



Annual Report 2018

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.....

A new school year with a new building name - dedicated to a former educator, and a new face from Fayette County Public Schools brings renewed energy for our Day Treatment program located at the Audrey Grevious Center. Walking around the building we see some returning students who are eager to start a new semester; we also see new students who are uncomfortable, uncertain and maybe some of them are apathetic. This is where magic happens in the next few months with dedication and professionalism of staff; as well as commitment from youth and their families. Equitable opportunities are presented here for the youth to discover their full potential; encourage their commitment to stay away from their negative past and steering toward a brighter future. Our clinical staff dedicate their efforts in removing the masks youth have been carrying to cover their pain and hurts from past traumatic events in their lives. The safe environment clinical staff created, allows youth to be vulnerable and the healing can begin through individual session and group therapy. Our support staff work with youth on behavior management from the basic life skills to positive interaction with peers and staff. Educational staff from FCPS provide a unique and specialized learning opportunity for youth.



Across the Harry Sykes Way is our Juvenile Probation and Court Services (JPCS). The mission of JPCS is “...to provide probation services for adjudicated youth in an effort to decrease delinquency, as well as provide court related services to Fayette County District Court.” Probation staff attend court hearings daily and vigilantly monitoring probated youth day and night. Our staff track youth’s whereabouts through electronic devices to ensure they stay away from further trouble. In addition, staff pay visits to their schools, and/or homes to safeguard their compliance of the probation terms. The purpose of our service is to develop youth core competency; hold youth accountable for their actions and identify risk factors that would jeopardize community safety and to notify the court of non-compliance.

Two miles away from Harry Sykes Way campus, our Youth Development Center (YDC) is located at the Black and Williams Center. The center provides crisis intervention for parents who are struggling with teens utilizing “Nurturing Parenting”, an evidence-based parenting curriculum that teaches new perspective in parenting. The center also provides G.A.I.N. substance use assessment and Summer Youth Job Training Programs.

Sir Winston Churchill once said “Victory at all cost, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be; for without victory there is no survival.” I do believe with the hard reach and high risk youth we serve this is what motivates our staff every day!

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, staff are 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.
- 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.
- June 2018 The Day Treatment Center was re-named as Audrey Grevious Center in memory of a teach, principal, leader of the civil rights movement and member of the civil rights Hall of Fame.

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

LFUCG Division of Youth Services
Annual Report: July 2017 - June 2018

Total number of clients received intensive Services: **1293**

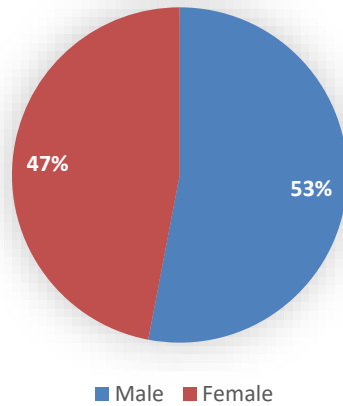
Gender:

Female: 605 (47%)
 Male: 688 (53%)

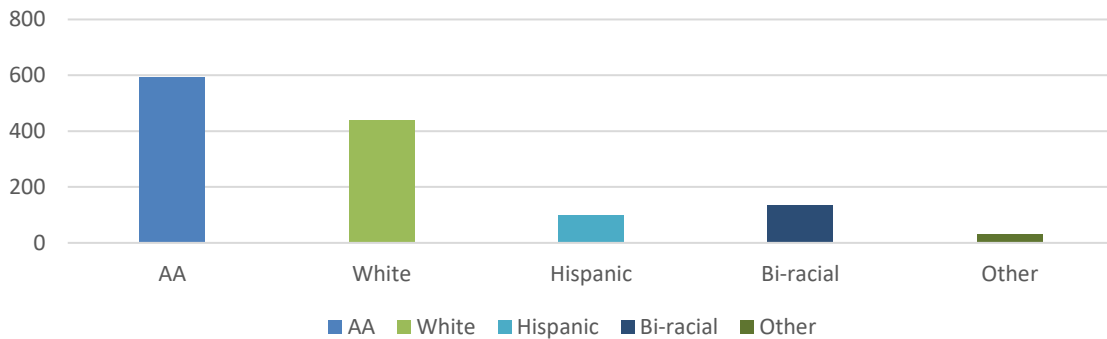
Race:

AA: 592 (46%)
 White: 437 (34%)
 Hispanic: 98 (8%)
 Bi-racial: 134 (10%)
 Other: 32 (2%)

Gender



Race



There are additional **645** youth not included in the above total. Among them, **148 youth** on Home Detention; **300** pre-adjudicated youth on curfew check; **80** on GPS monitor and **117** Suspension Alternative Program (S.A.P) youth were monitored/supervised through Juvenile Probation & Court Services.

