



Annual Report 2014

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).

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From the director.....



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.

This report starts with a brief history of DHS, then the division-wide aggregated demographic data, followed by each programs specific data and outcome, concluding with staff profile and budget information. CASA is the program that is supported by DHS for administrative personnel and office operation support. CASA overall program is directed and supervised by a separated board of directors. In 2013 to 2014, CASA grow substantially in term of number of staff and volunteers and, of course, number of kids serviced. In addition the Superhero Run and other fundraising efforts have gained wide recognition of CASA program and increased awareness of issues of abused and neglected children.

What's new in this year is the passage of Senate Bill 200 in Frankfort, this bill allows status offenders to be dealt with by formal conference as a diversion to the court process; SB 200 requires schools collaborate with other entities to reduce truancy referral before the case be presented to court; also the bill requires DJJ to develop a validated risk and needs assessment tool and evidence-based practice. Another initiative is JDAI (Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative) supported by the Anne E. Casey Foundation. Our staff has been actively involved in exploring alternatives to detention; applying data driven policy changes and executing evidence-based practices. These two initiatives will guide our approach in dealing with youth.

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 Co. and Fayette Co.
- 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 Commissioner’s Office and the division of Adult Services is re-organized.
- 2005 Dedication of the new **Lexington Day Treatment Center** building located on 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.
- 2013 The Youth and Family Services Program was renamed as Youth Development Center with a fresh new sign erected on the building it occupies at 1306 Versailles Road.

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 2013 - June 2014

Total Number of Clients Served: 932

Gender:

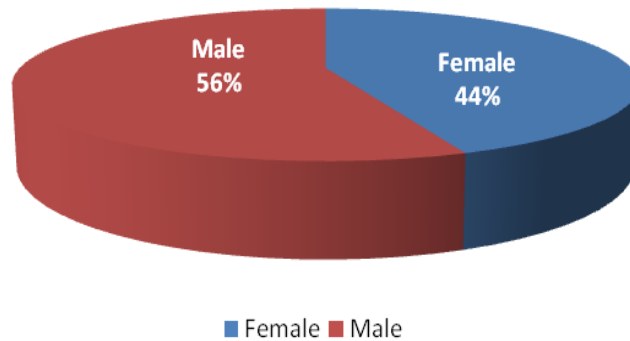
Female:	411	(44%)
Male:	521	(56%)

Race:

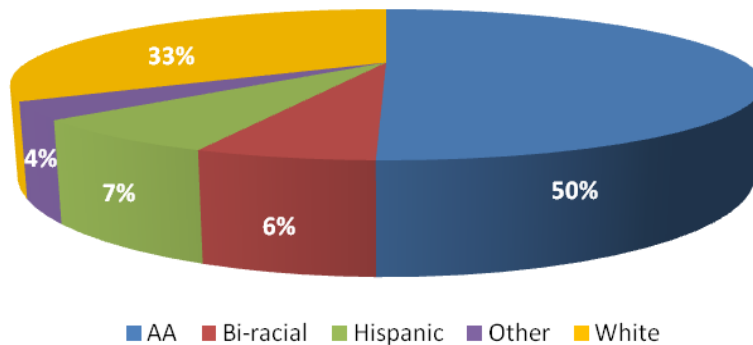
AA:	469	(50%)
White:	308	(33%)
Hispanic:	66	(7%)
Bi-racial:	55	(6%)
Other:	34	(4%)

There are **additional 159 youth** on Home Detention; **61** pre-adjudicated youth on curfew check and **39** youth on GPS Ankle monitors that were monitored through Juvenile Probation & Court Services.

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Lexington Day Treatment Center

Total Number of Clients Served: 90

Gender:

Female: 31 (34%)
Male: 59 (66%)

Race:

AA - 47 (52%)
White - 32 (36%)
Hispanic - 7 (8%)
Bi-Racial - 3 (3%)
Other - 1 (1%)



Referral Sources:

DYS Probation court-ordered - 31 (34%)
DJJ Probation court-ordered - 8 (9%)
DJJ Committed - 9 (10%)
DCBS court-ordered - 16 (18%)
DCBS committed - 1 (1%)
DYS social work court-order (status) - 5 (6%)
Family Court (status) - court-order, no other agency involved - 14 (15%)
Voluntary - 6 (7%)

Outcomes:

High School Graduates - 12 (13%)
Successful Completion and return to home school - 14 (15%)
Moved out of Fayette County - 5 (6%)
Committed to DJJ - 12 (14%)
Unsuccessful completion but still return to home school - 8 (9%)
Unsuccessful completion -placed at Alternative School - 7 (8%)
Voluntary withdrawal to return to previous school - 6 (7%)
High school Drop Out - 1 (1%)
Withdrew & completed GED - 2 (2%)
Placement in Mental Health or residential facility - 7 (8%)
Runaway - 2 (2%)
Still Enrolled - 26 (29%)

Juvenile Probation & Court Services

1.) Probation Monitoring

195 youth were terminated from probation. 90 (46%) of these youth were released successfully from probation.

