

Juvenile Justice Overview and Updates

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Agenda

- Juvenile Justice Program Overview
- Recent Actions
- FY 2024 Budget Recommendations
- Re-Envisioning Juvenile Justice Programming

Helping Kids Lead Better Lives

Prevention

Intervention

Stability

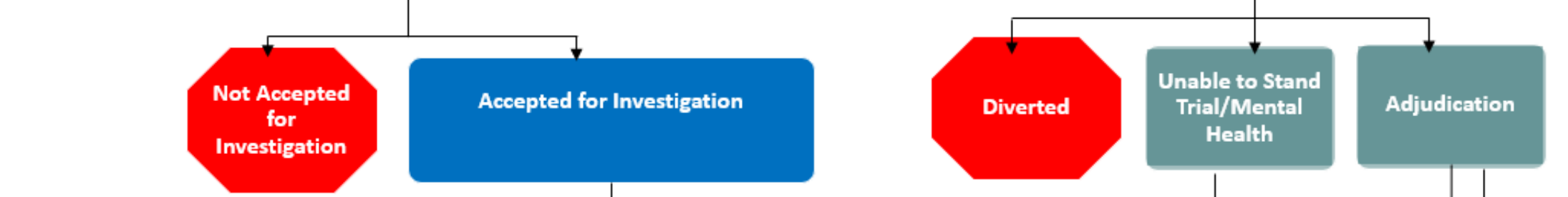
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Workforce

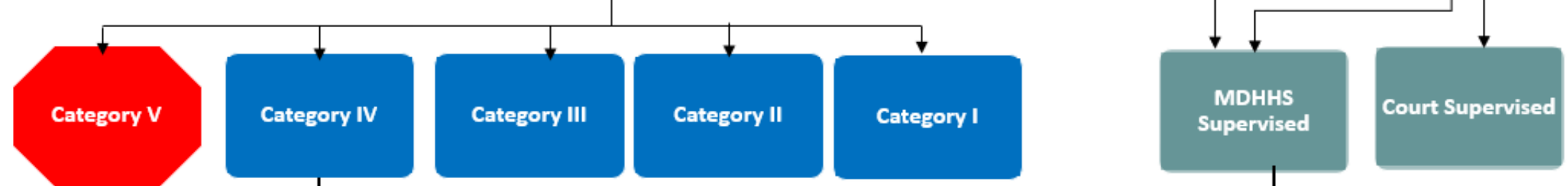
System Entry Pathway



Intake



Disposition



System Exit



Juvenile Justice Program Overview



- Collaboration between multiple entities is required to assure resolution and safety of the justice involved youth.
- Youth can be committed to MDHHS OR Courts can intervene and place youth in community or residential programs OR Courts can commit youth to secure or non-secure residential treatment programs.
- MDHHS has responsibility for licensing and oversight of child caring institutions, child placing agencies, and juvenile court operated facilities.
- Licensed providers agree to provide properly trained staff, a safe facility, health and medical care, education, individualized service planning, access to personal hygiene, and recreational activities.

Counties

Tribal
Governments

Courts/Judges

MDHHS

Community-Based Programming Options

- Regional Detention Support Services
- Reentry/Aftercare Services
- Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative (MYOI)
- Youth Advocate Program (YAP)
- Comprehensive Trauma Assessments
- In-Home Care Grant for Rural Counties
- Future Expansion through proposed Enhanced Child Care Fund Reimbursement:
- Dialectical Behavior Therapy, MSU Adolescent Diversion Project, Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care, Functional Family Therapy, Multisystemic Therapy, Mentoring, Parenting with Love and Limits.

Role of Residential Collaboration and Technical Assistance Units

Creating Trauma-Informed Environments:

- Clinical Care.
- Physical environment.
- How staff engage with youth.

Development of Staff:

- Training.
- Direct Supervision.
- Involvement of staff with individual plans of each child.