111 parents participated & completed the 12-weeks “Family Nurturing Classes”.

Day Treatment Program at Audrey Grevious Center

Annual Report: June 2017 - May 2018

Total Number of Clients Served: 85

Gender:

Female: 19 (22%)

Male: 66 (78%)

Race:

AA - 40 (47%)

White - 32 (38%)

Hispanic - 8 (9%)

Bi-Racial - 5 (6%)



Referral Sources:

DYS Probation court-ordered - 36 (42%)

DJJ Probation court-ordered - 11 (13%)

DJJ Committed - 3 (4%)

DCBS court-ordered - 13 (15%)

DCBS committed - 5 (6%)

DYS social work court-order (status offenses) - 3 (4%)

Family Court (status) - court-order, no other agency involved - 8 (9%)

Voluntary - 6 (7%);

Outcomes:

High School Graduates - 9 (10%)

Successful Completion and return to home school - 13 (15%)

Still Enrolled - 26 (30%)

Moved out of Fayette County - 2 (2%)

Placement in Mental Health or residential facility - 6 (7%)

Unsuccessful completion, return to home school - 19 (22%)

Unsuccessful completion, placed at Alternative School (MLK) - 2 (2%)

Voluntary withdrawal to return to previous school - 1 (1%)

Withdrew to home school - 1 (1%) High school Drop Out - 1 (1%)

Enrolled in night school - 4 (5%) Runaway - 1 (1%)

Behavior progress - 40 (47%) of students successfully make it to PROGRESS Phase

Academic progress - 41 (48 %) of students either graduated from high school or progressed to the next grade level

Overall attendance for the school year - High school - 66.53%

Middle school - 78.26%

Juvenile Probation & Court Services

1.) Probation Monitoring

In 2017 – 2018, a total of **119** youth were under Juvenile Probation supervision, among them, **67** youth were terminated; 54 (80.5%) of these youth were released successfully from probation.

25 (26%)	Male/White,
50 (53%)	Male/African Americans,
17 (18%)	Male/Hispanics,
3 (3%)	Male/Other,
11 (46%)	Female/White,
8 (33%)	Female/ African American,
1 (4%)	Female/Hispanic,
4 (17%)	Female/Other



2.) Drug Screening

A total of **1,049** drug screenings were conducted during this period, 963 (92%) of the drug screens were negative. 86 (8%) were positive for illegal substances, among them 83 (8%) were positive for marijuana, two (2) were positive for cocaine, one (1) was positive for Benzodiazepine.

3.) Home Visit/ Curfew Check

A total of **240 hours** of curfew calls and **114** hours of home visits were conducted through this time frame, this includes Juvenile Surveillance Program (JSP) 29 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 **82 new** Dispositional Reports and **23** Dispositional Reports on probated youth, a total of **105** dispositional reports.

5.) Home Detention and GPS Ankle Monitor

A total of **148** youth were on **Home Detention** during this time period, of these 125 were terminated. 93 (74%) were terminated successfully; 32 (26%) were unsuccessful.

A total of **80** youth were placed on *the GPS ankle monitor* either as informal sanction or as a release from secure detention, 57 (71%) of them were successful. These two projects kept 228 youth out of the detention center which reduces financial cost.

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

A total of **117** 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 **100 community service hours** during this time frame at various locations around Fayette County.

8.) Recidivism

There were 17 (14%) probated youth that had 18 new adjudicated offenses for this fiscal year.

9.) Juvenile Probation Officers filed 32 Violation of probation charges in 2017-2018 fiscal year; this is a 48% drop from the number of 62 filed last fiscal year. 23 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). 2018 Summer Youth Job Training Program

411 youth applied for 300 available job opportunities

- Number of youth hired - 309 youth
- Number of worksites - 115 sites
- Number of weeks worked - 6

Females - 174 (56%)

Males - 135 (44%)

Black - 220 (71%)

White - 46 (15%)

Hispanic - 30 (10%)

Others - 13 (4%)

79% of employers were satisfied with the quality of work

81% of employers rated youth proficient in communication

81% of employers rated youth proficient on problem-solving/critical thinking skills

77% of employers rated youth in taking initiatives.

