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# Annual Report 2015

Division of Youth Services, LFUCG

This report includes Day Treatment program, Juvenile Probation, Youth Development Program, Gainesway Community Center and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates).

**Stephanie Hong**  
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**From the director.....**

This year's publication is unusually late into the holiday season, which give me the opportunity to reflect on some qualitative progresses that was not captured in this quantitative report. If you have read my previous report, you probably are aware that the Division of Youth Services (DYS) has three very distinct programs (Day Treatment, Juvenile Probation and Youth Development) that are separated in locations, yet, connected with our common mission to service youth and their families, who are in high stress and high risk situations, to increase their capacity in meeting life challenges and to transcend into healthy life style.



This report starts with a brief history of DHS, the brief history was so brief you would not even know that our division administered adoption records since 1928 till 1970s. These records were kept forever for good reasons. For the past two years, I have had two opportunities: one from the birth mother, another from the adopted child inquiring their records. After consulting with the Law Department and obtained proper release, DHS was able to reunited a birth mother and her child (along with the precious baby pictures); also letting the adopted child gain more insights about her birth mother and deeper appreciation of her adoptive parents. As I reflect on these two cases and our DHS programs, many youth we have touched are experiencing similar feelings such as: abandonment; fear, anxiety; unknown; inadequacy and more on a regular bases. Therefore many of our staff trainings recently are focused on trauma-informed care to enhance our services to these vulnerable populations.

On a positive note, our CASA program has grown from serving 76 abused & neglected children in July of 2011 to serving 282 children in June of 2015, among them 69% of CASA children are under the age of 12. Many studies have indicated abused & neglected children with CASA volunteers spend 7.5 fewer months in foster care, experience fewer out of home placement, having significantly improved educational performance, and more than 90 percent of abused & neglected children with CASA volunteers NEVER reenter the child welfare system. The earlier we intervene, the better outcome we can expect which drastically reduce chances of additional trauma and diminish further juvenile court involvement for those kids.

As you read through this report, you will be amazed by how much our division has contributed to the betterment of our community. The work we do daily enhances quality of lives of our youth and their families. Our work is not done, but we are more optimistic than ever that we are making our community a better place for youth and their families.

Thank you!

*Stephanie Hong*

## Lexington Fayette Urban County Government

### Division of Youth Services Brief History

- 1833 Lexington Orphans Society was established.
- 1928 State Law passed (KRS 200.140) authorized counties to establish Children's Bureau; two were established: Jefferson County and Fayette County.
- 1929 Borst-Saunders Survey conducted, among the recommendations were for Fayette Co. Children's Bureau to administer all services to children in city and county, including assistance of social investigation to the Juvenile Courts and the schools. Budget recommendation was for \$15,000 for a full beginning program.
- March to December 1931, 225 children were accepted for services.
- Through 1930s, Junior League established a baby home at Duncan Park; later the home was turned over to the city.
- 1948 Fayette County Fiscal Court bought 12 acres of land on Cisco Road, cottages to house babies and children were built in 1950s.
- January of 1960, the first African American Social Worker hired was Grace Coleman.
- 1961 Kincaid Home (donated by Garvice D. Kincaid), a juvenile detention facility opened on Cisco Road.
- Agency began to expand services to children living at home (protective services).
- 1966 Administrative of Juvenile Court Services was delegated to Children's Bureau. Child Welfare of America recommended two divisions-Child Welfare & Juvenile Court.
- 1971 **Juvenile Court** and Children's Bureau services separated.
- 1971 Aug. Children's Bureau was awarded a federal grant (\$30,000) to operate a **Day Treatment Center** and Drug Rehabilitation Center for Juveniles in trouble. The City Government appropriated \$4,000 as local match for the federal grant.
- 1974 The Charter of the newly formed merged government created a Department of Social Services, charged with administrating and coordinating broad social service programming for the entire merged community.
- 1978 Council on Accreditation (COA) of services for children and families Inc. established. Division of Children's Services receives full accreditation.

