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Annual Report 2020

Division of Youth Services, LFUCG

This report includes Day Treatment program, Juvenile Probation P.A.G.E. Program, Gainesway Community Center and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates).

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From the director.....

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Division of Youth Services has been providing services to children and their families since 1928. Although the name has changed a few times from Children’s Bureau to Children’s Services to Division of Youth Services; and the services we provided have evolved from adoption; Juvenile Detention Center; Coleman House emergency shelter; Crime Against Children; Kenwick Street Outreach Youth Project and Youth and Family Services; the core of our services has not been changed. It is to serve vulnerable youth and their families; assist them to navigate the Juvenile justice system and to work through meeting developmental needs of youth by removing barriers to ensure their success into adulthood. Today, our three core services are still intact and they reflect the continuing, if not more critical, needs of our community

Our Day Treatment program is the only educational program in Fayette County that has Licensed Clinical Social Workers (L.C.S.W.) to provide for the clinical and mental health needs of youth. Youth receive treatment to address their various trauma, mental health, substance use, decision making and family dynamic issues. By promoting healthy coping mechanisms, effective communication skills, positive social skills, personal responsibility and independent living skills, youth are provided opportunity to successfully complete their education and establish a healthier lifestyle once they complete the program.

Our Juvenile Probation Officers are the only local unit in the state of KY (or in the nation) to provide services and supervision to court involved youth to ensure they stay in our community while exploring creative ways to engage them in positive activities and explore their career interest.

Our P.A.G.E. (Parent And Guardian Empowerment) program provides intensive case management to high risk youth and their families with resources, education and awareness. Substance abuse assessment are conducted with youth, while parenting group sessions are provided for parents

Then, there comes COVID 19 that totally changed the way we operate. Youth are staying home and learning virtually. Our government was shut down for the whole month of April and the court houses were not open to the public. We have to learn the new way of communication via zoom for individual or group therapies; we work from home half of the time. What I have seen through the COVID storm was the **resiliency** and the **creativity** of our staff. Kids stayed home, so we delivered Chromebook to them; if they don’t have internet access, we delivered hotspots to them; when there were not enough Chrome books, we made packets and delivered packets to them. Juvenile Court was closed to the public, but the youth and parents need to attend court hearings, so we opened our office to serve as Juvenile Court for the families via zoom. Of course, all safety guidelines and precautions are strictly followed and keeping our social distance.

Our mission, our services and our commitment to the youth of our community has stood the test of time. We have adapted, overcome and persevered and will continue to do so in order to support and develop the youth of Fayette County. 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 4 major programs: Day Treatment program; Juvenile Probation & Court Services; P.A.G.E. (Parent And Guardian Empowerment) which includes Gainesway Afterschool program; and CASA of Lexington.

LFUCG Division of Youth Services
Annual Report: July 2019 - June 2020

Total number of clients received intensive Services: **1141**

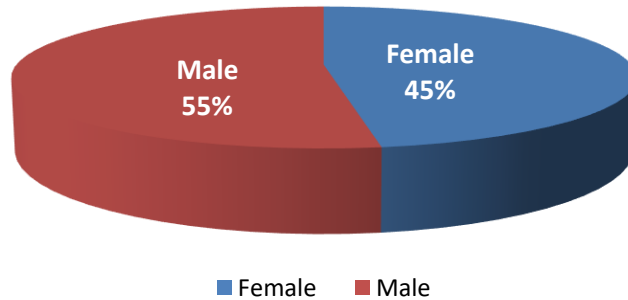
Gender:

Female: 514 (45%)
 Male: 627 (55%)

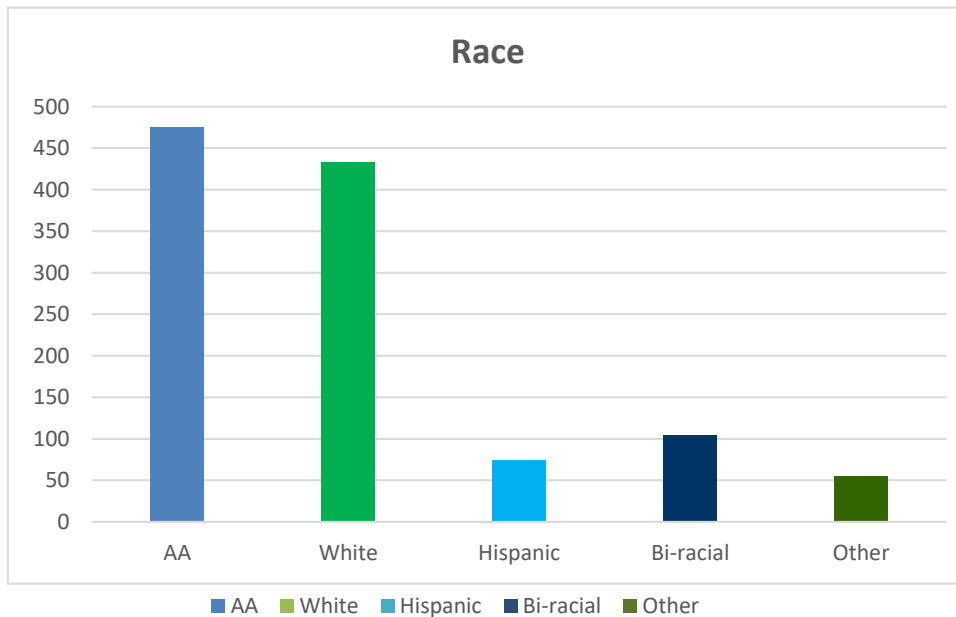
Race:

