



Annual Report 2017

Division of Youth Services, LFUCG

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

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From the director.....



Not long ago, I was noticing and bragging about our division having almost zero turn-over during the past year or two. I guess I jinxed it! All of a sudden, changes, changes and more changes! John F. Kennedy once said, *“The one unchangeable certainty is that nothing is certain or unchangeable”*, DYS has certainly experienced the most changes within the last fiscal year. Some change were planned, such as the retirement of Day Treatment Center Clinical Manger, Lisa Berman; others are not expected; such as Paula Campbell and Theo Hersey, leaving the division for better career opportunities professionally and/or personally. We wish them the best and welcome the new staff, who will be joining our dynamic team very soon.

In addition to the personnel changes, relocation of our Youth Development Center (YDC) offices have experienced the most changes known to our department. During the last 10 years, YDC have moved from Cisco Road to the Family Care Center/Coleman House building; to the Versailles Road location; to the Phoenix building and now, since September 2016, they have made their latest move to the Black and Williams Center on Georgetown Street. This unexpected move turned out to be a very satisfying one for all staff and the community. Mahatma Gandhi said, *“Be the change that you wish to see in the world”*. We believe by moving closer into our community, we are bringing our services closer to the citizens. The focus of the Youth Development Center is on case management of teens and parenting support/skill building for their parents/caregivers. In our line of work (with youth and family), we strive to be the positive change in their lives whenever we have the privilege of serving them.

For the last 12 months, as the department going through the process to prepare for Council on Accreditation’s re-accreditation site visit in Sept. 2017, we have reviewed and updated our Mission, Vision and developed Core Values. One theme stays consistent through our conversations with internal and external stakeholders is that our services to the families are like hidden treasure in the city; therefore, one of our strategic plan’s goals is to enhance our public information plan so that more people who need assistance will know where and who to contact for services. As a division, we are going through changes that might be challenging for some people; nonetheless, we are optimistic that timely changes will bring positive outcomes that will make our community a better and safer place for all youth and their families.

One of Maya Angelou’s quotes really summed up perfectly: *“We delight in the beauty of the butterfly; but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty”*.

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.
- 1973 The Fayette County Fiscal Court combined resources with the Lexington Chartable Fund and built the Day Treatment Annex.
- 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. The Day Treatment Center became part of Children's Services, which later became the Division of Youth Services.

- 1978 Council on Accreditation (COA) of services for children and families Inc. was 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, in 2017 the street name changed to Harry Sykes Way in recognition of the first Africa American Commissioner and City Council member.
- 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.
- 2012-2016 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 2016 - June 2017

Total number of clients received intensive Services: **1142**

Gender:

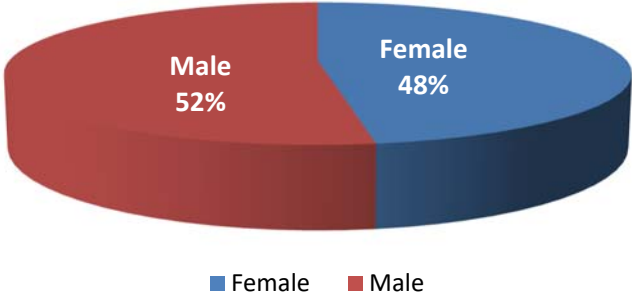
Female: 548 (48%)
 Male: 594 (53%)

Race:

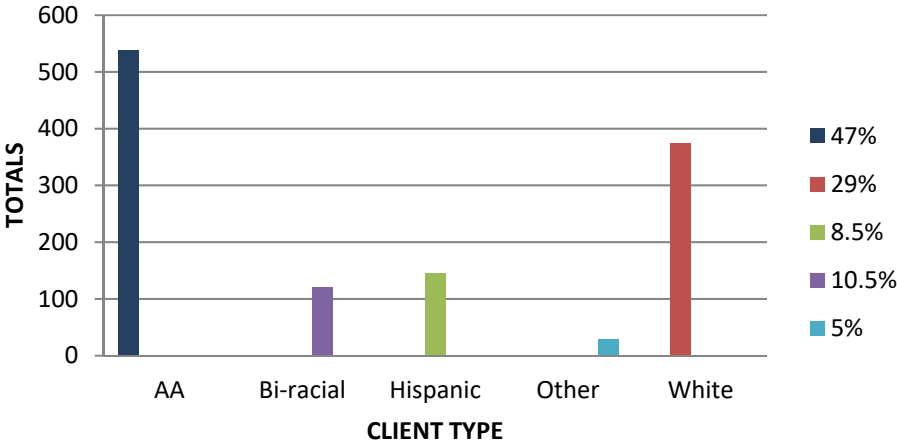
AA: 540 (47%)
 White: 332 (29%)
 Hispanic: 97 (8.5%)
 Bi-racial: 120 (10.5%)
 Other: 53 (5%)

