



Office of Youth Services ±
Hawaii Correctional Facility

2005
Annual Report

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Adolescent Diversion Project

Hale Kipa, Inc.
 Hale `Opio Kauai, Inc.
 Maui Youth & Family Services
 The Salvation Army-Family, Intervention Services

Alternative Day/Evening Services

Hilo High School
 Spectrum Health Systems, Inc.

Community-Based Residential Services

Catholic Charities Hawaii
 Child & Family Services
 Community Assistance Center
 Hale Kipa, Inc.
 Hale `Opio Kauai, Inc.
 Kline-Welsh Behavioral Health Foundation
 Maui Youth & Family Services
 The Maui Farm, Inc.
 The Salvation Army-Family, Intervention Services

In Facility & Transitional Services

Catholic Charities Hawaii
 Hale Kipa, Inc.
 YMCA of Honolulu
 Altress Staffing
 Island Staffing
 Curt Shimizu, D.D.S.
 University of Hawaii, School of Medicine

Local Delinquency Prevention Programs

County of Hawaii, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney

Systems Improvement

City & County of Honolulu, Department of
 Community Services
 County of Hawaii, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney
 County of Kauai, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney
 County of Maui, Maui Police Department

Youth Service Centers

Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii
 Family Support Services of West Hawaii
 Goodwill Industries of Hawaii
 Hui Malama Learning Center
 Hui Malama Ohana Youth Services
 Molokai Community Services Council
 Paia Youth & Cultural Center
 The Salvation Army-Family, Intervention Services
 YMCA of Honolulu

Youth Gang Response System

City & County of Honolulu – Parks & Recreation
 City & County of Honolulu – Police Department
 Department of Education
 Hawaii County Police Department – East Hawaii
 Hawaii County Police Department – West Hawaii
 Kauai County Police Department
 Maui County Police Department
 University of Hawaii – Center for Youth Research

Valid Court Order Dispositional Review

Hale Kipa, Inc.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention & Family Strengthening Enhancement Services

Kokua Kalihi Valley
 Parents and Children Together
 Susannah Wesley Community Center
 The Salvation Army-Family, Intervention Services
 Hale Kipa, Inc.
 Hui Malama Learning Center
 Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii

Grant-In-Aid

Adult Friends for Youth
 Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii – Papakolea

YGRS Statewide Law Enforcement Gang Task Force (SLEGTF) brings together law enforcement professionals from around the state whose purpose is to address gang/youth gang issues through information sharing and collaboration. The SLEGTF meets on a quarterly basis to share the latest gang/youth gang intelligence and information; discuss updated training opportunities; and, increase awareness in the law enforcement community about gang/youth gang issues. The task force includes the four county police departments and prosecutor's offices for Honolulu, Maui, Kauai, and Hawaii (Hilo and Kona), the Department of the Public Safety, the Probation Division of the First Circuit Court, the Hawaii Paroling Authority, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the FBI, the U.S. Federal Probation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Department of Defense.



Youth Gang Response System (YGRS) Working Committee maintains a coordinated statewide collaboration of resources committed to addressing youth gang activity, violence and delinquency through information sharing, training, and community awareness. The YGRS Working Committee is made up of public and private sector agencies, community organizations, law enforcement agencies, and others interested in actively responding to youth gang issues.

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Our Vision

Resilient Children,
Families and Communities.

Our Mission

The Right Services,
for the Right Child,
at the Right Time,
in the Right Way.

Hawaii Teen Pregnancy, Parenting and Prevention Council (Teen Council) is a network of public and private agencies as well as individuals dedicated to providing public information and inter-agency communication surrounding issues of teenage pregnancy and parenting. The Council promotes policies and programs that prevent adolescent pregnancy and it also provides optimal support to pregnant and parenting teens.

