Division of Youth Services Arkansas Child Welfare Report Card In Compliance with Act 1222 of 1995 Report Period July 2007 – June 2008



Executive Summary

For FY 08 the age and gender of committed juvenile offenders remained overwhelmingly males between 15 and 17 years of age. In FY 08 there was a 7% decrease in Caucasian youth and a 4% decrease in African-American youth committed to DYS. In FY 08 the number of youth recommitted to DYS increased 3 percentage points and the number of youth committed for felony type offenses increased by 6%. The number of commitments to DYS from FY 2005 through FY 2008 averaged around 611 annually. In FY 2008 commitments decreased by 4% from the prior year.

Population Profiles July 2007 - June 2008



*Total Youth Population is based on the population count on the first day of the month.



Profiles of Juveniles Committed July 2007 - June 2008





* Average Bed Days captures all releases from residential programs during the fiscal year.

Profiles of Juveniles Committed July 2007 - June 2008



FY08 Commitments by Age



Profiles of Juveniles Committed July 2007 - June 2008



FY08 Commitments by Gender



Profiles of Juveniles Committed July 2007 - June 2008



FY08 Commitments by Race



Profiles of Juveniles Committed July 2007 - June 2008



FY08 Commitments by Offense Group



INCIDENTS Incidents Accepted by the Child Abuse Hotline July 2007 - June 2008

REFERRED TO HOT		INCIDENTS ACCEPTED BY HOTLINE 50			
108					
Incident Type	Cases Accepted by ASP	Cases Pending	Cases Founded	Cases Unfounded	Case Status Unknown*
ASSAULT	1	0	0	0	1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	9	0	1	0	8
FIGHT	1	0	0	0	1
NEGLECT	1	0	0	1	0
OTHER	3	0	0	1	2
PHY SICAL ABUSE	18	0	0	1	17
RAPE	1	0	0	0	1
SEXUAL ABUSE	16	0	0	0	16
SEXUAL MISCONDUCT	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	50	0	1	3	46

* Since the Hotline and the Investigations unit are two separate sections within the Arkansas State Police, the Hotline may accept an incident called in, then later the incident will not be investigated by the Investigations Unit after review of the circumstances. The DYS IAU never receives a follow-up on these reports to know whether they were ever investigated. Some of these incidents occurred prior to the juvenile being committed to DYS. The IAU does not receive notification of the findings in these incidents. Some incidents that are reported in one quarter may not be finalized by the State Police until sometime within the next quarter.

Status of Cases Accepted



Categories of Cases Accepted



Incident Reports for FY 2008

Incidents Reported to Hotline for FY 2008



COMMITMENTS

All Juveniles Committed During the Fiscal Year



Recommitments encompass all juveniles who have previously been committed to DYS and received another order of commitment during the fiscal year.

Average Length of Stay in Days for Juveniles Released July 2007 - June 2008



Commitments by District

July 2007 – June 2008

Judicial	Number of Commitments			Judicial	Number of Commitments		
District	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	District	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
1st	16	22	25	12th	28	38	37
2nd	63	38	59	13th	49	52	21
3rd	3	10	8	14th	4	2	5
4th	35	20	12	15th	15	10	7
5th	13	17	22	16th	8	14	11
6th	178	115	99	17th	5	4	6
7th	20	38	28	18th East	21	27	26
8th North	24	12	20	18th West	0	0	0
8th South	16	10	23	19th East	5	3	5
9th East	9	6	15	19th West	32	29	18
9th West	14	17	19	20th	19	20	25
10th	12	59	49	21st	9	16	15
11th East	14	10	9	22nd	20	16	18
11th West	8	9	8	23rd	7	8	8
				State Total	647	622	598

Commitments encompass all juveniles who have been committed to DYS including juveniles currently in custody who have received another order of commitment during the fiscal year.