There are additional **483** youth not included in the above total. Among them, **177 youth** on Home Detention; **113** pre-adjudicated youth on curfew check and **193** (Suspension Alternative Program (S.A.P) youth were monitored/supervised through Juvenile Probation & Court Services.

GENDER



RACE



Lexington Day Treatment Center
Annual Report: June 2016 - May 2017

Total Number of Clients Served: 91

Gender:

Female: 28 (31%)
Male: 63 (69%)

Race:

AA - 39 (43%)
White - 33 (36.5%)
Hispanic - 6 (6.5%)
Bi-Racial - 12 (13%)
Other - 1 (1%)



Referral Sources:

DYS Probation court-ordered - 28 (31%)
DJJ Probation court-ordered - 6 (6.5%)
DJJ Committed - 6 (6.5%)
DCBS court-ordered - 17 (19%)
DCBS committed - 11 (12%)
DYS social work court-order (status offenses) - 12 (13%)
Family Court (status) - court-order, no other agency involved - 2 (2%)
Voluntary - 8 (9%);
Adult Court (Youth charged as adult) - 1 (1%)

Outcomes:

High School Graduates - 11 (12.5%)
Successful Completion and return to home school - 13 (14.5%)
Still Enrolled - 15 (16%)
Moved out of Fayette County - 6 (6.5%)
Placement in Mental Health or residential facility - 9 (10%)
Unsuccessful completion, return to home school - 14 (15.5%)
Unsuccessful completion, placed at Alternative School (MLK) - 9 (10.5%)
Voluntary withdrawal to return to previous school - 2 (2%)
Enrolled in Job Corp. - 1 (1%) Withdrew to home school - 3 (3%)
High school Drop Out - 2 (2%) Enrolled in night school - 3 (3%)
Runaway - 3 (3%)

Behavior progress - 33 (36%) of students successfully make it to PROGRESS Phase
Academic progress - 58 (64 %) of students either graduated from high school or progressed to the next grade level
Overall attendance for the school year 74.4%

Juvenile Probation & Court Services

1.) Probation Monitoring

In 2016 – 2017, a total of **109** youth were under Juvenile Probation supervision, among them, **68** youth were terminated; 48 (70%) of these youth were released successfully from probation.

- 23 (25.5%) Male/White,
- 45 (50.5%) Male/African Americans,
- 13 (14%) Male/Hispanics,
- 8 (10%) Male/Other,
- 4 (20%) Female/White,
- 11 (55%) Female/African American,
- 2 (10%) Female/Hispanic,
- 3 (15%) Female/Other



2.) Drug Screening

A total of **861** drug screenings were conducted during this period, 785 (91%) of the drug screens were negative. 76 (9%) were positive for illegal substances, among them 71 (8%) were positive for marijuana, three (3) were positive for cocaine, one (1) were positive for amphetamines and one (1) were positive for Benzodiazepine.

3.) Home Visit / Curfew Check

A total of **390 hours** of curfew calls and 88 hours of home visits were conducted through this time frame, this includes Juvenile Surveillance Program (JSP) 22 visits to 300 youth at home 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 **92 new** Dispositional Reports and **26** Dispositional Reports on probated youth, a total of **118** dispositional reports.

5.) Home Detention and GPS Ankle Monitor

A total of **177** youth were on **Home Detention** during this time period, of these 163 were terminated. 100 (61%) were terminated successfully; 63 (39%) were unsuccessful.

A total of **91** youth were placed on *the GPS ankle monitor* either as informal sanction or as a release from secure detention, 62 (68%) of them were successful. These two projects kept 268 youth out of the detention center which reduces financial cost.

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

A total of **193** youth were referred to the Suspension Alternative Program, these totaled for over 600 school days. This program 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 **120 community service hours** during this time frame at various locations around Fayette County.

8.) Recidivism

There were 12 (11%) probated youth that had 24 new adjudicated offenses for this fiscal year.