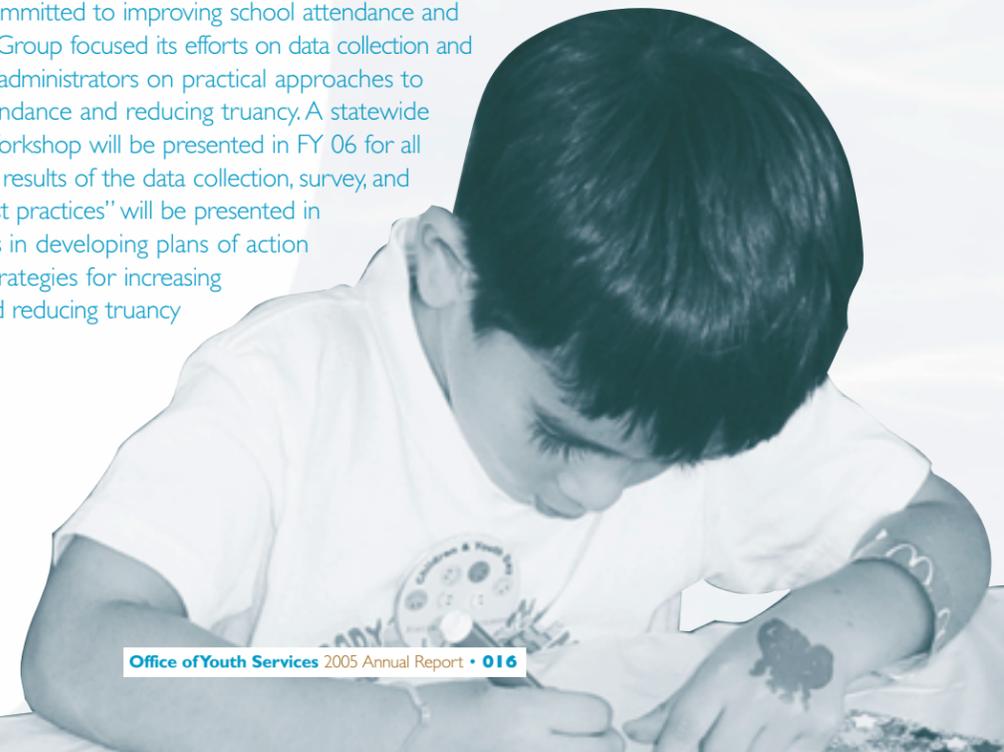
HI-Net, the Hawaii Network of Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention Funding and Technical Assistance, focuses its efforts on improving the coordination of substance abuse prevention services, sharing information, planning and coordinating joint projects and activities, reviewing and updating Hawaii's substance abuse prevention plans, and reviewing methods and developing protocols to collect standardized data in order to measure the performance and impact of State prevention programs

Keiki Caucus is chaired by Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland and Representative Dennis Arakaki. Members include representatives of the Hawaii State Legislature and public and private sectors who serve as advocates for children and youth in the State of Hawaii. The Keiki Caucus develops legislative priorities and measures that address the issues and concerns facing our children and youth each year and submits its recommendations to the legislature.

National Network of Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities (NNSDFSC) consists of representatives from Department of Education and Governor's Offices from all states. NNSDFSC shares information, provides technical assistance, and advocates for continued resources to establish and maintain programs and services to implement legislation regarding drug abuse and violence prevention for youth and families.

Title IV-B/2 Statewide Planning Committee aims to promote family strengthening and stability, enhance parental functioning and protect children through funding a capped entitlement to States to provide family support and family preservation services. Title IV-b/2 funds are available to the states on a 75% federal – 25% state matching basis for family preservation. Programs and services are designed to help families alleviate crises that might lead to removal and out-of-home placement for children and family support services which are community-based preventive activities designed to alleviate stress and promote parental competencies to increase the ability of families to nurture their families.

Truancy Group is a statewide group which includes representatives from the Honolulu Police Department, Family Court, the University of Hawaii, and the Department of Education who are committed to improving school attendance and reducing truancy. The Group focused its efforts on data collection and surveying local school administrators on practical approaches to increasing school attendance and reducing truancy. A statewide Truancy Reduction Workshop will be presented in FY 06 for all school personnel. The results of the data collection, survey, and local and national "best practices" will be presented in order to assist schools in developing plans of action that would identify strategies for increasing school attendance and reducing truancy



Partnerships

Child Welfare Services Branch Advisory Council (CWSBAC) serves in an advisory capacity to assist the Department of Human Services' Child Welfare Services Branch with the implementation of its program. The CWSBAC advocates for the development and utilization of a continuum of child welfare services to ensure safety and permanency of Hawaii's children who are at risk for abuse and neglect.

Children and Youth Day and Month centers its activities on the month of October when the group sponsors several programs and events in celebration of Children and Youth Month. The group is represented by members of the public and private sector and led by key leaders of the Hawaii State Legislature, in particular, Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland and Representative Dennis Arakaki.