- 1986 **CASA** (Court Appointed Special Advocates) program was implemented.
- 1991 Intensive **Juvenile Probation** project was implemented with \$70,000 from Cabinet for Children Resources (CHR).
- 1991 Departmental re-organization, Division of Children's Services and Juvenile Court Services merged to form the Division of Youth Services. The Division of Family Services is created as a division of the Department, the Office of Development and Support Services is placed within the Social Services Commissioner's Office and the Division of Adult Services is re-organized.
- June 2005, Coleman House closed as an emergency shelter for abused and neglected kids.
- October 2005 Dedication of the new **Lexington Day Treatment Center** building located on 1177 Red Mile Place.
- 2006 The Coleman House Project was created as a community partnership for substance abuse treatment and mental health services for adolescents and their families.
- 2009 The Coleman House Project staff was trained to do GAIN (Global Appraisal of Individual Needs) substance abuse assessment.
- 2012 Received the Federal Workforce Investment Grant to operate the "Path to Success" program which is to assist youth, who have dropped out of school, to obtain G.E.D. and gain job skills training.
- July 2015 Senate Bill 200 changed the way juvenile cases are handled, especially status offense cases.
- 2015 The Coleman House Project changed the name to "360 Change", an input from youth who had benefited from the program and did a 360 degree changes.

Currently, **Division of Youth Services** operates Day Treatment Center; Juvenile Probation & Court Services; Youth Development Program (includes Gainesway Afterschool program) and CASA of Lexington.

**LFUCG Division of Youth Services**  
**Annual Report: July 2014 - June 2015**

Total Number of Clients Served: **1066**

**Gender:**

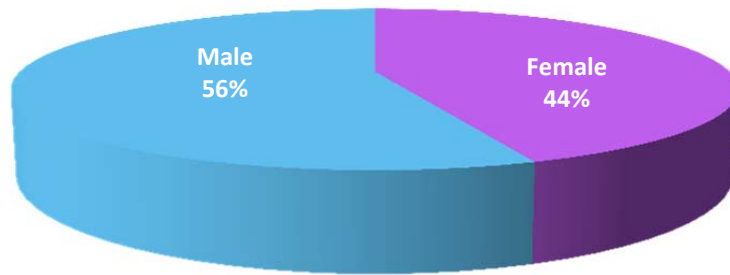
Female:	471	(44%)
Male:	595	(56%)

**Race:**

AA:	488	(46%)
White:	342	(32%)
Hispanic:	105	(10%)
Bi-racial:	55	(9%)
Other:	33	(3%)

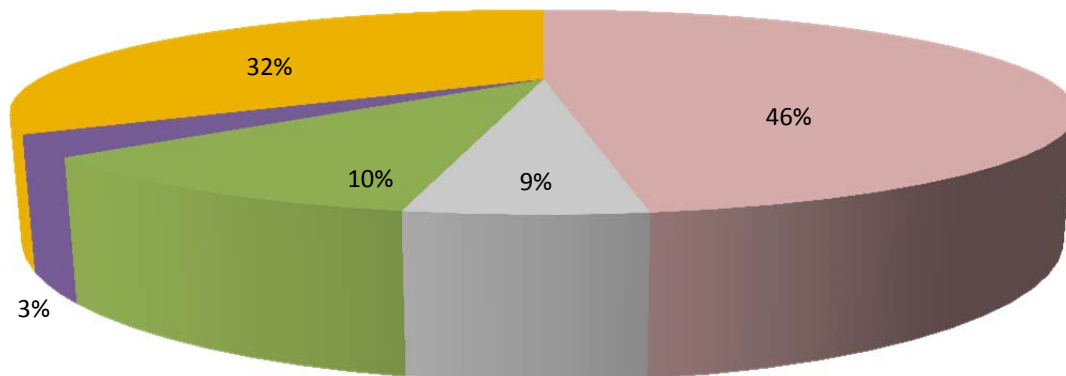
There are **additional 256 youth** on Home Detention; **175** pre-adjudicated youth on curfew check and **71** youth on GPS Ankle monitors that were monitored/supervised through Juvenile Probation & Court Services.