51 (26%)	Male/White,
82 (42%)	Male/African Americans,
4 (2%)	Male/Hispanics,
15 (8%)	Male/Other,
12 (6%)	Female/White,
25 (13%)	Female/African American,
2 (1%)	Female/Hispanic,
4 (2%)	Female/Other



2.) Drug Screening

A total of **857** drug screenings were conducted during this period, 783 (91.4 %) of the drug screens were negative. 66 (8%) were positive for marijuana, 6 (0.8%) were positive for benzodiazepines and 2 were positive for barbiturates.

3.) Home Visit / Curfew Check

A total of **531 hours** of home visits / curfew calls were conducted through this time frame, this includes 23 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 **90 new** Dispositional Reports and **55** Dispositional Reports on probated youth.

5.) Home Detention

A total of **159** youth were on Home Detention during this time period. Of these 131 (82%) were terminated successfully. A total of 39 youth were placed on the GPS ankle monitor in addition to being on Home Detention, 34 (87%) of them were successful. This project kept 198 youth out of the detention center which reduces financial cost.

6.) Suspension Alternative Program (SAP)

A total of **200** youth were referred to the Suspension Alternative Program. This provides 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. A light breakfast and lunch is served to each youth.

Probated youth along with other youth referred to the Suspension Alternative Program, completed **348 community service hours** during this time frame at various locations around Fayette County.

7.) Recidivism

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

8.) 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 Comprehensive Care, 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.

Youth Development Center

1.) 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 - 17 middle/high
- 97% of the youth successfully completed the program
- Females - 140
- Males - 85



Race

Black - 193 (86%)

Bi-Racial - 3

Hispanic - 11 (5%)

White - 12

Asian - 2 (0.9%)

Other - 4

120 youth registered for the Youth Employment Enhancement Program, 99 participated the program, most of these youth were placed at worksite locations.



2.) Coleman House Project

Total Number Clients served: 56

Gender: Males: 41 (73%)

Females: 15 (27%)

Race

African American/Black: 21 (38%)

Caucasian/White: 22 (40%)

Hispanic: 13 (9%)

Outcomes

Decrease drug usage: 24 (43%)

Referred to Treatment: 25 (45%)

3.) Path to Success Project

Total number of clients: 39

Gender: Males: 24 (62%)

Females: 15 (38%)

Race

African American/Black: 11 (28%)

Caucasian/White: 18 (46%)

Hispanic: 4 (10%)

Bi-Racial: 6 (16%)



Outcomes

Increased scores: 27 (69%)

Obtained GED: 23 (59%)

Employment experience 18 (50%)

Enrolled in high education 8 (20%)

4.) Case Management Services

Total number of Clients: 70

Gender: Males: 42 (60%)

Females: 28 (40%)

Race

African American/Black: 22 (31%)
 Caucasian/White: 30 (43%)
 Hispanic: 11 (16%)
 Bi-Racial: 7 (10%)

Outcomes

Successful closures: 43 (62%)
 On-going service: 15 (21%)
 Transfer to CHFS, court ...etc. 10 (14%)
 Unsuccessful closures 2 (3%)

5.) Gainesway Community Center Programs

Homework Huddle - 29 youth, all passed to the next grade level

Spring Break College Tour - 41 youth participated

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

- 86 volunteers provided advocacy to 228 children for a total of 3,820 hours.
- 63 new cases with 119 children were accepted from the court.
- 63 children achieved permanency in placement and cases were closed.

Child Demographics; total of 228

Age: 0-5: 87 (38%)
 6-11: 67 (30%)
 12-17: 64 (28%)
 18+: 10 (4%)

Gender: Male: 106 (46.5%)
 Female: 122 (53.5%)

Ethnicity: African American: 45 (20%)
 Caucasian: 127 (56%)



Hispanic/Latino: 12 (5%)

Bi-Racial: 36 (16%)

Other: 8 (3%)

DYS Staff Profile

Gender

- Females - 28 (82%)
- Males - 6 (18%)

Race

- Black - 16 (47%)
- Hispanic - 2 (6%)
- White - 15 (44%)
- Asian - 1 (3%)

Employment Status


- Full-time: 30 (88%)
- Part-time: 4 (12%)



DYS Budget

Total city operating budget was \$2,188,399
Additional grants from state and federal was \$370,641





***In Dedication to our
Commissioner Beth Mills
and 34 DYS staff.***

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Lisa Berman

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Paula Campbell

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Earlanna Goldsmith

*Ed Hale**

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