Conversation on Forgiveness for Youth (COFFY) is a coalition of public and private agencies and individuals that is exploring how forgiveness can be utilized as an effective life skill for youth. COFFY helps to plan and co-sponsor the annual Hawaii International Forgiveness Day. During FY 2005, COFFY and OYS implemented the Forgiveness Life Skill Project which seeks to train youth serving agencies on the forgiveness methods developed by Fred Luskin, Ph.D., of the Stanford Forgiveness Project. The project expected to provide valuable information and data on teaching forgiveness to youth in various service settings.

Hawaii Children's Trust Fund (HCTF) was created in 1993 by the Hawaii State Legislature to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect. HCTF has provided over \$3 million in funding for community-based prevention programs during the past 10 years.

Hawaii Girls Project (HGP) is guided by a statewide committee that is committed to increasing the availability of gender-specific programs and services for girls and ensuring that all girls have access to a full range of services. During FY 2005, the HGP focused its efforts in the provision of technical assistance to Youth Service Centers for the development or enhancement of gender-specific programs for girls, and in the development and implementation of a gender-specific curriculum for girls as an alternative education program.

Hawaii Partnership to Prevent Underage Drinking (HPPUD) – Statewide Advisory Council was created in 2002 to address the problem of underage drinking in the State of Hawaii. The members of the partnership represent county, state and federal agencies, non-profit organizations, private businesses, and community residents concerned with the health and welfare of Hawaii's youth.

Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood serves in an advisory capacity to state agencies and the community to promote healthy family relationships and to make recommendations on programs, services and contracts relating to children and families.



Aloha Kākou,

The Office of Youth Services (OYS) has endured a year filled with substantial change and improvement. As we seek to improve our contract services, the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF), and structured decision making, we can look back to 2005 as a year of rebuilding stronger foundations. Certainly the hard work of dedicated professional staff has brought the OYS through a painful growth and adjustment period to a more community-focused vision.

What amazes me most is not the difficult challenges, but the resilient staff who have devoted themselves to a population difficult to define, and sometimes difficult to serve. Our challenge is to create hope when others have given up; to build futures when most other programs have failed; to see through the maze of systems, statutes, and rules to achieve measurable outcomes and goals that will help us to serve children better.

I remain optimistic that the OYS is on course to becoming a more dynamic, child-centered agency, that above all else will set a new standard of support for Hawaii's children. Knowing how far our youth correctional facility has come since 2003 gives me great pride and appreciation for all our partners in progress, most especially dedicated OYS and HYCF staff. Slowly we are increasing community options for judges, reducing the incarceration rate for juveniles, and bringing HYCF to national standards.

We remain committed to our vision of resilient children, families and communities and again, we invite you to join us in this partnership to share our journey, and to work with us in building a greater Hawaii for the strength of our children and youth. "E kuahui like i ka hana" (Let everyone pitch in and work together).

Mahalo,
Sharon L. Agnew

Sharon L. Agnew
Executive Director



Background

Established in 1989 by the Hawaii State Legislature and administratively attached to the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Office of Youth Services (OYS):

- Procures and monitors a range of programs and services for at-risk youth across the State.
- Oversees the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF), the only secure-custody youth correctional facility in the State of Hawaii.
- Is the custodial guardian of all youth committed to incarceration at the HYCF.

The OYS is committed to providing a wide range of services statewide to benefit Hawaii's youth, especially those who are at risk of delinquent behaviors. While a core responsibility is to manage and operate the HYCF, the OYS places great emphasis on providing and supporting "front end" services in prevention, diversion, and intervention to prevent delinquency and reduce recidivism.

Areas of Focus

To ensure that the OYS is establishing a clear sense of responsibility and accountability for youth in the State of Hawaii, the OYS is focusing on:

Administrative Areas

- Implementing an OYS regional-based organizational framework to improve and strengthen the delivery of services statewide.
- Developing legislation to bring HRS mandates into alignment with the new organizational framework.
- Developing and implementing policy and procedural changes to ensure the safety of youth in our care and custody and to address the security needs of our community.

Programs/Services

- Funding evidence-based "best and promising practices" to achieve quality assurance and proven outcomes.
- Supporting community-based program options to reduce the need for secure-confinement of youth.
- Creating and implementing gender-specific programs and services for females at the HYCF.

