and job offer process for the selected candidates. The Division of Juvenile Justice is working to develop leadership training for staff interested in moving into leadership positions within the division.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2021

- The Division of Juvenile Justice is seeking to implement new video technology to improve visitation opportunities for the families of youth in Division of Juvenile Justice detention and treatment facilities. For families located in remote communities, access to communication with youth in facilities can be challenging. Increased video technology capabilities will improve access while also allowing treatment teams to work on family counseling and supports, which better support reintegration upon release.
- The Division of Juvenile Justice is engaging in a system improvement project to develop new specialized programming for youth with dual diagnoses of substance abuse and mental health, youth with violent offenses, and youth with acute mental and behavioral health diagnoses. Specialized programs will provide targeted, evidence-based programming to focused groups of youth paired with more specialized training for staff to better meet the needs of these populations.
- The Division of Juvenile Justice continues to address the high recidivism rate for Alaska Native youth and the issues related to successful transition home after treatment. The division's relationship with tribes and tribal villages is considered an important factor in making improvements in these areas. The division continues to work with tribal communities to develop diversion programs as an early intervention to keep youth who commit lower level offenses in their communities. The division will continue to develop and strengthen the rural diversion system.
- The Division of Juvenile Justice is currently researching Electronic Health Records Management Information Systems. This is a collaborative effort between Department of Health and Social Services and the Department of Corrections aimed at streamlining workflow, improving access to patient data, and providing remote access to records.

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**Juvenile Justice
RDU Financial Summary by Component**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2019 Actuals				FY2020 Management Plan				FY2021 Governor			
	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Formula Expenditures None.												
Non-Formula Expenditures												
McLaughlin Youth Center	17,557.7	666.2	4.4	18,228.3	17,907.0	684.3	20.0	18,611.3	18,123.2	686.7	20.0	18,829.9
Mat-Su Youth Facility	2,545.4	57.2	0.5	2,603.1	2,449.2	60.0	10.0	2,519.2	2,483.2	60.0	10.0	2,553.2
Kenai Peninsula Youth Facility	1,916.6	23.4	0.3	1,940.3	2,171.3	30.0	10.0	2,211.3	2,194.1	30.0	10.0	2,234.1
Fairbanks Youth Facility	4,317.6	70.1	0.9	4,388.6	4,933.1	74.8	10.0	5,017.9	4,981.6	74.8	10.0	5,066.4
Bethel Youth Facility	4,814.5	0.0	0.7	4,815.2	5,169.7	0.0	10.0	5,179.7	5,235.0	0.0	10.0	5,245.0
Nome Youth Facility	2,503.3	0.0	0.5	2,503.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Johnson Youth Center	4,134.7	3.1	1.0	4,138.8	4,384.0	0.0	10.0	4,394.0	4,435.8	0.0	10.0	4,445.8
Probation Services	15,601.3	433.0	240.7	16,275.0	16,903.0	387.6	304.9	17,595.5	17,051.1	306.6	306.8	17,664.5
Delinquency Prevention	0.0	113.8	402.2	516.0	0.0	160.0	1,155.0	1,315.0	0.0	160.0	1,155.0	1,315.0
Youth Courts	438.4	0.0	0.0	438.4	532.6	0.0	0.0	532.6	533.2	0.0	0.0	533.2
Juvenile Justice Health Care	1,836.9	0.0	0.0	1,836.9	1,368.6	0.0	0.0	1,368.6	1,368.6	0.0	0.0	1,368.6
Totals	55,666.4	1,366.8	651.2	57,684.4	55,818.5	1,396.7	1,529.9	58,745.1	56,405.8	1,318.1	1,531.8	59,255.7

**Juvenile Justice
Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component
From FY2020 Management Plan to FY2021 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>Unrestricted Gen (UGF)</u>	<u>Designated Gen (DGF)</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2020 Management Plan	55,818.5	0.0	1,396.7	1,529.9	58,745.1
One-time items:					
-Probation Services	0.0	0.0	-163.3	0.0	-163.3
Adjustments which continue current level of service:					
-McLaughlin Youth Center	216.2	0.0	2.4	0.0	218.6
-Mat-Su Youth Facility	34.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	34.0
-Kenai Peninsula Youth Facility	22.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.8
-Fairbanks Youth Facility	48.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	48.5
-Bethel Youth Facility	65.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	65.3
-Johnson Youth Center	51.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	51.8
-Probation Services	148.1	0.0	82.3	1.9	232.3
-Youth Courts	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
FY2021 Governor	56,405.8	0.0	1,318.1	1,531.8	59,255.7