2). 360 Change (formerly Coleman House Project)

Total Number Clients served: 34

Gender: Males: 25 (74%) Females: 9 (26%)

Race

African American/Black: 6 (18%) Hispanic: 7 (20%)

Caucasian/White: 15 (44%) Bi-Racial & Asian 6 (18%)

Outcomes

Completed program successfully: 11 (32%)

3). Case Management Services:

Total number of Clients: 66 Case closed: 57

Gender: Males: 38 (58%) Females: 28 (42%)

<u>Race</u>		<u>Outcomes</u>	
African American/Black:	24 (36%)	Successful closures:	29 (44%)
Caucasian/White:	27 (41%)	Transfer to CHFS, court ...etc.	5 (8%)
Hispanic:	12 (18%)	No longer need service	11 (17%)
Bi-Racial:	2 (3%)	Non-compliant	11 (17%)
Others:	1 (2%)		

Assessment conducted - 60 Court report written - 101

Drug screenings - 131; tested negative 85 (65%); positive 28 (21%);

no show 18 (14%)

4). Gainesway Community Center Program

Homework Huddle - 46, Teen Express Camp - 27

“No Limit to Success” program - 37;

5) Family Nurturing groups

A total of 111 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)

- 169 volunteers provided advocacy to 570 children for a total of 10,676 hours.
- 129 new cases with 268 children were accepted from the court.
- 222 children achieved permanency goal and cases were closed.

Child Demographics; total of 398

<u>Age:</u>	0-5:	182 (32%)
	6-11:	188 (33%)
	12-17:	173 (30%)
	18+:	27 (5%)

<u>Gender:</u>	Male:	282 (49%)
	Female:	288 (51%)

Ethnicity:

African American:	154 (27%)
African:	4 (under 1%)
American Indian:	3 (under 1%)
Caucasian:	275 (48%)
Hispanic/Latino:	20 (4%)
Bi-Racial:	113 (20%)
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 \$623,301 of which \$277,292 was grant funds, \$113,256 was individual contributions, \$231,216 was fundraised and \$1,537 came from other sources. Personnel expenditures were 83% of total revenue.

DYS Staff Profile

Gender

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

Race

- Black - 19 (50%)
- Hispanic - 3 (8%)
- White - 15 (39%)
- Asian - 1 (3%)

Employment Status

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

DYS Budget

Total city operating budget was **\$2,838,725**
Additional grants from state and federal was \$328,417



In Dedication to our Commissioner Chris Ford and 38 DYS Staff

Mary Alcius

Angela Atchison

Richard Bello

Paul Canter

Clarice Combs

Sonya Combs

Matthew Crutcher

Peggy Floyd

Brittany Gentry

Earlanna Goldsmith

Ed Hale

Barbara Hausley

Stephanie Hong

Melynda Jamison

Kelly Justice

Anthony Meza

Morgan Meade

Tara Mills

Ozon Mitchel

Mattie Morton

Renaye Motts

Yolanda Pinilla

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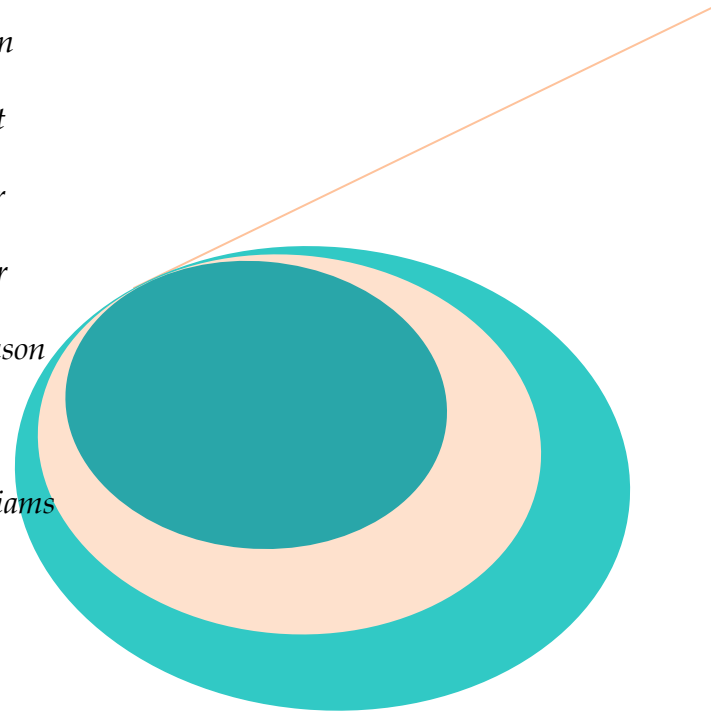
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