Fiscal

Developing a 2006 performance-based budget request in alignment with OYS strategies.

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)

Provides funds to states and units of local government to promote greater accountability in the juvenile justice system. JABG defines accountability as assuring that juvenile offenders face individualized consequences for their wrongdoing and are made aware of and answerable for the loss, damage or injury perpetrated upon the victim.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Title IV Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (SDFSC) State Grants Program

Representing the Governor's Office, the OYS administers 20% of the total State grant allocation for SDFSC authorized by the "No Child Left Behind" (NCLB) law. Grant recipients must plan, conduct and administer programs that 1) Prevent violence in and around schools; 2) Prevent illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs; 3) Involve parents and communities; and 4) Conduct in coordination with Federal, State, school and community efforts and resources to foster a safe and drug-free learning environment that supports student academic achievement.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Title XX Block Grant

Provides services to youth at risk of becoming involved in the juvenile justice system and youth in need of foster care. The purpose of the funds is to increase the level of self-sufficiency and to prevent the institutionalization of youth.

ACTS REQUIRING OYS RESPONSE/ACTION FOLLOWING THE 2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The following acts require the OYS to develop contracts to provide for services or projects.

ACT 236, SLH 2005 (State Budget) - the Hawaii State Legislature appropriated for fiscal year 2006 as Grant in Aids (GIA):

\$500,000 to the Hawaii Youth Services Network for its Transitional Living Program for Unserved Street Youth.

\$85,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii for the completion and operations of the teen center at Nanakuli High and Intermediate School.

ACT 178, SLH 2005 (State Budget) - the Hawaii State Legislature appropriated for fiscal year 2006 as GIA:

\$100,000 to Adult Friends for Youth.

\$200,000 for the Boys and Girls Club of the Big Island for capital improvement.

\$500,000 for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Honolulu for capital improvement.

\$100,000 for the Hawaii Youth Correctional facility (HYCF) for security and infrastructure improvements and repairs.

RELEVANT STATISTICS

- 136,624 children and youth (ages 5 to 19) were targeted by the OYS.
- 81 programs and direct service sites were funded by the OYS in the continuum of services for youth.
- 7,985 youth were actively involved in the OYS programs and direct services.

Hawaiian, Samoan, African-American, and Filipino youth are arrested, convicted, and incarcerated in significantly greater numbers than their proportion in Hawaii's youth population.



FEDERAL GRANTS PROGRAMS

The Hawaii Juvenile Justice State Advisory Council (JJSAC) is a Governor-appointed advisory group concerned about youth involved, or at-risk of being involved, in the juvenile justice system. The JJSAC advises the Governor, Legislature, and OYS on the formulation of policies to improve the overall effectiveness of the juvenile justice system and address juvenile justice issues. The JJSAC oversees the implementation of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act federal grant programs which are administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).

Congress recognized that the success of Federal involvement in juvenile justice systems would rest on committed and knowledgeable individuals at the state and local levels who support and promote the goals of the JJDP Act of 1974, as amended. Therefore, the JJDP Act empowered States participating in the Formula Grant Program to establish volunteer, citizen-based advisory groups to oversee the implementation of the JJDP Act in their state. Hawaii's JJSAC was established by Executive Order 91-2, and has representation from each of the islands and from the public, private, business, and youth sectors.

The JJSAC has four standing committees: Executive, Compliance, Ethnic and Cultural Diversity (ECD) and Prevention. In addition, there is a sub-committee, the Coalition for Ethnic and Cultural Diversity of Youth, which assists the ECD committee in addressing the issue of ethnic over representation in the juvenile justice system.

One of the primary responsibilities of the JJSAC is to monitor and ensure that the four federal mandates, as defined by the JJDP Act, are addressed. These mandates include the deinstitutionalization of status offenders (DSO), jail and lockup removal (JLR), sight and sound separation (SSS), and disproportionate minority Confinement (DMC). Other responsibilities include the development and review of Hawaii's State Plan, and the review of grant applications submitted for funding with OJJDP funds.

Federal grants provide important funding that enables states to improve the juvenile justice and educational systems, and/or implement local programs and services for youth. During FY 2005, the OYS administered \$4,211,011 in federal funds from the following programs (listed by the federal agency).