9.) Juvenile Probation Officers filed 62 Violation of probation charges in 2016-2017 fiscal year; 53 of these had Custody order issued and 9 were summons issued.

10.) 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, KVC and Stoner Creek for specialized services.

Youth Development Center

1). 2017 Summer Youth Job Training Program

462 youth applied for 300 available job opportunities

- Number of youth hired - 300 youth
- Number of worksites - 115 sites
- Number of weeks worked - 6 weeks

Females - 177 (41%)

Males - 123 (59%)

Black - 204 (68%)

White - 45 (15%)

Bi-Racial - 12 (4%)

Hispanic - 3 (1%)

Asian - 5 (2%)

Others - 31 (10%)



89% of employers were satisfied with the quality of work

85% of employers rated youth proficient in communication

82% of employers rated youth proficient on problem-solving/critical thinking skills

81% of employers rated youth in taking initiatives.

2). 360 Change (formerly Coleman House Project)

Total Number Clients served: 36

Gender: Males: 27 (75%) Females: 9 (25%)

Race

African American/Black: 12 (33%)

Hispanic: 19 (53%)

Caucasian/White: 4 (11%)

Bi-Racial 1 (3%)

Outcomes

Completed program successfully: 27 (75%)

3). Case Management Services:

Total number of Clients: 70 Case closed: 46;

Gender: Males: 38 (54%) Females: 32 (46%)

<u>Race</u>		<u>Outcomes</u>	
African American/Black:	24 (34%)	Successful closures:	33 (72%)
Caucasian/White:	20 (28%)	Transfer to CHFS, court ...etc.	4 (9%)
Hispanic:	16 (23%)	Youth turned 18	1 (1%)
Bi-Racial:	8 (12%)	Non-compliant	8 (18%)
Others:	2 (3%)		

Assessment conducted - 58 Court report written - 116

Drug screenings - 106; tested negative 47 (44%); positive 59 (56%)

4). Gainesway Community Center Program

Homework Huddle - 83, Teen Express Camp - 31

Spring Break camp - 24;

5) Family Nurturing groups

A total of 46 parents participated in this 12 weeks program, they learned new skills in understanding and communicating with their teens at home.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

- 128 volunteers provided advocacy to 398 children for a total of 5,181 hours.
- 93 new cases with 209 children were accepted from the court.
- 162 children achieved permanency goal and cases were closed.

Child Demographics; total of 398

<u>Age:</u>	0-5:	145 (36%)
	6-11:	130 (33%)
	12-17:	105 (26%)
	18+:	18 (5%)

<u>Gender:</u>	Male:	197 (49%)
	Female:	201 (51%)

Ethnicity:

African American:	83 (21%)
Caucasian:	193 (48%)
Hispanic/Latino:	32 (8%)
Bi-Racial:	83 (21%)
African:	6 (2%)
Asian:	1 (under 1%)



CASA is a non-profit organization that is supported administratively by LFUCG Division of Youth Services. Last year CASA raised a total revenue of \$373,655 of which \$118,125 was grant funds, \$111,112 contributions, \$144,366 was fundraised and \$52 came from other sources. Personnel expenditures were 83% of total revenue.

DYS Staff Profile

Gender

- Females - 28 (74%)
- Males - 10 (26%)

Race

- Black - 20 (53%)
- Hispanic - 3 (8%)
- White - 14 (36%)
- Asian - 1 (3%)

Employment Status

- Full-time: 33 (87%)
- Part-time: 5 (13%)

DYS Budget

Total city operating budget was **\$2,773,070**
Additional grants from state and federal was \$370,641



In Dedication to our Commissioner Chris Ford and 38 DYS Staff

Mary Alcius

Angela Atchison

Richard Bello

Lisa Berman

Paula Campbell

Paul Canter

Clarice Combs

Sonya Combs

Matthew Crutcher

Peggy Floyd

Earlanna Goldsmith

Ed Hale

Barbara Hausley

Theo Hersey

Stephanie Hong

Melynda Jamison

Robert Stefan Lewis

Anthony Meza

Morgan Meade

Tara Mills

Mattie Morton

Renaye Motts

Yolanda Pinilla

Kim Read

Brenda Ramsey

Glenda Rhodes

LaYvonne Sensabaugh

Leigh Shotton

Pat Sidney

Kristi Strothers

Tera Sullivan

Tony Talbott

Linda Taylor

Robin Taylor

India Thomason

Jack Walker

Angela Williams

Gary Young

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