



Overview of Juvenile Justice Community Programs  
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Age of Juvenile Offenders Committee

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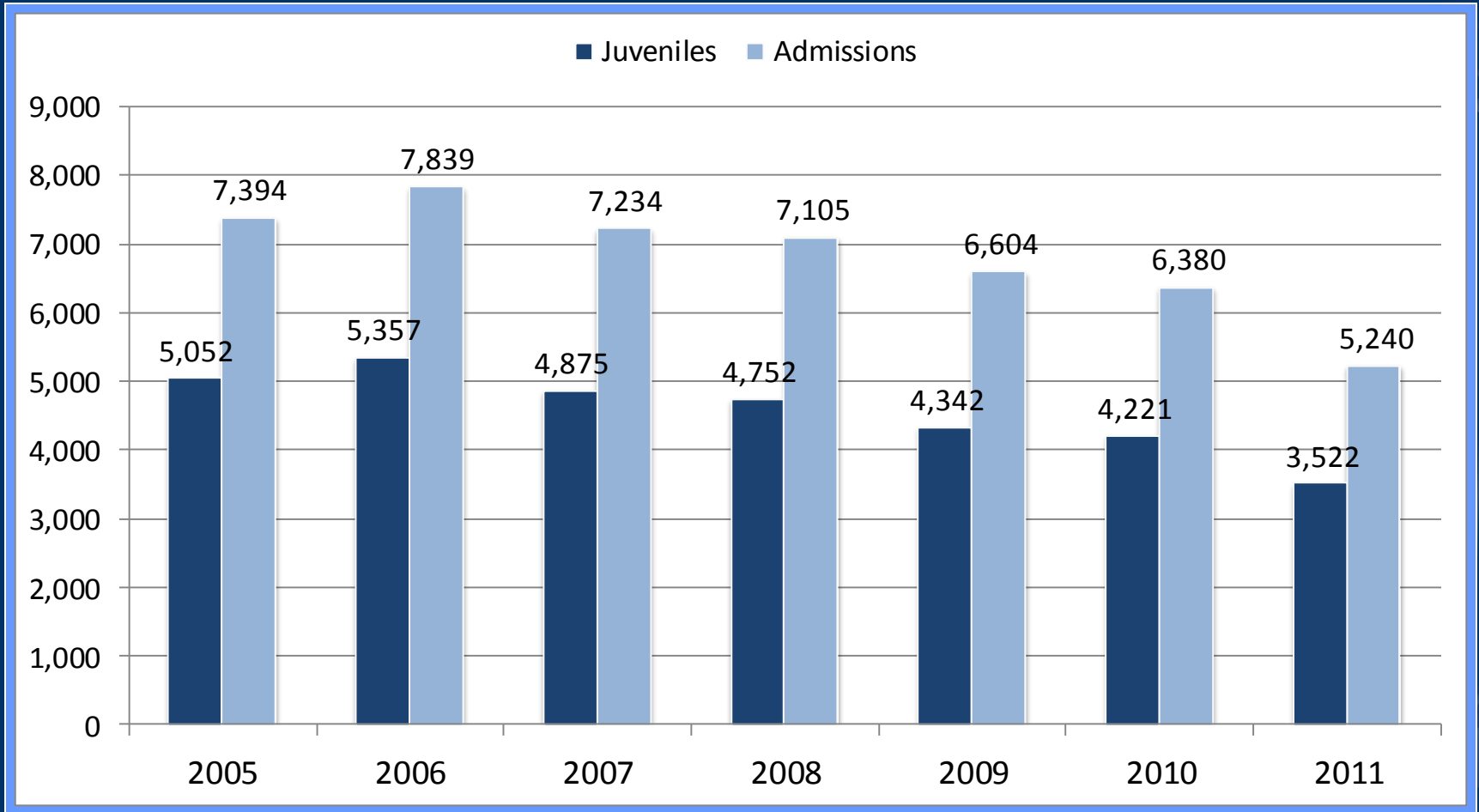


# Community Programs Overview

- The Community Programs Section is statutorily mandated to prevent initial or further involvement of youth in the juvenile justice system while contributing to public safety locally. These prevention, intervention, and re-entry programs are evidence-based or research-supported and have been instrumental in the steady decline of juvenile crime over the last decade.