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002, Title II, Formula Grant Program

Assists states to meet and maintain compliance with the four mandates of the JJDP Act (Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders, jail and Lock-up Removal, Sight and Sound Separation and Disproportionate Minority Contact). Funds are also used to support delinquency prevention efforts and improvements to the juvenile justice system.

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002, Title II-Part E, Challenge Activity Grant Program

Provides incentives to States to develop and improve policies and programs in one or more of ten specified State Challenge Activity areas to improve their juvenile justice systems. During the past year, the Juvenile Justice State Advisory Council (JJSAC) and the OYS supported gender-specific service initiatives and truancy reduction project.

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002, Title V, Incentive Grants for Local Delinquency Prevention Program

Administered similarly to a block grant program through local units of government, Title V is intended to reduce juvenile delinquency and youth violence by supporting communities in identifying, planning, and implementing delinquency prevention programs.

Programs

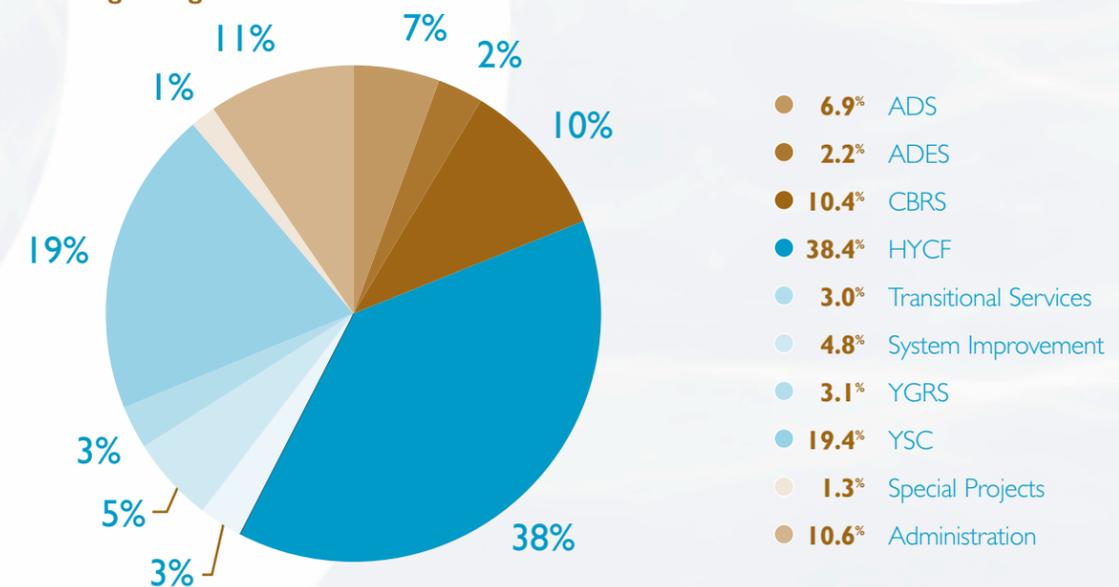
The OYS provides a continuum of services for at-risk youth throughout the State of Hawaii to help them reach successful endpoint transitions. In FY 2005, the OYS served 7,985* youth throughout the State.

In FY 2005, the OYS administered \$11,253,494 of State General Funds and \$4,211,011 of Federal Funds for a total of \$15,464,505. Funds were allocated for the following services:

Funding Categories	FY 2005
Services	
Adolescent Diversion Services (ADS)	1,064,087
Alternative Day / Evening (ADES)	445,526
Community-Based Residential Services (CBRS)	1,614,230
Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF)	5,944,691
**System Improvement	742,268
Transitional Services	458,000
Youth Gang Response System (YGRS)	475,300
Youth Service Center (YSC)	2,993,280
Special Projects	
Adult Friends for Youth	95,000
County of Hawaii-Alternative Day/Evening Services	103,550
Department of Education-Truancy Reduction Project	51,000
Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii-Papakolea	40,000
Administrative	
Administration	1,437,573
Total	15,464,505

* This number represents the number of youth served up to the 2nd quarter only. Final contract closeouts have not been completed at the time of this report.
 **System Improvement Services include Valid Court Order (VCOs) and Gender-Specific Programming

