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# Nevada Juvenile Justice Services

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# Agenda

1. Overview of Nevada's Juvenile Justice Services
2. State Juvenile Justice Facilities
3. Youth Parole Bureau
4. Juvenile Justice Programs Office
5. Update Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission and Strategic Plan
6. Legislative Bill Updates
7. Legislative recommendations for 2025 Session



# Vision and Mission

- **Vision:** Every young person served by the Nevada Division of Child and Family Services, Juvenile Justice Services, will become a valued, productive member of their community and lead a fulfilling life.
- **Mission:** The Nevada Division of Child and Family Services, Juvenile Justice Services, enhances community safety by promoting positive change, positive life outcomes and accountability for the youth in our care and custody by investing in highly qualified team members and a service continuum that engages youth, families and communities in services that support positive youth development.



# State Laws for Juvenile Justice

- NRS 62A: General Provisions
- NRS 62B: General Administration
- NRS 62C: Procedure Before Adjudication
- NRS 62D: Procedure in Juvenile Proceedings
- NRS 62E: Disposition of Cases by Juvenile Court
- NRS 62F: Juvenile Sex Offenders
- NRS 62G: Administration of Probation
- NRS 62H: Records Related to Children
- NRS 62I: Interstate Compact for Juveniles
- NRS 63: State Facilities for the Detention of Children



# Funding the Juvenile Justice System

- State General Funds
- County General Funds
- Federal Grant Funds



# Nevada's Juvenile Justice Services

## Adult vs. Youth Corrections

### Adult

- 18+
- Adult Jails/Detention Facilities
- Conviction
- Determinate Sentencing
  - Time in corrections determined by law
- Punishment & Retribution
- May choose to participate in inmate work program
- Criminal record of all crimes

### Youth

- