

# **State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget**

Department of Health and Social Services  
Nome Youth Facility  
Component

## **Component: Nome 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.

### **Component Services Provided**

The Nome Youth Facility operates as a short term detention facility for juveniles of the Nome and Kotzebue region. Treatment services have steadily grown for the residents with the development of the Accountability Program. The facility is considered minimum security and is currently staffed to hold up to six residents. The resident population is primarily male and nearly all Alaska Native. The residents are commonly detained for property crimes but there has been an increase in the number of residents charged with assault being held at the facility. Many of the youth have a history of substance abuse.

Current staffing includes one Superintendent I who is responsible for the operation and overall function of the facility. The Superintendent is also developing intervention and treatment approaches with the other agencies in the community. There are five full time Youth Counselor I/II positions at the facility. These positions are responsible for the daily operation of the facility and the direct supervision of the residents. There is also one full time Maintenance Worker who is responsible for the operation of the physical plant.

### **Component Goals and Strategies**

To provide detained youthful offenders with a safe and secure living environment for the protection of the public, the safety of the youth, and appearance at scheduled court hearings.

To impose accountability for offenses committed by providing detained juvenile offenders opportunity to participate in community based activities.

To work in collaboration with community agencies to develop a continuum of services to allow juvenile offenders to remain near family and community.

To develop a chaplaincy program through a local church that will help develop mentoring, relationship building, socializing, etc. with community agencies and individuals.

### **Key Component Issues for FY2001 – 2002**

The physical plant is in need of significant upgrades and repairs. The building has not had a significant renovation for fifteen years. Cold infiltration, freezing pipes, deteriorating flooring, windows, etc. compromise the safety and security of the building. Additionally, now that the Juvenile Probation Officers are located in the building, space has become quite limited. The residents in the facility are forced to eat, exercise, relax, and attend school in a very small dayroom space.

One other concern is the staffing level now that the detention count is remaining near capacity. With only five full time Youth Counselors and one Superintendent many shifts are covered by only one staff. This situation not only creates obvious safety issues, but also impairs the staff's ability to work with the resident population, having to spend all their time on custodial and security issues. This situation will become more pronounced as the newer staff begin to accumulate more leave time.

### Major Component Accomplishments for FY2000

The primary accomplishment was the reopening of the short term detention program to provide services beyond 48 hour emergency detention. This goal was achieved through increasing the operating budget to add staff, through the completion of several major deferred maintenance projects, and the co-location of the juvenile probation office in the main facility building. This accomplishment has allowed youth to remain near family and community while receiving services, and has lessened the overcrowding on the Detention Unit at the Fairbanks Youth Facility.

Secondly, the facility has started an Accountability Program which is designed to provide meaningful intervention for selected detention residents. The juveniles selected for the program do community work service in Nome, attend off-center groups and individual counseling, attend culturally relevant activities, seek and gain employment.

### 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

### Key Performance Measures for FY2002

**Measure: Performance Measures are shown at the BRU level - Juvenile Justice.**  
*(Not yet addressed by Legislature.)*

### Status of FY2001 Performance Measures

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
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**Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars in thousands*

	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	421.9	493.9	491.1
72000 Travel	5.2	5.5	5.5
73000 Contractual	69.4	95.0	95.0
74000 Supplies	40.6	50.8	50.8
75000 Equipment	3.6	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	9.0	42.5	42.5
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>549.7</b>	<b>687.7</b>	<b>684.9</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1004 General Fund Receipts	549.7	684.5	684.9
1053 Investment Loss Trust Fund	0.0	3.2	0.0
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>549.7</b>	<b>687.7</b>	<b>684.9</b>

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**Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002**

No service changes.

**Summary of Component Budget Changes**

**From FY2001 Authorized to FY2002 Governor**

*All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2001 Authorized</b>	<b>687.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>687.7</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-Year 2 Labor Costs - Net Change from FY2001	-2.8	0.0	0.0	-2.8
<b>FY2002 Governor</b>	<b>684.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>684.9</b>

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## Personal Services Information

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor		
Full-time	7	7	Annual Salaries	354,264
Part-time	1	1	COLA	5,692
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	9,777
			Annual Benefits	121,398
			<i>Less 0.00% Vacancy Factor</i>	(0)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>491,131</b>

## Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Maint Gen Journey	0	0	0	1	1
Youth Center Supt I	0	0	0	1	1
Youth Counselor I	0	0	0	3	3
Youth Counselor II	0	0	0	3	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>