Funding Categories FY2005



Graphic percentages rounded to nearest whole number

Description of Programs and Services Provided by the OYS

ADOLESCENT DIVERSION SERVICES

The Adolescent Diversion Services (ADS) is a statewide diversion program that the Juvenile Justice State Advisory Council (JJSAC) and the OYS began in 1993 to insure that juveniles are not inappropriately secured in police lock-ups. ADS provides status offenders and non-violent law violators who have been arrested and who would otherwise be securely confined in police lock-ups, with 24 hour access to immediate crisis intervention, assessment services, referrals, linkages, case management services and short-term emergency residential services. The services enable the state to maintain compliance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act of 2002. More importantly, the program aims to divert juveniles from further involvement with the juvenile justice system and to provide immediate intervention at the point of arrest.

ALTERNATIVE DAY/EVENING SERVICES

The Alternative Day/Evening Services (ADES) program was developed to provide comprehensive services and activities that enhance the overall functioning of at-risk youth who are in need of inclusive, structured, and intensive day and/or evening services. The goal of the program is to reintegrate the youth into an appropriate and least restrictive educational/vocational program and to improve their functioning in the community. The target populations for these services by priority are juvenile offenders who are on parole/furlough from the HYCF and require a gradual reintegration into the community; and youth ages 11 through 19, including those under the jurisdiction of the Department of Human Services (DHS), Family Court (FC), and the OYS, who are at risk for violence, substance abuse, and/or criminal activity due to geographic, ethnic, or socioeconomic factors and are in need of ADES.



COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Recognizing that the majority of our troubled, abused, and neglected youth can benefit from intervention services, the OYS has sought to build a network of services for youth in their communities. Community-based residential programs are generally more cost-effective than institutional care and studies have shown them to be more effective at reducing offender recidivism than correctional institutions. Those benefiting from these services are youth in transition from incarceration at HYCF back into the community, youth who may be at risk of incarceration or further involvement in the juvenile justice system, and youth in need of a temporary placement because of abuse or neglect.

The OYS provides community-based residential services for youth through purchase of service contracts. These services may include assessment/diagnosis; intensive supervision; individual, group and family counseling; cognitive behavioral interventions; anger management skill development; independent living; coping and social skill building; self-concept development; alternative educational services and substance abuse education. Family strengthening activities are also provided as part of an overall effort to successfully maintain the youth with their families.

The conflict between the youth and their family may be at times so great that alternative residential services are needed for the youth. OYS contracts with providers on each of the islands for teen shelters, so youth can remain close to their family and in their community.

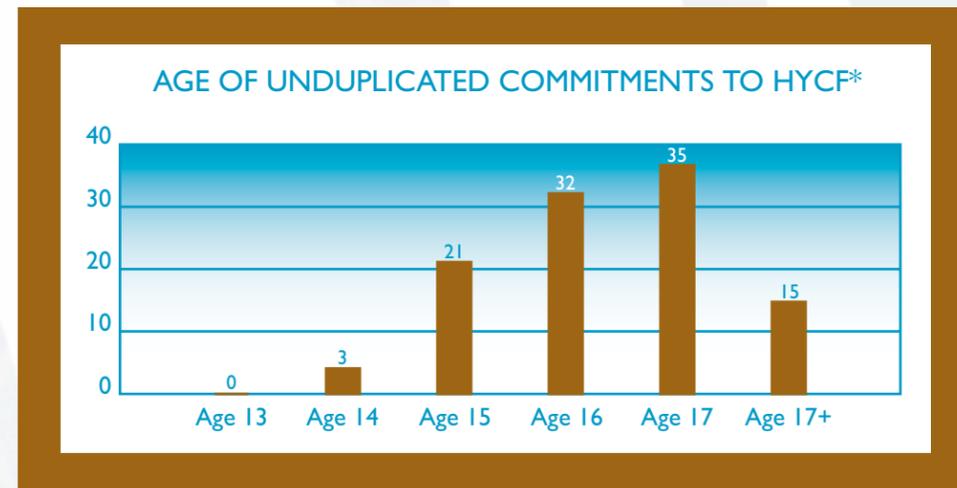
HYCF Data for FY 2005

During FY 2005, there were 108 new commitments (unduplicated and not including parole suspensions) admitted into the facility. Of the 108 youth admitted to the HYCF,

- 86 (80%) were males.
- 22 (20%) were females.
- 59 (64%) were admitted for minority commitments (up until the age of 18, 19, or 20).
- 49 (45%) were admitted for short-term commitments (less than 365 days).
- 45 were from Family Court Circuits 2, 3, and 5.