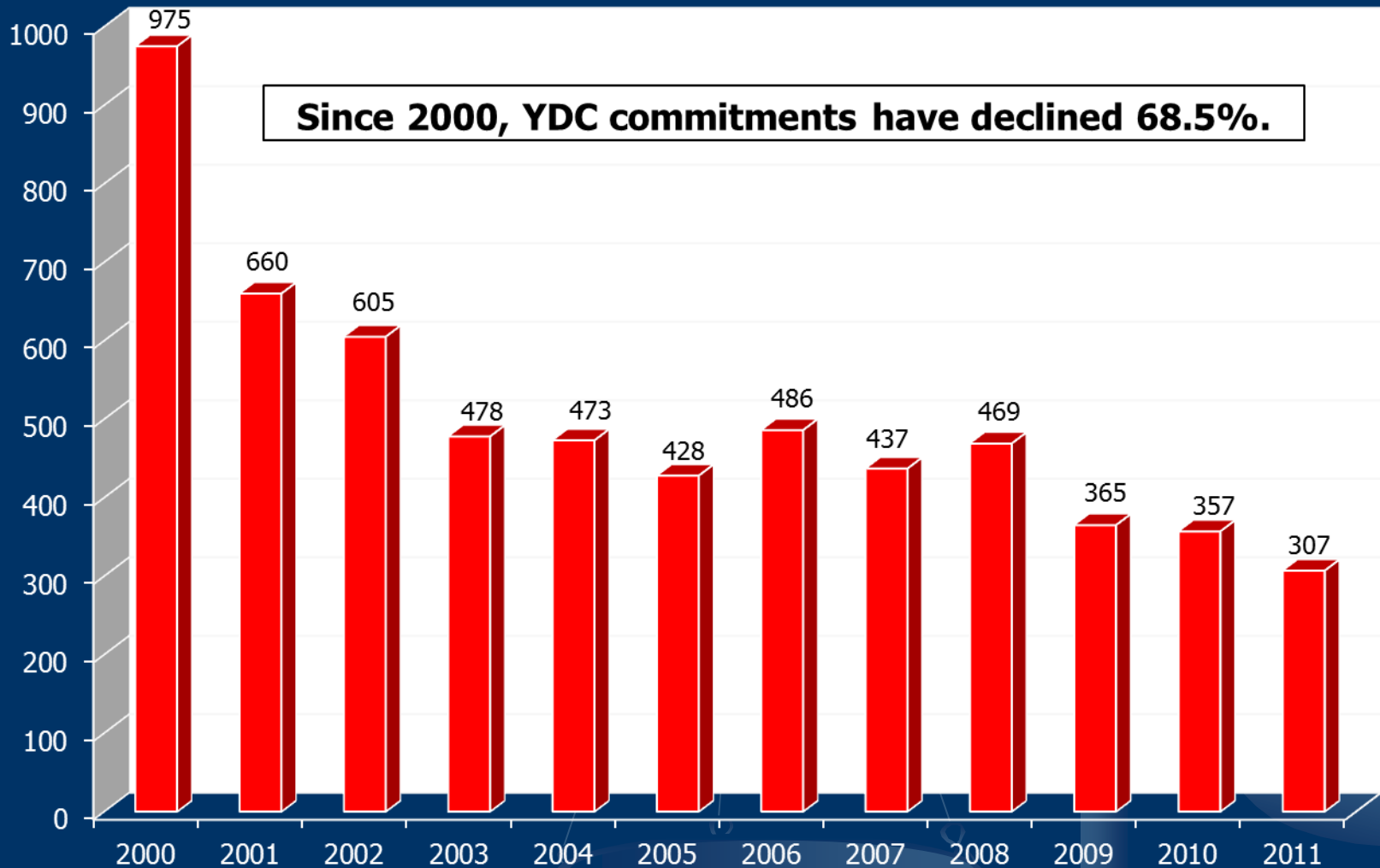
# Detention Center Admissions

Since 2005, admissions to detention have declined 29%.



