

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

Department of Health and Social Services  
Juvenile Justice  
Budget Request Unit

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### **BRU 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.

### **BRU Services Provided**

The Division operates youth facilities in Anchorage (McLaughlin Youth Center), the Mat-Su Valley, Fairbanks, Juneau (Johnson Youth Center), Bethel, and Nome. Expansion in Ketchikan communities will occur in 2001. Probation offices are located in the same communities plus Sitka, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Kenai, Kodiak, Palmer, Dillingham, Homer, Valdez, Barrow, Delta Junction and Kotzebue.

### **BRU Goals and Strategies**

The following are the goals for the Division of Juvenile Justice.

To provide serious, violent, and chronic juvenile offenders with secure sanctions to hold them accountable for their offenses, protect the public, and provide a structured treatment environment that is consistent with nationally recognized standards.

To provide detained youthful offenders with a safe, secure and intensively supervised living environment which is consistent with nationally recognized standards and which protects the public, provides for the safety of detained youth, and ensures appearance at scheduled court hearings.

To protect the community from delinquency, to hold offenders accountable to repair the harm committed against victims and communities, and to equip juvenile offenders with the competencies necessary to live productively and responsibly in the community.

To provide a continuum of community based services designed to impose effective interventions in response to juvenile crime and to prevent delinquency through a coordinated effort with schools, law enforcement, locally based accountability programs, and other juvenile justice partners in support of the mission of the Division.

To ensure that the Division meets the needs of juvenile offenders, victims and communities through the provision of a range of community-based programs serving both urban and rural Alaska. To promote offender accountability by strengthening the juvenile justice system through partnering with other juvenile justice agencies. To promote quality programs that effectively meet the stated need.

To increase community based programs and services to provide a pre and post facility continuum that reduces the need for secure detention and institutional treatment beds.

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

The significant lack of juvenile probation resources in rural locations and the inability of the Division of Juvenile Justice to provide appropriate responses to juvenile crimes and to ensure offender accountability, particularly given the increase in the rate and severity of offenses in some rural sites.

The implementation of a Juvenile Offender Management Information System (JOMIS) to support both field probation and juvenile detention and treatment facilities. The system will provide law enforcement agencies, community schools

and DFYS with instant access to juvenile arrest and probation status information in support of DJJ's restorative justice mission.

Additional key issues are included in the component level narrative.

### **Major BRU Accomplishments for FY2000**

The major accomplishments for the Division of Juvenile Justice in FY2000 were:

- 1) The opening of a new 15 bed detention unit in the Mat-Su Valley in the Fall of 2000.
- 2) The completion of construction of a 30 bed detention expansion and relocation of the Southcentral Juvenile Probation field staff at McLaughlin Youth Center in the Fall of 2000.
- 3) The completion of the design and receipt of construction funds for the Ketchikan Youth Facility.
- 4) The adoption of regulations related to the delivery of delinquency intervention and prevention services by the new Division of Juvenile Justice.
- 5) The development of probation officer restorative justice performance competencies.
- 6) Successful placement of university interns in probation offices in Nome, Bethel, and Sitka.

Additional information is included in the component level narrative.

### **Key Performance Measures for FY2002**

#### **Measure: The Percent of Ordered Restitution and Community Work Service That is Paid or Performed by the Juvenile Offender.**

*(Revised from Legislature's FY2001 version.)*

#### **Current Status:**

Development of the community work service component is on track. The DJJ hopes to have FY2000 data by mid February 2001.

#### **Benchmark:**

For the restitution measure the benchmark is 79%.

For the community work service measure the benchmark is 83%.

#### **Background and Strategies:**

This performance measure consists of two aspects that provide a gauge of DJJ's effectiveness with assisting delinquent youth in being accountable to his or her victim and community for their delinquent behavior, as well as the youth providing restoration to his or her victim and community for their delinquent behavior.

Definition: This measure consists of:

- The percentage of restitution paid for cases where there was a restitution order (either by the court or the Probation Officer). This measure shall be determined at case closure. Case closures occur when a court order has been given to close a case, a court order has expired, or informal adjustment has been made by the Probation Officer.
- The percentage of community work service performed for cases where there was a community work service order (either by the court or the Probation Officer). This measure shall be determined at case closure. Case closures occur when a court order has been given to close a case, a court order has expired, or informal adjustment has been made by the Probation Officer.

**Measure: The Percent of Offenders Released from Long Term Treatment Who Either Improved Their Grade Point Average, or Obtained Additional Educational Credits While in Long Term Treatment.**

*(Revised from Legislature's FY2001 version.)*

**Current Status:**

Development of the educational credits measure continues and is on track. The DJJ hopes to have benchmark data as well as current data by mid February 2001.

**Benchmark:**

Under development.

**Measure: Number of Escapes From Juvenile Institutions.**

*(Revised from Legislature's FY2001 version.)*

**Current Status:**

Development of this measure is on track. The DJJ hopes to have FY2000 data by mid February 2001.

**Benchmark:**

The benchmark for this measure is the average number of escapes that occurred during FY1995 through FY1997: 9.

**Measure: The percentage of residents leaving institutions receiving aftercare services will increase from the FY98 baseline of 47%.**

*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)*

**Current Status:**

Development of this measure is on track. The DJJ hopes to have FY2000 data by mid February 2001.

**Benchmark:**

The benchmark for this measure is 47%.

**Measure: Percentage of Juvenile Offenders that Re-Offend.**

*(Revised from Legislature's FY2001 version.)*

**Current Status:**

Development of the probation services component is on track. The DJJ hopes to have benchmark data as well as current data by March 2001.

Refinement of the facilities measure continues. The DJJ hopes to have benchmark data as well as current data by mid February 2001.

**Benchmark:**

Under development.