Unduplicated commitments to HYCF originated from the following judicial circuits (4 are unknown):

1st Circuit (Oahu)	2nd Circuit (Maui County)	3rd Circuit (Hawaii)	5th Circuit (Kauai)
59 (55%)	23 (21%)	16 (15%)	6 (6%)



* The ages of unduplicated commitments are unknown



HYCF OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

In anticipation of the DOJ reports requiring a corrective plan of action, several activities and initiatives were begun.

PERFORMANCE BASED STANDARDS (PbS)

Performance Based Standards (PbS) is a data-driven and ongoing quality improvement and accountability system for locked juvenile facilities which is used by a growing number of jurisdictions nationwide. It is sponsored by the National Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators (CJCA) in conjunction with the United States Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).

The purpose of PbS is to provide an ongoing quality assurance process to ensure the delivery of safe and effective services to HYCF and to use ongoing data on a variety of critical outcome indicators to measure and improve performance.

The Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF) through the OYS has applied to and has been admitted for participation in PbS program. The HYCF has received initial PbS training and will be conducting its first data collection cycle in October 2005.

SUICIDE ALERT AND PRECAUTION POLICY

HYCF has drafted revised policies and procedures and has prepared training on suicide alert and precautions to ensure that youth who are at risk of suicide and youth who are at risk of engaging in self-injurious behavior are properly identified, supervised, and treated.

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT

The HYCF implemented a behavioral management level system that focuses on the rehabilitative model of Juvenile Justice. Transition into the community starts as soon as youth are admitted to HYCF. Realistic goals, expectations and privileges are clearly defined on a level system. Youth gain additional privileges as they accomplish specific goals.

THE SECURITY PROGRAM

The Security Program was initiated in conjunction with the behavior management level system to provide for the segregation of disruptive youth from the general population in order to provide the youth an opportunity to regain control of their disruptive or anti-social behavior while the general population continues to participate in programs without additional disruption.

HYCF STAFF TRAINING

The HYCF has undergone a major shift towards training staff on new policies, procedures, and critical components of the rehabilitative model of juvenile justice. Juvenile-friendly training and policies help ensure success in bringing HYCF up to national standards while providing staff the tools to become successful mentors to the youth they supervise.

HYCF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The HYCF has focused on revising crucial policies and procedures that provide for the improvement across-the-board for day to day operations. Policies are based on national standards with the idea of improving conditions of confinement for juveniles. Policies and Procedures that have been revised relate to Safety and Security, Health/Mental Health, Suicide Alert and Precaution Youth Rights, Case Management and the Reception, Treatment and Orientation of Youth Admitted to the HYCF.



GENDER-SPECIFIC PROGRAMS

Wellness Classes

During FY 2005, the Wellness curriculum was offered to the female offenders at the HYCF. Each class comprised of six (6) modules that focused on six (6) aspects of wellness – emotional, intellectual, social, spiritual, intellectual and life planning.

Hawaii Girls Court

The First Judicial Circuit Girls Court serves as a catalyst and a vehicle to develop effective programming to meet the gender specific needs of girls; focusing on building strengths, increasing skills, and developing resiliency, while stressing accountability and reducing recidivism. Additionally, the First Judicial Circuit collaborates with other agencies in developing a continuum of programs and services to ensure that the multiple service needs of the girls in the juvenile justice system are appropriately addressed.

Under the leadership of the Honorable Frances Q.F. Wong, Senior Family Court Judge, Girls Court is moving forward in planning and development. The first Girls Court session was held on September 29, 2004 with Judge Karen M. Radius presiding. Probation officers from the Juvenile Client Services Branch make up the Girls Court Probation Officer team to oversee girls selected for the Girls Court Program. The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, Office of the Public Defender, and Office of the Attorney General provide consistent legal representation for the Girls Court participants.