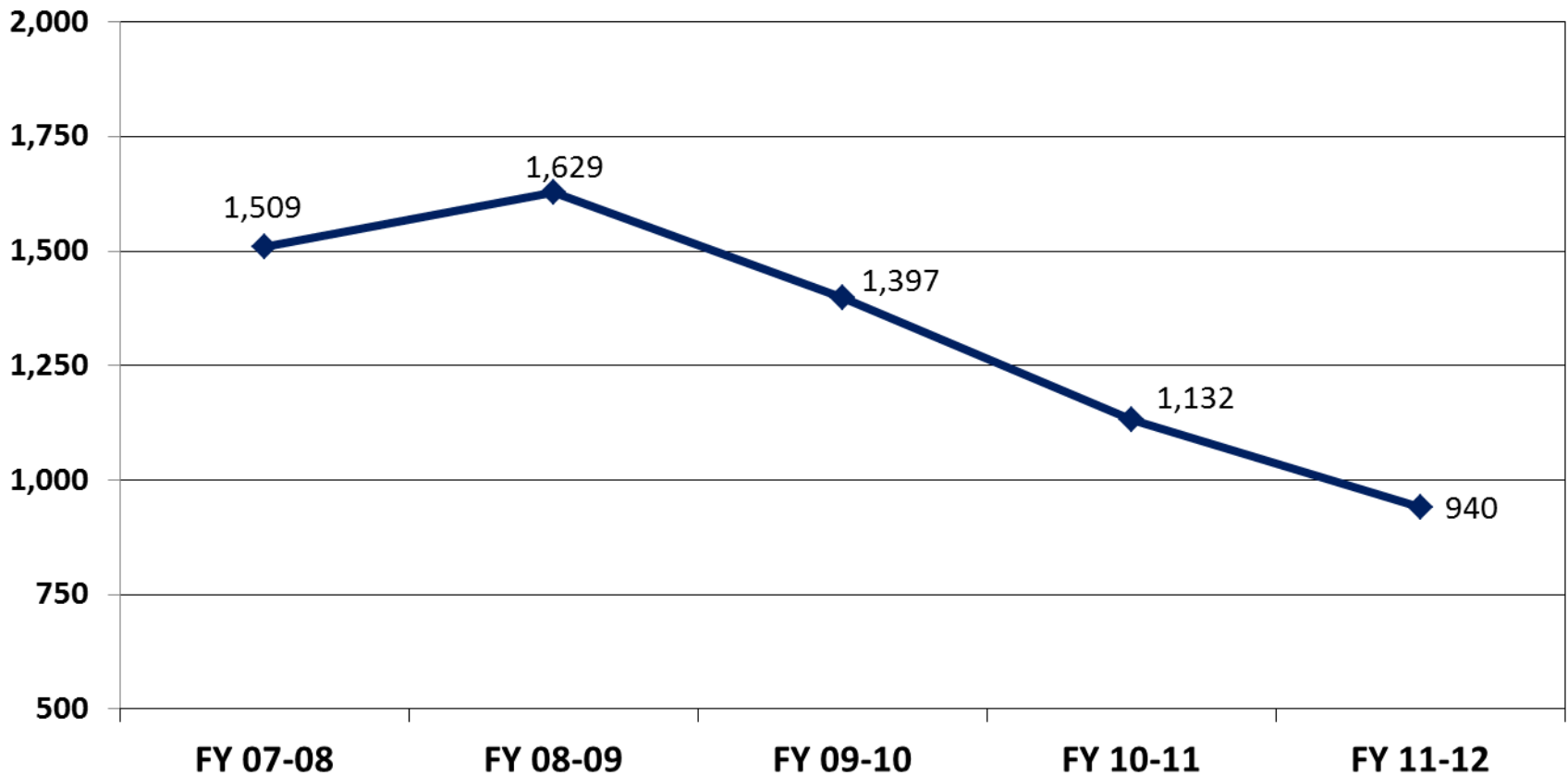


# Youth Development Center Commitments



# Gang Grant Results

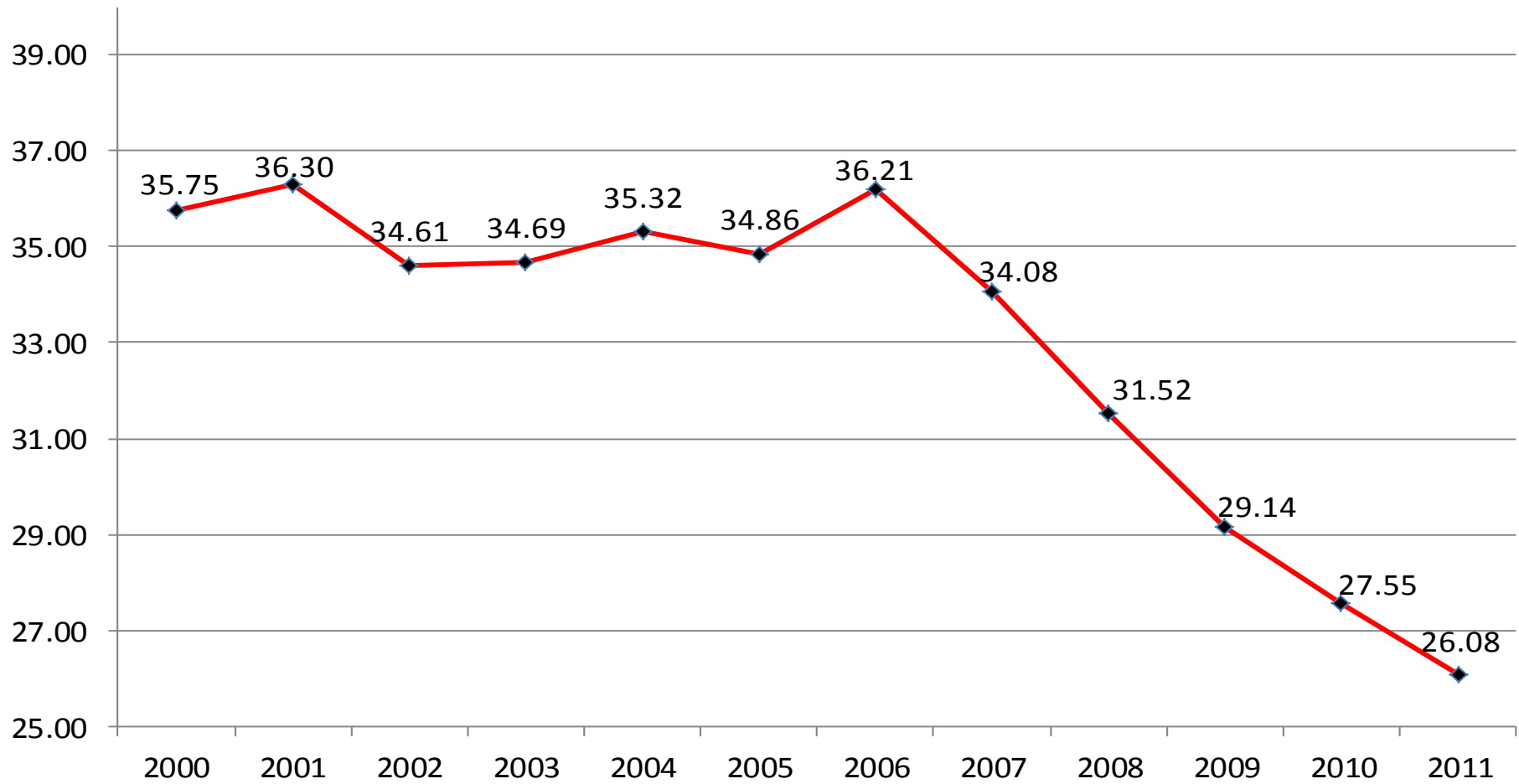
Distinct Juveniles Identified as Gang Members/Associates





# 2000-2011 Delinquency Rate

NC's juvenile delinquency rate is at an all-time low.



\*Delinquency rate is defined as delinquent complaints received per 1,000 youth ages 6-15.