**GENDER**



■ Female ■ Male

**RACE**



■ AA ■ Bi-racial ■ Hispanic ■ Other ■ White

**Lexington Day Treatment Center**  
**Annual Report: July 2014-May 2015**

**Total Number of Clients Served: 93**

**Gender:**

Female: 32 (34%)  
Male: 61 (66%)

**Race:**

AA - 39 (42%)  
White - 34 (37%)  
Hispanic - 8 (9%)  
Bi-Racial - 10 (10%)  
Other - 2 (2%)



**Referral Sources:**

DYS Probation court-ordered - 31 (33%)  
DJJ Probation court-ordered - 8 (9%)  
DJJ Committed - 10 (11%)  
DCBS court-ordered - 18 (19%)  
DCBS committed - 4 (4%)  
DYS social work court-order (status) - 2 (2%)  
Family Court (status) - court-order, no other agency involved - 7 (8%)  
Voluntary - 13 (14%)

**Outcomes:**

High School Graduates - 14 (15%)  
Successful Completion and return to home school - 10 (11%)  
Moved out of Fayette County - 5 (5%)  
Committed to DJJ - 3 (3%)  
Unsuccessful completion but still return to home school - 9 (10%)  
Unsuccessful completion -placed at Alternative School - 8 (9%)  
Voluntary withdrawal to return to previous school - 4 (4%)  
High school Drop Out - 2 (2%)  
Placement in Mental Health or residential facility - 9 (10%)  
Runaway - 8 (9%)  
Still Enrolled - 21 (22%)

**Number of Clients to successfully make it to PROGRESS Phase - 63 (68%)**

## Juvenile Probation & Court Services

### 1.) Probation Monitoring

In 2014 – 2015, 82 youth were terminated from probation. 62 (76%) of these youth were released successfully from probation. The population consisted monthly of approximately 76 cases.

12 (15%)	Male/White,
43 (52%)	Male/African Americans,
7 (9%)	Male/Hispanics,
7 (9%)	Male/Other,
2 (2%)	Female/White,
10 (12%)	Female/African American,
0 (0%)	Female/Hispanic,
1 (1%)	Female/Other



### 2.) Drug Screening

A total of **1081** drug screenings were conducted during this period, 1006 (93%) of the drug screens were negative. 75 (7%) were positive for illegal substances, among them 72 (6.6%) were positive for marijuana, one was positive for cocaine and 2 were positive for amphetamines.

### 3.) Home Visit / Curfew Check

A total of **522 hours** of home visits / curfew calls were conducted through this time frame, this includes 18 Juvenile Surveillance Program (JSP) home visits during evening hours. This JSP program is conducted by the Juvenile Surveillance Probation Officer and a police officer, thereby, discouraging probated youth from curfew violations as well as committing further criminal offenses.

### 4.) Dispositional Report

Probation officers completed **85 new** Dispositional Reports and **44** Dispositional Reports on probated youth.

## **5.) Home Detention and GPS Ankle Monitor**

A total of **256** youth were on Home Detention during this time period. Of these 175 (68%) were terminated successfully. A total of 71 youth were placed on the GPS ankle monitor in addition to being on Home Detention, 56 (79%) of them were successful. This project kept 327 youth out of the detention center which reduces financial cost.

## **6.) Suspension Alternative Program (SAP) and Community Services**

A total of **337** youth (131% growth from last year) were referred to the Suspension Alternative Program. This provides probation youth and high risk youth an opportunity to continue their school work (while being suspended), and gives probated youth an alternative to avoid probation violation and possible time in detention.

Probated youth along with other youth referred to the Suspension Alternative Program, completed **227.5 community service hours** during this time frame at various locations around Fayette County.

## **7.) Therapeutic groups and Life skills**

Juvenile Probation office provides Therapeutic Anger Management groups with 6 sessions in total, 12 youth were referred to the group, 8 (67%) completed all 6 sessions. Also, 74 youth were referred to our Life skills groups, 59 (80%) completed the groups.

## **8.) Recidivism**

There were 18 (9%) probated youth that had 23 new adjudications for this fiscal year.

## **9.) Referral agencies**

Fayette County Juvenile Probation has partnered with and/or made referrals to various programs throughout Fayette County and KY. Some of these are Bluegrass.org; The Ridge, The Methodist Home, Lexington Day Treatment, Appalachian Academy, Bluegrass Challenge Academy, The Lighthouse, Hillcrest Hall, Rivendell, Community Alternative Program (CAP), Our Lady of Peace, and Stoner Creek for specialized services.