During the first year, Girls Court developed a risk assessment instrument, a long term evaluation and dissemination plan, and a process evaluation of the pilot project. Through collaborations the Girls Court was able to successfully implement and provide comprehensive gender-specific services to the girls and their families that included: Building Strengths Through Group Activities; Effective Communication and Conflict Resolution Skills; Life Skills for Girls; Parent Involvement and Parent Education; Understanding Section 504 and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; Addressing Trauma, Mental Health, and Family Conflict Issues; Community Services; Mentorship/Positive Role Models; and Relationship Building. The Girls Court has reduced the number and frequency of runaways and arrests of the girls participating in this program. The number of runaways prior to Girls Court ranged from 0 to 28 per girl. The number of runaways during Girls Court ranged from 0 to 4 with 6 out of the 10 girls having no runaways. Arrests decreased 59.32%. Prior to Girls Court a girl would, on average, be arrested 2.21 times every three months.



YOUTH GANG RESPONSE SYSTEM

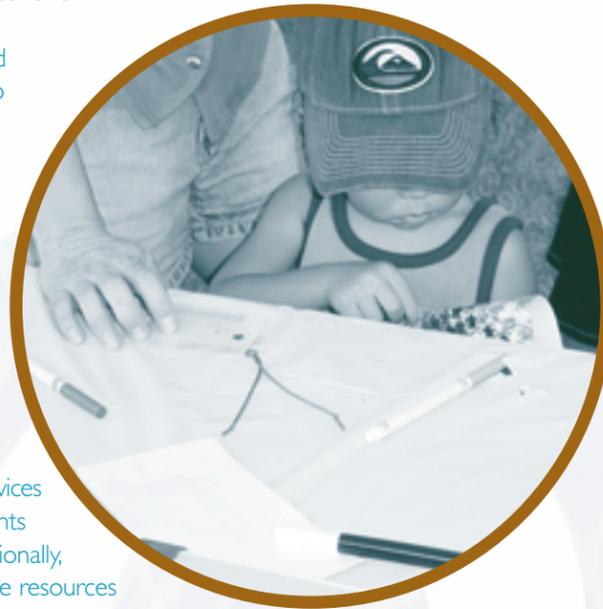
The Youth Gang Response System (YGRS) was created to address the problem of youth gangs through a coordinated effort. It includes government agencies working with community-based providers to provide social and economic opportunities for youth at-risk for gang involvement or currently involved with gangs.

The YGRS serves to facilitate the following:

- Sharing of law enforcement information and gang intelligence.
- Increased training and community awareness.
- Provision of school and community-based prevention and intervention programs.
- Research and evaluation.

YOUTH SERVICE CENTERS

During fiscal year 2005, the OYS continued to fund and support a range of youth services in a comprehensive manner. The OYS maintained contracts with community-based agencies to provide Youth Service Centers (YSC) in over twenty-five various sites throughout the State. A cornerstone of the OYS prevention efforts, YSC provide youth ages 7-19 direct access to a continuum of support, prevention programs, and intervention services through targeted community outreach services, case management, and positive activities during after-school hours, weekends, school intercessions, and holidays. The YSC also link youth and their families to more intensive services through referrals and collaborative agreements with other agencies in the community. Additionally, several YSC agencies have been provided the resources to develop and implement enhanced services and activities to address the prevention of teen pregnancy and the strengthening of families.



VALID COURT ORDER

Services for the Valid Court Order Dispositional Review were initiated in 2002 in response to a federal requirement that status offenders are not to be held inappropriately in secure confinement. A review is conducted of the status offender's situation upon the violation of a valid court order; to ascertain whether or not it is appropriate for the status offender to be held in secure detention. The report, along with a recommendation, is presented to the Family Court within 48 hours of the arrest of the minor (excluding weekends and holidays).

Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF)

In 1989, the Hawaii State Legislature created the OYS to administer the HYCF and to provide a continuum of services for at-risk youth in Hawaii. The OYS would administratively be attached to the Department of Human Services.

Today, the HYCF continues to be administered by the OYS. The primary purpose of the HYCF is to provide secure custody of juvenile offenders who pose a threat to the community. The facility includes two secure facilities (high and medium security), one for boys and one for girls.

HYCF provides a variety of counseling, treatment, and educational services within the facility to aid in the redirection and rehabilitation of each youth. It is intended that all staff members be a part of this effort to provide guidance and opportunities for positive changes in the behavior of the youth.

HYCF programming includes a vocational training program to help the youth learn good work ethics, social skills, and pre-employment skills to help youth to gain and retain employment. Youth who are in the vocational training program can gain experience in the areas of aquaculture, hydroponics, automobile mechanics, food services, and building maintenance.