**Measure: The percent of juvenile intakes completed in 30 days or less will increase over time.**

*(Revised from Legislature's FY2001 version.)*

**Current Status:**

Development of this measure is on track. The DJJ hopes to have FY2000 data by mid February 2001.

**Benchmark:**

The benchmark for this measure is 69.9%

**Measure: The percent of referrals receiving an active response will improve over time.**  
*(Revised from Legislature's FY2001 version.)*

**Current Status:**

Development of this measure is on track. The DJJ hopes to have FY2000 data by mid February 2001.

**Benchmark:**

The benchmark for this measure is 92%.

**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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The percentage of restitution paid will be at least 82% of the amount ordered. The number of community work service hours will be 92% of the amount ordered.</li> <li>90% of youth in the long-term treatment will receive an educational assessment which meets all Alaska State Educational Standards and results in an educational plan.</li> <li>90% of this cohort will attain an improved GPA and/or obtain additional educational credits during their stay at the facility.</li> <li>The number of escapes from institutions will be maintained or reduced as measured against the historical pattern averaged over the last three year period of nine per year.</li> <li>The percentage of residents leaving institutions receiving aftercare services will increase from the FY98 baseline of 47%.</li> <li>Re-offense rates for probation field services and juvenile facilities will be maintained or decreased from the established baseline.</li> <li>The percentage of juvenile intakes completed in 30 days or less will improve from the FY98 baseline of 55% in order to ensure swift action and promote accountability.</li> <li>The percentage of referrals receiving an active response, which includes a parent/juvenile conference, referral for service or informal supervision, will improve from the FY98 baseline of 92%.</li> </ul>			X		
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**BRU Financial Summary by Component**

*All dollars in thousands*

	FY2000 Actuals				FY2001 Authorized				FY2002 Governor			
	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>Formula Expenditures</b>	None.											
<b>Non-Formula Expenditures</b>												
McLaughlin Youth Center	9,835.4	39.9	357.3	10,232.6	11,503.7	10.0	279.2	11,792.9	12,063.4	10.0	400.0	12,473.4
Fairbanks Youth Facility	2,819.1	0.0	108.9	2,928.0	2,750.2	45.8	69.0	2,865.0	2,752.3	46.2	76.8	2,875.3
Nome Youth Facility	549.7	0.0	0.0	549.7	687.7	0.0	0.0	687.7	684.9	0.0	0.0	684.9
Johnson Youth Center	2,267.6	0.0	65.1	2,332.7	2,466.5	5.1	24.0	2,495.6	2,462.5	5.1	76.6	2,544.2
Bethel Youth Facility	2,022.2	0.0	44.0	2,066.2	2,044.3	0.0	37.4	2,081.7	2,121.7	0.0	48.3	2,170.0
Mat-Su Youth Facility	14.8	0.0	0.0	14.8	1,226.7	0.0	0.0	1,226.7	1,410.3	0.0	15.0	1,425.3
Ketchikan Regional Yth Facility	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	95.6	0.0	0.0	95.6	1,301.5	0.0	0.0	1,301.5
Delinquency Prevention	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	89.0	3,203.0	0.0	3,292.0	89.0	3,203.0	0.0	3,292.0
Probation Services	6,685.0	271.2	368.1	7,324.3	6,994.5	519.0	282.8	7,796.3	7,673.3	518.5	283.0	8,474.8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24,193.8</b>	<b>311.1</b>	<b>943.4</b>	<b>25,448.3</b>	<b>27,858.2</b>	<b>3,782.9</b>	<b>692.4</b>	<b>32,333.5</b>	<b>30,558.9</b>	<b>3,782.8</b>	<b>899.7</b>	<b>35,241.4</b>

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### Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002

A new 10-bed facility is being constructed in Ketchikan. The regional 10 bed combined facility will provide for detention of youth who are awaiting court hearings or who are court ordered into this facility for a brief period of time, up to 30 days (4 beds with lock-down capabilities) and residential diagnostic and treatment services for emotionally disturbed youth (4 beds staff secure) and protective custody/observation beds (2 beds). Construction will be completed in the Spring of 2001 and the facility will be on-line in FY2002.

Probation services will be increasingly community centered through collaborative partnerships with a variety of locally based accountability programs.

Victim services will be increased through the creation of victim impact, mediation, and service coordination efforts.

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### Summary of BRU Budget Changes by Component

#### 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>27,858.2</b>	<b>3,782.9</b>	<b>692.4</b>	<b>32,333.5</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-McLaughlin Youth Center	3.4	0.0	0.0	3.4
-Fairbanks Youth Facility	2.1	0.4	0.0	2.5
-Nome Youth Facility	-2.8	0.0	0.0	-2.8
-Johnson Youth Center	-4.0	0.0	0.0	-4.0
-Bethel Youth Facility	-7.9	0.0	0.0	-7.9
-Mat-Su Youth Facility	-5.0	0.0	0.0	-5.0
-Ketchikan Regional Yth Facility	14.2	0.0	0.0	14.2
-Probation Services	20.8	-0.5	0.2	20.5
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>				
-McLaughlin Youth Center	556.3	0.0	120.8	677.1
-Fairbanks Youth Facility	0.0	0.0	7.8	7.8
-Johnson Youth Center	0.0	0.0	52.6	52.6
-Bethel Youth Facility	85.3	0.0	10.9	96.2
-Mat-Su Youth Facility	188.6	0.0	15.0	203.6
-Ketchikan Regional Yth Facility	1,191.7	0.0	0.0	1,191.7
-Probation Services	658.0	0.0	0.0	658.0
<b>FY2002 Governor</b>	<b>30,558.9</b>	<b>3,782.8</b>	<b>899.7</b>	<b>35,241.4</b>