

State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services
Mat-Su Youth Facility
Component

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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 Mat-Su Youth Facility provides a fully operational secure setting for juveniles from the Mat-Su District who have committed a crime and who are being detained until their cases can be investigated and processed through the court. The number of detention admissions to the McLaughlin Youth Center (MYC) from Mat-Su and MYC's detention overcrowding, resulted in the FY2000 construction of a new 15-bed detention facility in the Mat-Su which opened for operation in the Fall of 2000.

Serving youth in their community provides for greater offender accountability, easier victim and community restoration, and contact with families, the court, local and state law enforcement officials, public defenders, and schools. Opening a detention facility in the Mat-Su area allows probation and youth counselor staff to work with community service providers for placement of youth leaving the facility. This program provides probation staff to insure effective victim service coordination and provides adequate supervision of youth being released back into the community to help provide for the continued protection of the community. The operation of this detention unit reduces the time of transit incurred by law enforcement personnel (both state and local governments), department staff, youth advocates, families and many others.

To assist in transition planning to avoid lengthy stays in detention, residents will be assessed through a local agency and an initial plan of intervention and support will be constructed between the family, the minor and DJJ's community partners to ensure prompt and appropriate intervention in each case. This plan will include close supervision by facility staff in an overall effort to reduce the potential of re-offense.

In an effort to closely address substance abuse and mental health issues present with many of our residents, active planning and implementation of education and support services for these issues will be part of the programming at the MSYF. This will involve the active participation of community partners inside the facility.

The MSYF will continue to provide a safe and supervised setting for the local school district program to function year around. Also, the MSYF will continue to provide a similar setting for a night school (away from the detention population) targeting high risk probationers who have been either suspended or expelled and are potential residents for the facility.

Where possible, operating costs have been reduced to take advantage of already-existing administrative support services such as human resources, accounting and payroll, staff training, procurement and supply available at MYC in Anchorage.

Component Goals and Strategies

To protect the community from delinquency, to impose accountability for offenses committed, and to equip juvenile offenders with the competencies necessary to live productively and responsibly in the community.

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 youth, and ensures appearance at scheduled court hearings.

To provide opportunities for the families of detained juveniles to become involved with detention and Restorative Justice programming within the facility.

To provide alternative to detention services for juveniles and families, identify and provide intervention/treatment/support/supervision services in an expedited manner to hasten the juveniles' release from detention into a more appropriate setting with services that are aligned with Restorative Justice principals.

To provide the 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.

Key Component Issues for FY2001 – 2002

The Mat-Su valley is the fastest growing area of the state with projections for significant growth in the next few years. Accommodating this population will be a major challenge for the facility in the next decade.

So far this year the Mat-Su resident count in the detention programs at MYC have been higher on the average compared with other years. This count reached an all-time high of 23 residents in February 2000. Services provided by youth facilities are mandated by law and facilities have no control over admissions.

The Mat-Su Youth Facility is a 15 bed secure detention unit that serves three different law enforcement agencies and a local juvenile probation unit of 5 JPOs who also make admissions to the facility.

The Mat-Su Youth Facility is a newly constructed facility whose security and general physical operations are being tested by the full time daily operation of the detention program. This in itself will continue to present challenges for all staff.

An alternative to detention effort which focuses on prompt assessment and service identification within the community will help to shorten the length of stay for detention residents and at the same time shorten the length of time between the release and the involvement of the minor and their family in intervention and support services. Successful reintegration of residents back into the community requires close coordination between DJJ and community partners.

Mental health and substance abuse problems are common among Mat-Su DJJ clients and quick assessment and identification of services within the community and within the facility are important steps in beginning the process of change for clients. Currently, one-third of the residents at the MSYF are prescribed psychotropic medications and many residents have drug and alcohol use and or abuse histories. Ongoing mental health/substance abuse education and support programs inside the facility are essential to a resident's smooth transition back into the community.

Teaching Restorative Justice concepts through class instruction, group activity and service projects within the facility will enhance the residents' understanding of cause and effect relationships while at the same time develop empathy toward their victims.

Major Component Accomplishments for FY2000

Construction of the Mat-Su Youth Facility was complete in June of 2000 and the facility's Superintendent position was filled.

A Citizens Advisory Board for the Mat-Su DJJ function in the Valley was formed and is providing an advisory function for both the MSYF and the field probation office.

Mat-Su DJJ personnel have worked closely with community partners in the planning and implementation of a Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) in the Mat-Su Valley. JAC clinicians will be performing initial assessments on juveniles who are detained at the MSYF to assist DJJ with appropriate identification of support services for kids and families based on the results of the assessment.

The MSYF Superintendent currently chairs the local Mat-Su Youth Crime and Violence Task Force which is a community group that takes on juvenile crime projects such as the construction of the MSYF and the Juvenile Assessment center. This task force also supports local community and agency efforts to address juvenile crime.

Throughout the development of the MSYF during the past year much community education has taken place in an effort to enhance the communities' knowledge of local and statewide DJJ activities and programming.

During the past year DJJ has been taken a leadership role in designing and implementing a truancy prevention program with several community partners in the Mat-Su Valley.

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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Measures are shown at the BRU level - Juvenile Justice. 			X		

Mat-Su Youth Facility
Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	9.0	926.4	1,110.0
72000 Travel	0.4	2.0	2.0
73000 Contractual	4.4	92.3	92.3
74000 Supplies	0.0	80.0	95.0
75000 Equipment	1.0	106.0	106.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	20.0	20.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	14.8	1,226.7	1,425.3
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	14.8	1,219.5	1,410.3
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	0.0	0.0	15.0
1053 Investment Loss Trust Fund	0.0	7.2	0.0
Funding Totals	14.8	1,226.7	1,425.3

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2001 Cash Estimate	FY2002 Governor	FY2003 Forecast
Unrestricted Revenues						
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues						
Interagency Receipts	51015	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	15.0
Restricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	15.0
Total Estimated Revenues		0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	15.0

Mat-Su Youth Facility**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>
FY2001 Authorized	1,226.7	0.0	0.0	1,226.7
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Year 2 Labor Costs - Net Change from FY2001	-5.0	0.0	0.0	-5.0
Proposed budget increases:				
-Incr I/A for the School Lunch Program at MSYF	0.0	0.0	15.0	15.0
-Annualize funding for the Mat-Su Youth Facility	188.6	0.0	0.0	188.6
FY2002 Governor	1,410.3	0.0	15.0	1,425.3

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Personal Services Information

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor		
Full-time	19	19	Annual Salaries	786,181
Part-time	3	3	COLA	10,608
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	18,189
			Annual Benefits	295,046
			<i>Less 0.00% Vacancy Factor</i>	(0)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	22	22	Total Personal Services	1,110,024

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Clerk III	0	0	0	1	1
Custodian II	0	0	0	1	1
Juvenile Prob Officer II	0	0	0	2	2
Maintenance Worker II	0	0	0	1	1
Nurse II	0	0	0	1	1
Unit Leader	0	0	0	1	1
Youth Center Supt I	0	0	0	1	1
Youth Counselor II	0	0	0	11	11
Youth Counselor III	0	0	0	3	3
Totals	0	0	0	22	22