# Community Programs Overview

- JCPC Funded Programs
- JCPC Endorsed Alternatives to Commitment Programs
- JCPC Endorsed Level II Programs





# Community Programs Overview

- State Residential Contracts
  - Methodist Home for Children (Multipurpose Juvenile Homes)
  - Eckerd Short-Term Residential for Males
  - WestCare Short-Term Residential for Females
- State Home-Based Contractual Services
  - AMIKids (Functional Family Therapy)
  - Eckerd (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Wrap-Around Services and Re-Entry Services)





# Overview of Comprehensive Strategy for Juvenile Justice

**Problem Behavior** ➤ **Noncriminal Misbehavior** ➤ **Delinquency** ➤ **Serious, Violent, and Chronic Offending**

## **Prevention** **Target Population: At-Risk Youth**

Programs for  
All Youth

Programs for Youth  
at Greatest Risk

### **Youth Development Goals:**

- Healthy and nurturing families.
- Safe communities.
- School attachment.
- Prosocial peer relations.
- Personal development and life skills.
- Healthy lifestyle choices.

## **Graduated Sanctions** **Target Population: Delinquent Youth**

Immediate  
Intervention

Intermediate  
Sanctions

Community  
Confinement

Youth  
Development  
Centers ➤ Aftercare

### **Youth Habilitation Goals:**

- Healthy family participation.
- Community reintegration.
- Educational success and skills development.
- Healthy peer network development.
- Prosocial values development.
- Healthy lifestyle choices.



# Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils



# Part 6. Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils

## **§ 143B-543. Legislative intent.**

It is the intent of the General Assembly to prevent juveniles who are at risk from becoming delinquent. The primary intent of this Part is to develop community-based alternatives to youth development centers and to provide community-based delinquency, substance abuse, and gang prevention strategies and programs. Additionally, it is the intent of the General Assembly to provide noninstitutional dispositional alternatives that will protect the community and the juveniles.

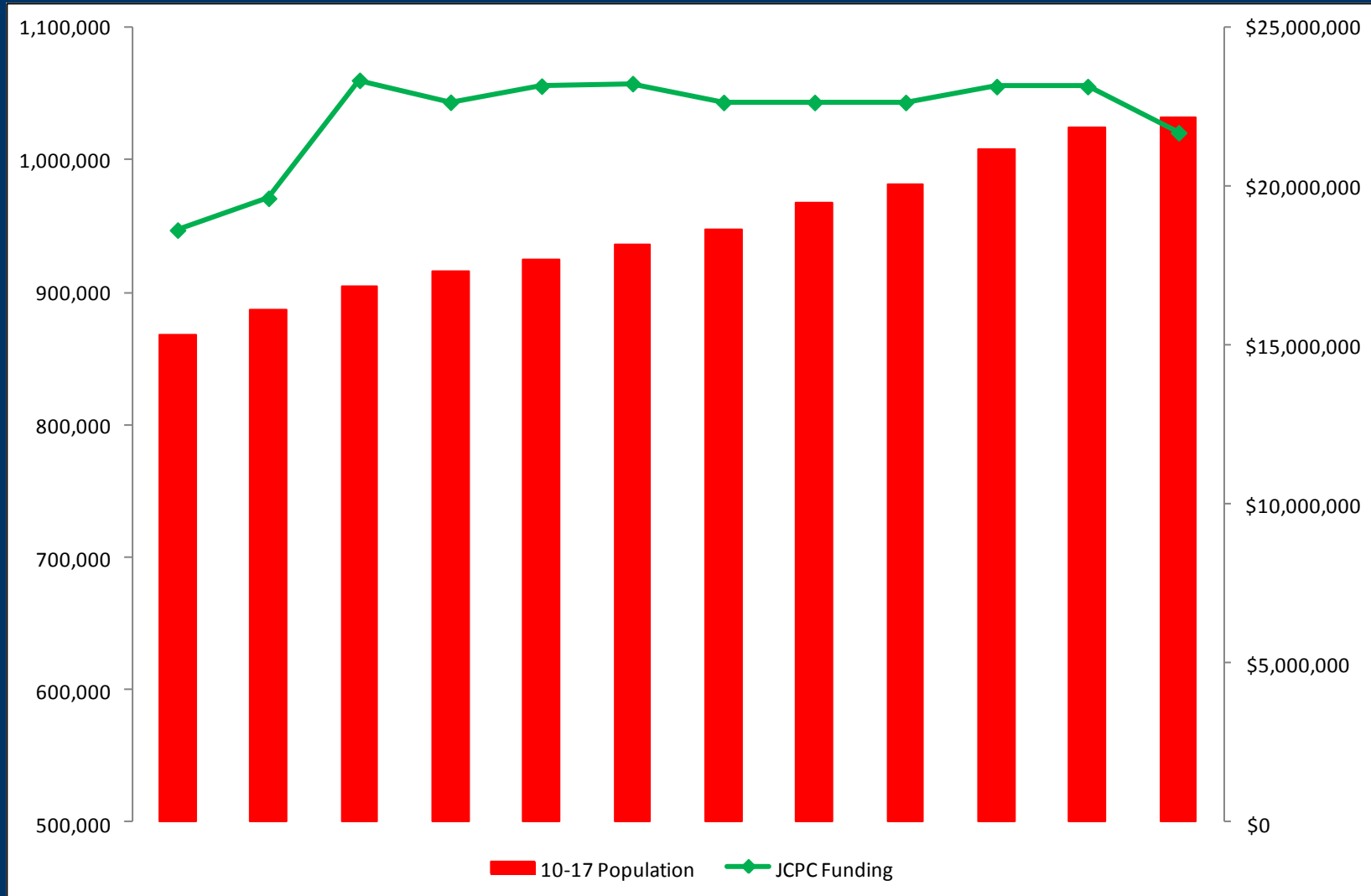


# JCPC-Funded Programs

- Keeping 1% of those served by JCPC-funded programs out of YDCs represents a cost savings equal to more than the total State budget for JCPCs.



# Youth Population and JCPC Allocation Trends: 1999-2011

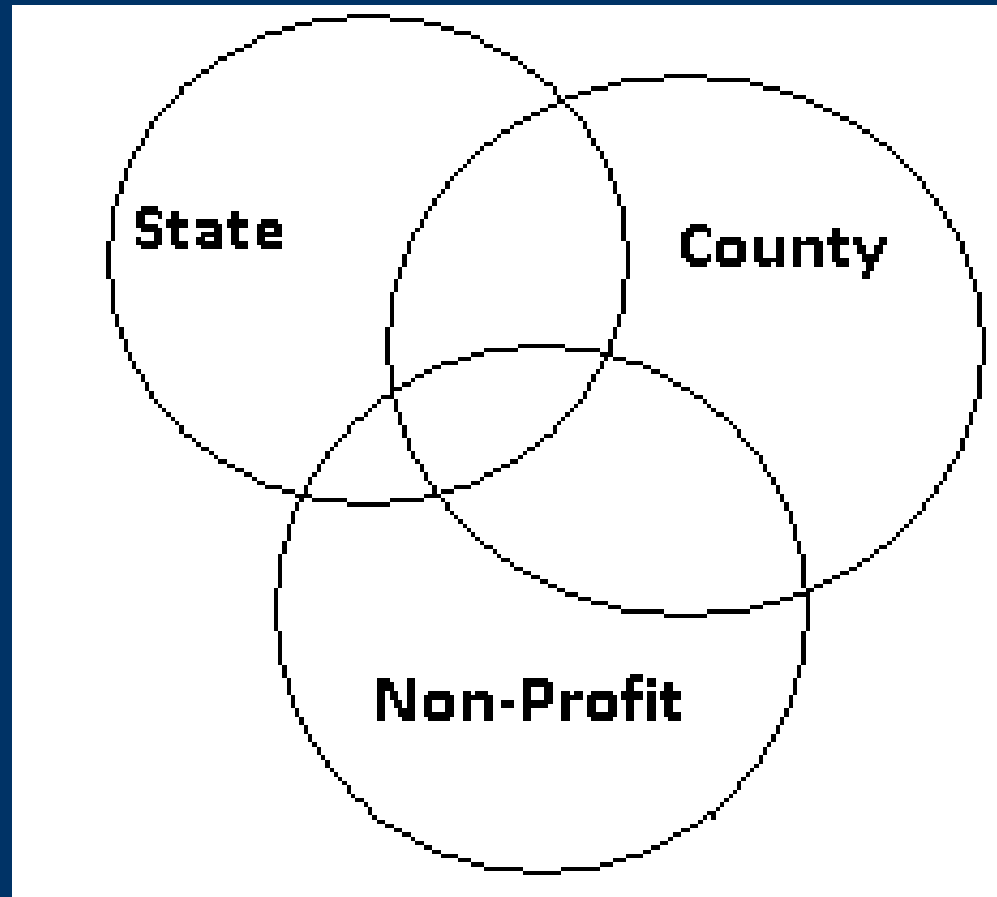




# JCPC Overview

- 100 county government partnerships
- 100 JCPCs
- Over 600 programs
- Over 1,500 local non-profit and local government employees providing programming
- Approximately 30,000 youth served annually

# JCPC Collaboration





# JCPC Program Types

- Residential Programs
- Restorative Programs
- Clinical Treatment Programs
- Structured Activities







# Residential Programs

- Group Homes
- Temporary Shelter Care
- Runaway Shelter
- Specialized Foster Care
- Temporary Foster Care



# Restorative Programs

- Teen Court
- Restorative Intervention
- Mediation
- Restitution (Victim Compensation and Community Service)





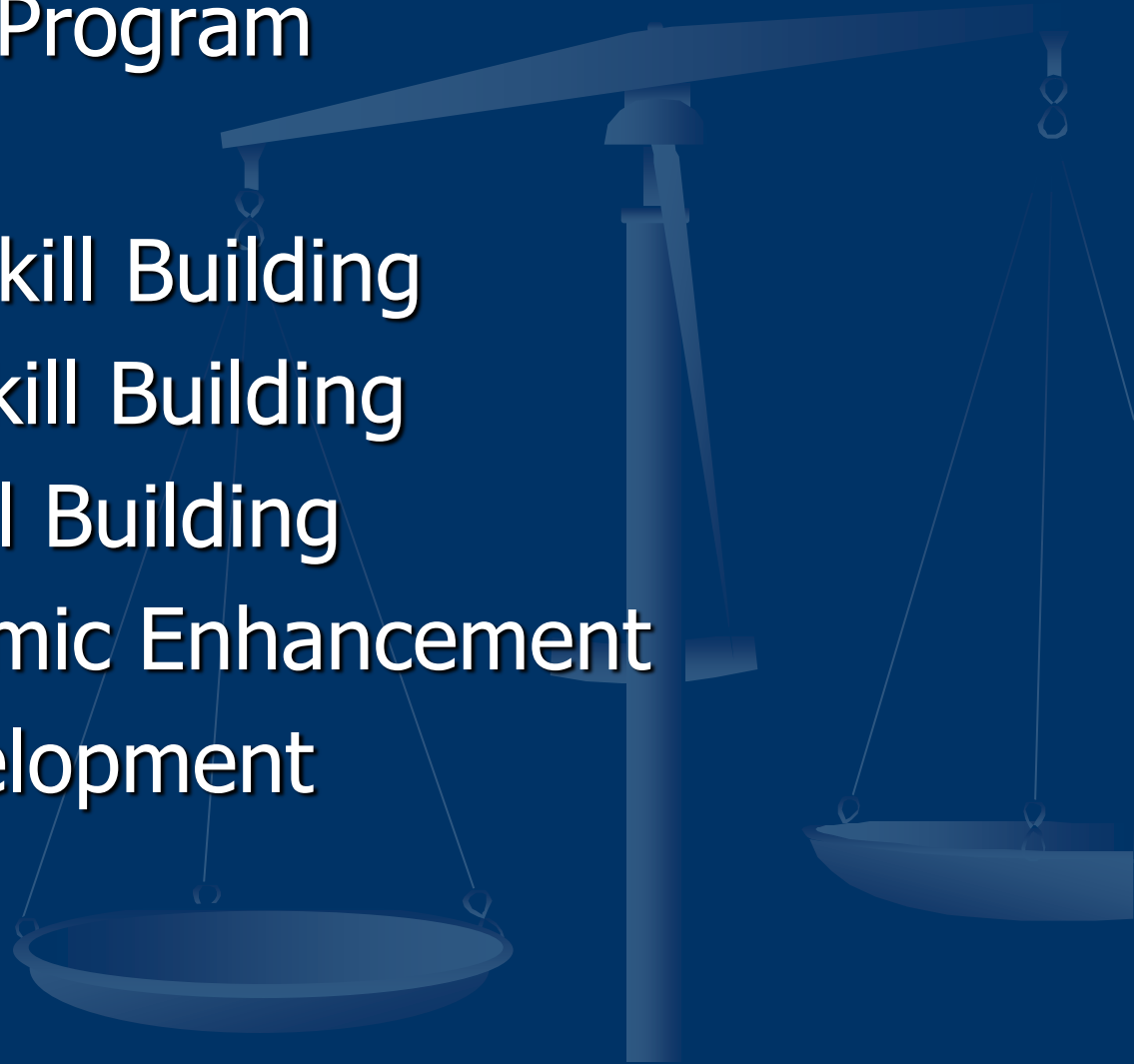
# Clinical Treatment Programs

- Individual/Group/Family Therapy
- Home-Based Family Counseling
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Sex Offender Treatment



# Structured Activities

- Structured Day Program
- Mentoring
- Parent/Family Skill Building
- Interpersonal Skill Building
- Experiential Skill Building
- Tutoring/Academic Enhancement
- Vocational Development





# Combining State and Local Resources

- Total DJJ allocation to JCPCs **\$21,712,707.01**
- Total resources leveraged through the partnership with State and local entities **\$37,408,312.00**
- For every dollar the State allocates for JCPC programs, local communities provide another \$0.72
- Average cost per youth **\$1,288.74**
- Average DJJ cost per youth **\$748.02**



# JCPC Endorsed Alternatives to Commitment Programs



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- Serve Level III and Level II disposed juveniles
- Evidence-based services including: CBT, intensive in-home counseling, wrap-around and family-based counseling
- Cost per juvenile approximately \$7,064



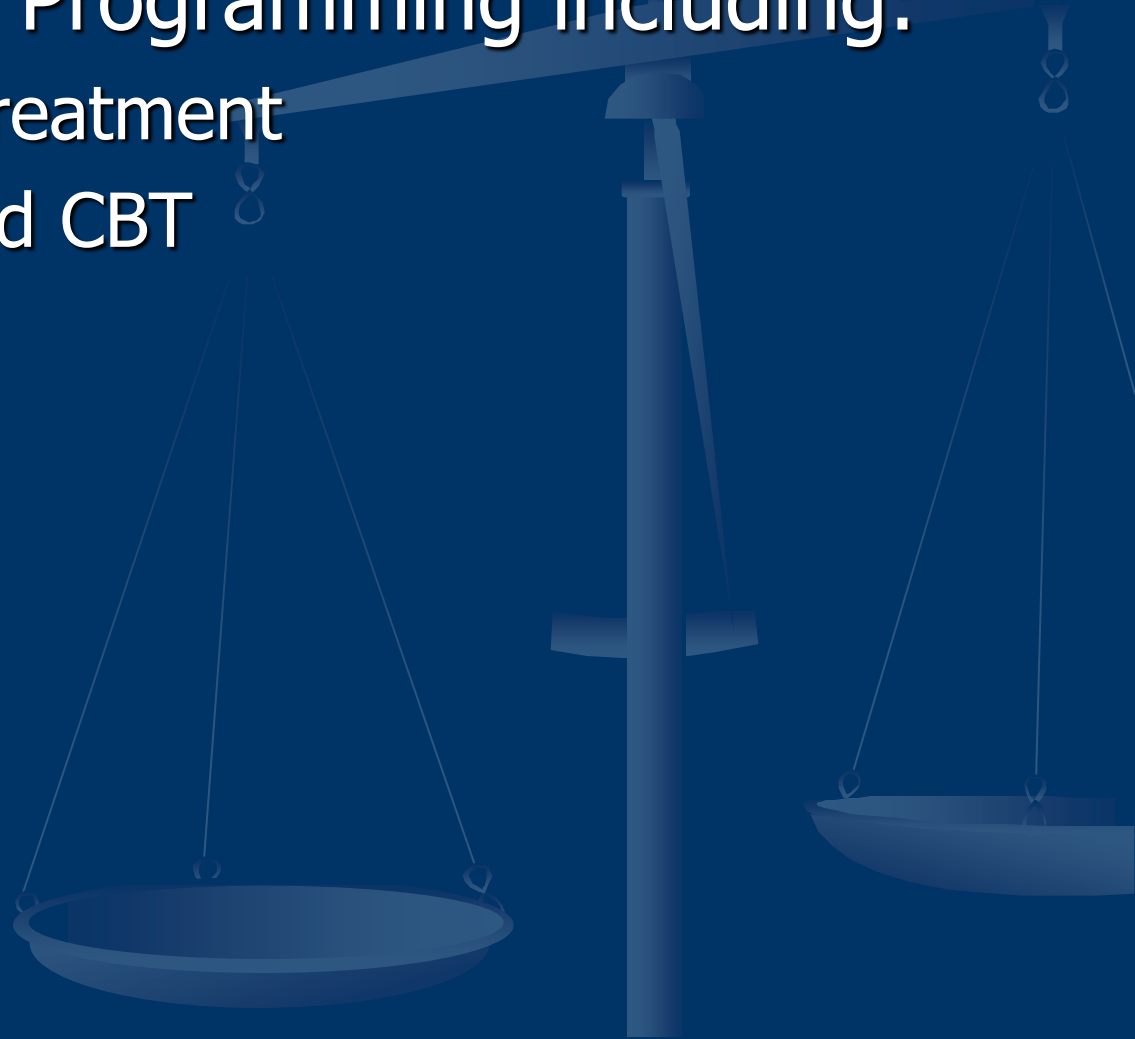
# JCPC Endorsed Level II Programs





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- Evidence-Based Programming including:
  - Sex Offender Treatment
  - Trauma-Focused CBT
  - Family Therapy
  - CBT





# State Contractual Services



# Residential Services



# Multipurpose Juvenile Homes

- Operated by Methodist Home for Children
- Intense residential services for Level II disposed youth
- 6 to 8 months
- Based on the Family Teaching Model
- 40 beds (approximately 80 annually)
- Cost per juvenile approximately \$39,060



# Craven Transitional Home

- Operated by Methodist Home for Children
- Youth transitioning from YDC commitment to independent living
- 6 to 12 months
- Based on the Family Teaching Model
- 6 beds (approximately 12 annually)
- All youth are employed and attending community college



# Eckerd Campus at Wilkes and Candor

- Intense residential services
- 3 to 6 months
- Based on CBT (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy)
- 48 beds (approximately 140 annually)
- Cost per juvenile approximately \$28,767



# WestCare Residential Services

- Intensive female residential service for Level II disposed youth
- 3 – 6 months
- Trauma-informed, gender-responsive treatment
- 16 beds (approximately 35 annually)
- Cost per juvenile is \$45,900



# Home-Based Contractual Services





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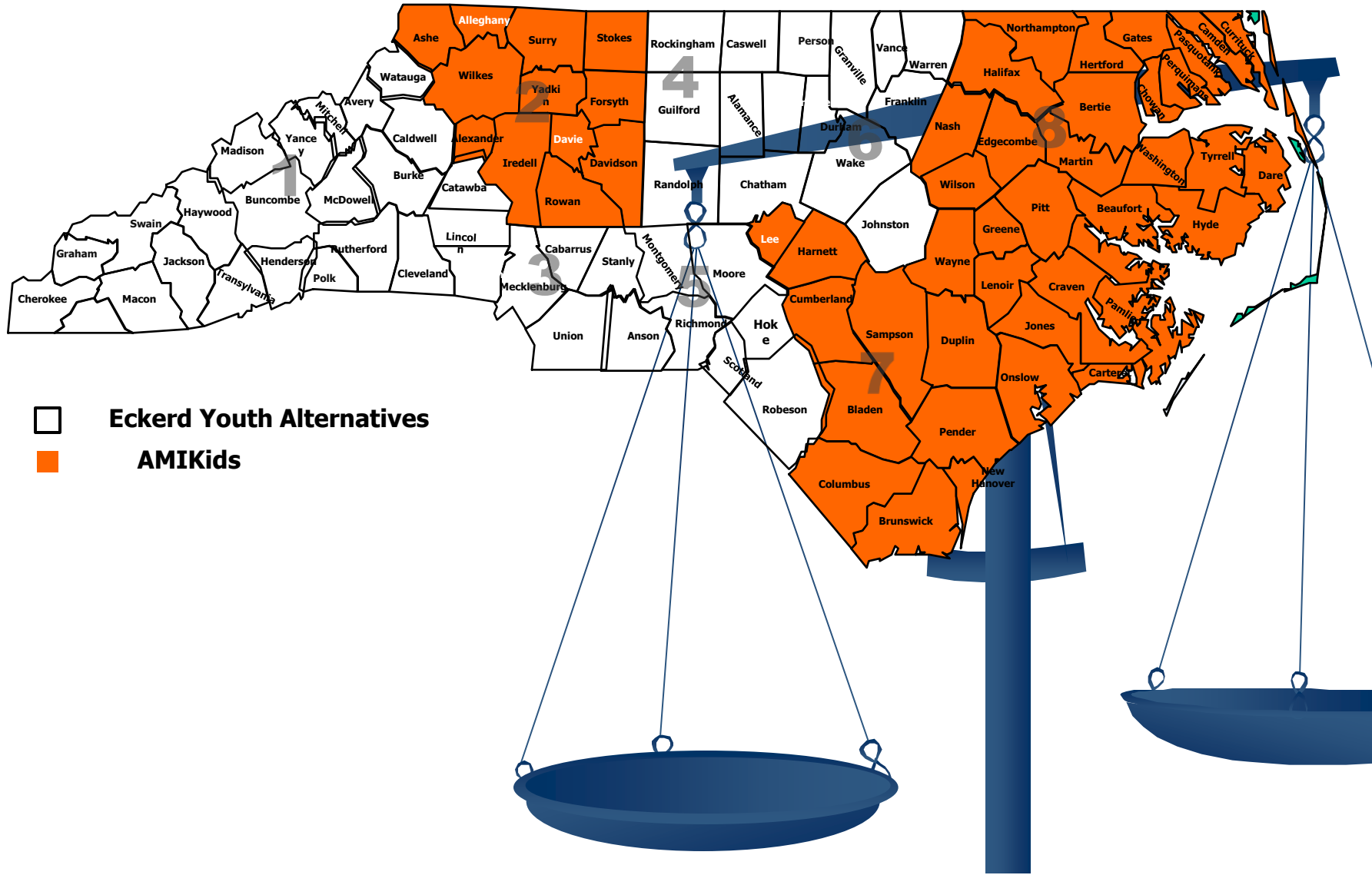
- Eckerd
  - CBT
  - Wrap-around services
  - Re-entry services
  - Average length of stay 6 months
  - Cost per juvenile approximately \$4,320