AA: 475 (42%)
 White: 433 (38%)
 Hispanic: 74 (7%)
 Bi-racial: 104 (9%)
 Other: 55 (4%)

GENDER



Race



There are additional **508** youth not included in the above total. Among them, **96 youth** on Home Detention; **268** pre-adjudicated youth on curfew check; **144** on GPS monitors.

Also, **55** parents participated & completed the 12-weeks "Family Nurturing Classes".

Day Treatment Program at Audrey Grevious Center

Annual Report: June 2019 - May 2020

Total Number of Clients Served: 97

Gender:

Female: 28 (29%)

Male: 69 (71%)

Race:

AA - 42 (43%)

White - 32 (33%)

Hispanic - 17 (18%)

Multi-racial 6 (6%)



Students Profile:

6 students are English as Second Language learners

31 (32%) students receives Special Education Services

8 students has a 504 plan

5 students were identified as Gifted or Talented

Referral Sources:

DYS Probation court-ordered - 34(35%)

DJJ Probation court-ordered - 10 (10%)

DJJ Committed - 1 (1%)

DCBS court-ordered - 17 (18%)

DCBS committed - 1 (1%)

DYS social work court-order (status offenses) - 11 (11%)

Family Court (status) - court-order, no other agency involved - 3 (3%)

F.A.I.R. team referral - 10 (10%) Voluntary - 10 (10%);

Outcomes:

Still Enrolled - 35 (36%)

High School Graduates - 3 (3%)

Successful Completion and return to home school - 3 (3%)

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

Unsuccessful completion, return to home school - 19 (20%)

Unsuccessful completion, return to MLK - 12 (12%)

Withdrawal to Job Corp or Family Care Center - 2 (2%)

High school Drop Out - 3 (3%) Enrolled in night school - 2 (2%)

Runaway - 1 (1%) Detention Center - 10 (10%)

Behavior progress - 37 (38%) of students successfully make it to PROGRESS Phase

Academic progress - 47 (48 %) of students made educational progress

Juvenile Probation & Court Services

1.) Probation Monitoring

In 2019 – 2020, a total of **84** youth were under Juvenile Probation supervision, among them, **62** youth were terminated; 48 (77%) of these youth were released successfully from probation.

- 12 (17%) Male/White,
- 42 (58%) Male/African Americans,
- 13 (18%) Male/Hispanics,
- 5 (7%) Male/Other,
- 2 (17%) Female/White,
- 8 (67%) Female/African American,
- 1 (8%) Female/Hispanic,
- 1 (8%) Female/Other



Due to COVID 19, the Fayette District Court was closed to in-person proceedings from March 23 to June 1. Our Juvenile Probation and Court Services facilitated Juvenile Court proceedings by allowing families to appear in our office and participate in the court process via Zoom. Safety guidelines were strictly followed. Below is the number of cases that were able to be held:

- Detention hearing: 42**
- Arraignment hear: 4**
- Pre-Trial Conference hearing: 46**
- Disposition hearing: 2**
- Review hearing: 6**
- Youthful Offender hearing: 9**

2.) Drug Screening

A total of **1,280** drug screenings were conducted during this period, 96 (75%) were positive for illegal substances, among them 78 (61%) were positive for marijuana, 5 (4%) were positive for cocaine, 5 (4%) was positive for Benzodiazepine; and 8 were positive for other drugs

3.) Home Visit / Curfew Check

A total of **255 hours** of curfew calls and **72 hours** of home visits were conducted through this time frame, this includes Juvenile Surveillance Program (JSP) 18 visits to 192 youth at home during evening hours. This JSP program is conducted by a Juvenile 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 **66 new** Dispositional Reports and **14** Dispositional Reports on probated youth, a total of **80** dispositional reports.

5.) Home Detention and GPS Ankle Monitor

A total of **96** youth were on **Home Detention** during this time period, of these 85 were terminated. 55 (65%) were terminated successfully; 30 (35%) were unsuccessful.