Engaging Leadership:

- Updating policies and procedures.
- Providing Building Bridges Initiative.
- Cross-program improvements.

MDHHS Residential Programming

Non-Secure:

- No locking mechanism, staff secured.
- More intensive programming than community-based.
- Outings to the community are part of programming.

Secure:

- Locked mechanism restrict youth mobility.
- Fencing around the property.
- A court order is typically required to go off site for reasons other than medical or court.

Type of Facility	Contracted Beds	Census as of 3/10/2023
MDHHS Contracted Facilities	163 (126 non-secure, 37 secure)	56 (36 non-secure, 20 secure)
State Operated Facilities	72 secure	59 secure

Current System Challenges

Staffing
Resources

Youth and Family
Needs

Data Sharing

Judicial
Discretion

Racial and Ethnic
Disparities

Recent State Efforts

Financial

- Provided \$25 million of one-time pandemic relief in Fall 2022.
- Established additional MDHHS supports in aligning behavioral health resources to meet youth's needs.
- A \$6.2 million one-time allocation provided to the child-caring institutions in spring 2022.
- Increased rates in fiscal year 2023.
- Rates increased in some cases 100% per day, per child effective Oct. 1, 2022. Rates for Juvenile Justice programming increased by 10-40% from the prior year.
- The \$2 per hour direct care worker rate that was provided in 2022 has been included in the 2023 rates on an ongoing basis.
- Provided retention incentives for the MDHHS-operated Shawono Center and Bay Pines Center.
- Increased staffing ratios from 1:8 to 1:5 at Shawono Center and Bay Pines Center.
- Provided \$3 million grant to increase capacity at Spectrum by 40 beds. (As of 4/20/23, Spectrum has brought on 22 beds for youth.)

Placement

- Goal of bringing 100 beds online.
- Ongoing discussion and collaboration with various providers.
- Focus on Juvenile Justice programming.
- Planned goal of implementation after receipt of plans and budget within 30 to 90 days.

Investing in Juvenile Justice (FY24)



Background

- The **Michigan Taskforce on Juvenile Justice Reform** was formed to provide recommendations to Michigan's juvenile justice system.
- **Raise the Age** legislation enacted in 2019 increased the age to 18 for juvenile court jurisdiction.
- **Bay Pines Center and Shawono Center** are secure facilities serving over 70 youth with complex trauma and a need for emotional/behavioral stabilization.
- The **Child Care Fund (CCF)**—the primary statewide juvenile justice funding structure—does not provide **financial incentive** for youth **to remain in the community** given that community-based and residential placements are reimbursed at the same rate (50%).

Proposed Response

This proposal includes two recommendations for investments from the Michigan Taskforce on Juvenile Justice Reform:

- **\$1.3 million gross** (\$643,600 GF) for **12 FTEs** for **Bay Pines Center** and **Shawono Center** to align staffing ratios and expand capacity.
- **\$31.5 million gross/GF** increase in state support for community-based services and alternatives to residential detention.

Expected Impact

- Reduction in the use of seclusion and restraints, and improvement in **behavioral management skills** for facility staff through the modification of current staffing ratios.
- Ensure all youth and families involved in the juvenile justice system have **access to** a continuum of **evidence-based services**.
- Provide **rehabilitation opportunities** in a safe, supportive, and respectful environment that honors the youth and family voice.

MDHHS Juvenile Justice Reform



Enhancement of the County Child Care Fund

The Michigan Juvenile Justice Advisory Council
(MJJAC)

Length of stay reviews and placement protocols for
youth in detention

Development of Residential Advisory Committee
through Executive Order

Drafting of juvenile justice reform legislation

Additional Recent Actions

- Director of Juvenile Justice Reform announced in March.
- Reports to the MDHHS Director.
- Focus on addressing the systemic, persistent issues with the juvenile justice system and implementing recommendations of the Juvenile Justice Task Force.
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Questions?