# Home-Based Contractual Services

- AMIKids
  - Functional Family Therapy
  - Average length of stay 6 months
  - Cost per juvenile approximately \$8,640

## Provider Coverage Areas for Home-Based Contractual Services





# Impact of Raising the Age on Community Programming



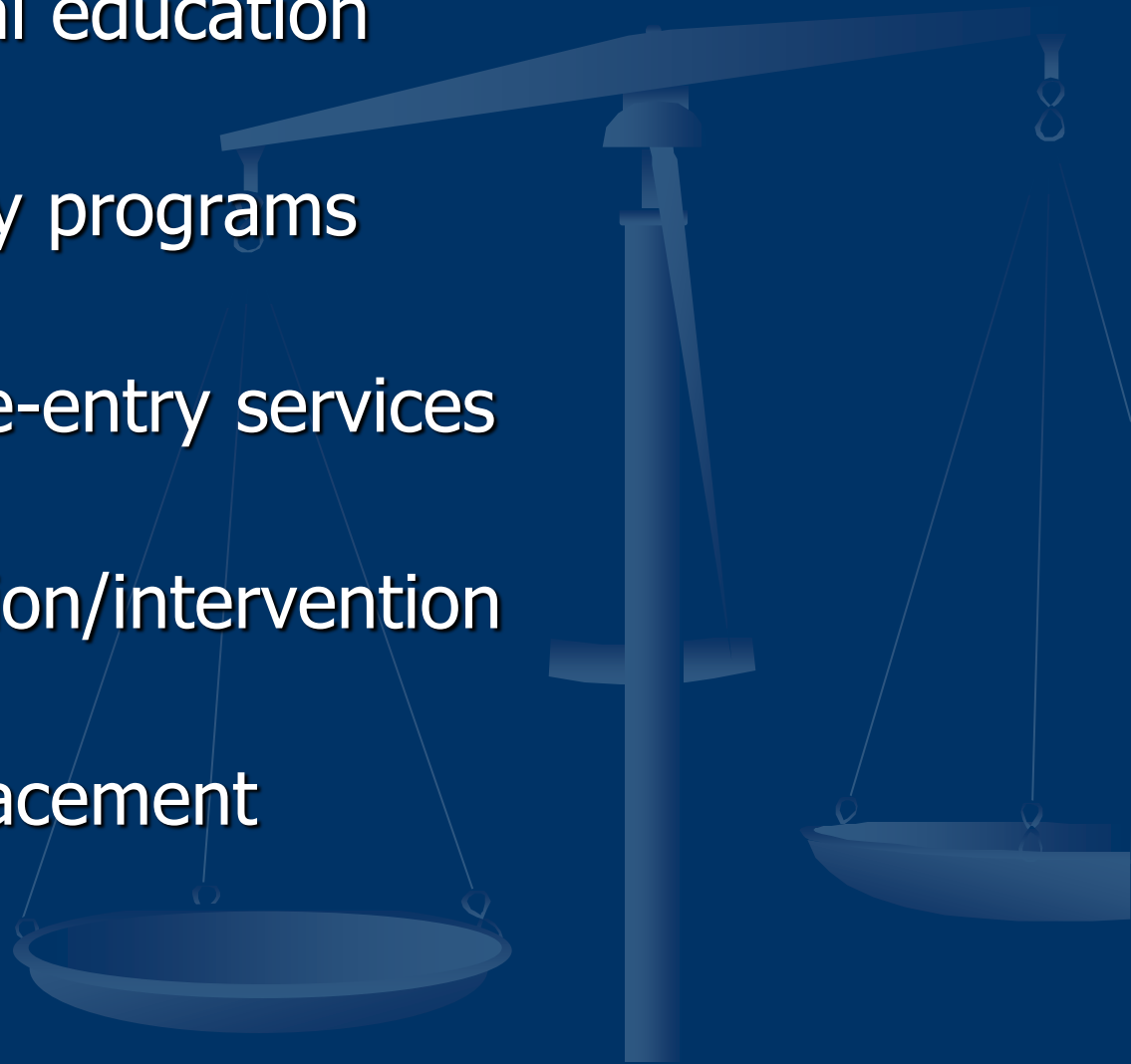
# Community Programming Needs for 16 and 17 Year Olds

- Vocational programs
- Sex offender treatment
- Substance abuse treatment
- Parenting skills for our target population



# Community Programming Needs for 16 and 17 Year Olds

- Non-traditional education
- Structured day programs
- Transitional/re-entry services
- Gang prevention/intervention
- Residential placement





# Community Programming Needs for 16 and 17 Year Olds

- Risk management for program personnel
- Training needs for new target population
- Separation of younger teens from older youth in residential and community programs



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