## 2015 Summer Youth Employment Program

400 youth applied on-line, 225 available job opportunities

- Number of youth hired - 225 youth
- Number of worksites - 117 sites
- Number of weeks worked - 6 weeks
- Schools represented - 20 middle/high
- 97% of the youth successfully completed the program
- Females - 120 (53%)
- Males - 105 (47%)

### Race

Black - 166 (74%)

White - 24 (11%)

Bi-Racial - 12 (5%)

Hispanic - 10 (4%)

Asian - 9 (4%)

Other - 4 (2%)



293 youth registered for the Youth Employment Enhancement Program, 260 participated in the program, most of these youth were placed at worksite locations, and 32 continue employment beyond summer jobs.

### 360 Change (formerly Coleman House Project)

**Total Number Clients served:** 67

**Gender:** Males: 46 (69%)      Females: 21 (31%)

### Race

African American/Black: 30 (45%)

### Outcomes

Decrease drug usage: 56 (83.5%)

Caucasian/White:	17 (25%)	Referred to Treatment:	11 (16.5%)
Hispanic:	17 (25%)		
Bi-Racial	3 (5%)		

**Path to Success Project**

**Total number of clients: 41**

**Gender:** Males: 20 (49%)  
 Females: 21 (51%)



**Race**

**Outcomes**

African American/Black:	21 (51%)	Increased scores:	17 (41%)
Caucasian/White:	16 (39%)	Obtained GED:	14 (34%)
Hispanic:	1 (2%)	Employment experience	26 (63%)
Bi-Racial:	3 (7%)	Enrolled in higher education	8 (20%)

**Case Management Services:**

**Total number of Clients: 152, Case closed: 88; On-going Services: 64**

**Gender:** Males: 98 (60%)  
 Females: 54 (32%)

**Race**

**Outcomes**

African American/Black:	58 (31%)	Successful closures:	64 (73%)
Caucasian/White:	40 (43%)	Non-compliant:	8 (9%)
Hispanic:	43 (16%)	Transfer to CHFS, court ...etc.	3 (3%)
Bi-Racial:	11 (10%)	Unsuccessful closures	13 (15%)

**Gainesway Community Center Programs**

Homework Huddle – 35 youth, all passed to the next grade level

Spring Break College Tour – 40 youth participated

## CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

- 102 volunteers (67% increases from last year) provided advocacy to 371 children (104% increase) for a total of 6,943 hours (8% increase).
- 83 new cases (167% increases) with 208 children (177% increase) were accepted from the court.
- 95 children (38% increases) achieved permanency goal and cases were closed.

### Child Demographics; total of 371

<u>Age:</u>	0-5:	133 (36%)
	6-11:	124 (33%)
	12-17:	101 (27%)
	18+:	13 (4%)

<u>Gender:</u>	Male:	178 (48%)
	Female:	193 (52%)

### Ethnicity:

African American:	87 (23%)
Caucasian:	196 (53%)
Hispanic/Latino:	19 (5%)
Bi-Racial:	59 (16%)
African:	6 (2%)
Other:	4 (1%)



## DYS Staff Profile

### Gender

- Females - 27 (79%)
- Males - 7 (21%)

### Race

- Black - 16 (47.1%)
- Hispanic - 2 (5.9%)
- White - 15 (44.1%)
- Asian - 1 (2.9%)

### Employment Status

- Full-time: 31 (91.2%)
- Part-time: 3 (8.8%)

## DYS Budget

Total city operating budget was **\$2,429,804**  
Additional grants from state and federal was \$370,641



*In Dedication to  
Our  
Commissioner Chris Ford  
and 34 DYS staff*

*Mary Alcius*

*Angela Atchison*

*Richard Bello*

*Lisa Berman*

*Paula Campbell*

*Paul Canter*

*Clarice Combs*

*Sonya Combs*

*Matthew Crutcher*

*Peggy Floyd*

*Earlanna Goldsmith*

*Barbara Hausley*

*Katie Hemlock*

*Theo Hersey*

*Stephanie Hong*

*Melynda Jamison*

*Robert Stefan Lewis*

*Stephanie Love*

*Tara Mills*

*Mattie Morton*

*Renaye Motts*

*Yolanda Pinilla*

*Kim Read*

*Glenda Rhodes*

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