A total of **144** youth were placed on *the GPS ankle monitor* either as informal sanction or as a release from secure detention, 100 (69%) of them were successful.

These two projects (Home Detention and Ankle Monitor) kept 240 youth out of the detention center.

6.) Recidivism

There were 13 (15%) probated youth that had 14 new adjudicated offenses for this fiscal year.

7.) Juvenile Probation Officers filed 71 Violation of probation charges this year; and 7 were summons issued.

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 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.

Parent And Guardian Empowerment (P.A.G.E.)

1). 2019 Summer Youth Job Training Program (for the month of July 2019)

325 youth applied for 300 available job opportunities

- Number of youth hired - 305 youth
- Number of worksites - 115 sites
- Number of weeks worked - 6

Females - 169 (55%)

Males - 136 (45%)

Black - 231 (76%)

White - 20 (6.5%)

Hispanic - 21 (6.5%)

Others - 33 (11%)

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: 38

3). Family Nurturing groups

A total of 55 parents participated in this 12 weeks program, they learned new skills in understanding and communicating with their teens at home.

4). Case Management Services plus 360 Change case management:

Total number of Clients: 98 Case closed: 57

Gender: Males: 60 (60%) Females: 38 (40%)

<u>Race</u>		<u>Outcomes</u>	
African American/Black:	33 (34%)	Successful closures:	39 (40%)
Caucasian/White:	33 (34%)	Case dismissed	39 (40%)
Hispanic:	21 (21%)	Transferred or referred	17 (17%)
Bi-Racial:	5 (5%)	Non-compliant	3 (3%)
Others:	6 (6%)		

Assessment conducted – 37 Court report written – 60

Drug screenings – 92;

---- tested negative 27 (29%);

---- positive 37(40%);

---- no show or no results 28 (14%)

5). Gainesway Community Center Program

Homework Huddle – 40, Teen Express Camp - 30

“NEERI” girls’ program – 25;

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

- 184 volunteers provided advocacy to 557 children for a total of 13,422 hours.
- 95 new cases with 195 children were accepted from the court.
- 175 children achieved permanency goal and cases were closed.

Child Demographics: total of 557

Age:	0-5:	200	(35.9%)
	6-11:	186	(33.4%)
	12-17:	157	(28.2%)
	18+:	14	(2.5%)

Gender:	Male:	290	(52%)
	Female:	267	(48%)

Ethnicity:			
African American:	119	(21%)	
Asian:	6	(1%)	
American Indian:	1	(under 1%)	
Caucasian:	334	(60%)	
Hispanic/Latino:	1	(under 1%)	
Bi-racial:	93	(17%)	
Native Hawaiian:	3	(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 \$1,553,785 of which \$920,700 was grant funds, \$360,077 was individual contributions, \$268,274 was fundraised and \$4,734 came from other sources. Of these funds, Personnel expenditures were 65% of total revenue.

DYS Staff Profile

Gender

- Females - 21 (62%)
- Males - 13 (38%)

Race

- Black - 18 (53%)
- Hispanic - 2 (6%)
- White - 13 (38%)
- Asian - 1 (3%)

Employment Status

- Full-time: 31 (84%)
- Part-time: 3 (16%)

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 34 DYS Staff

Angela Atchison

Brenda Ramsey

Richard Bello

Kim Read

Paul Canter

Eric Reid

Clarice Combs

La'Yvonne Sensabaugh

Matthew Crutcher

Leigh Shotton

Josh Evens

Pat Sidney

Peggy Floyd

Tera Sullivan

Brittany Gentry

Tony Talbott

Ed Hale

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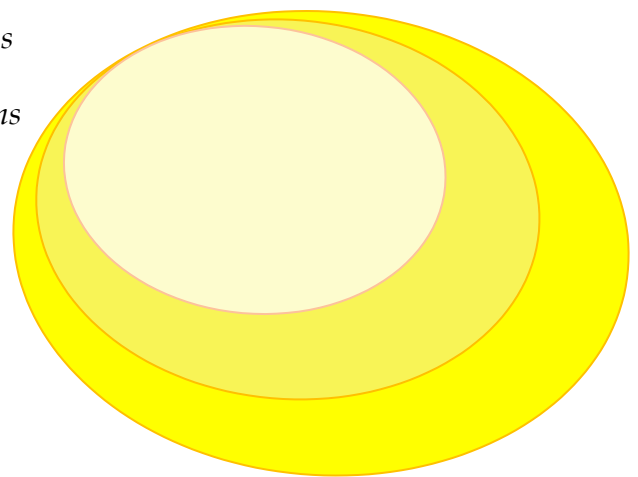
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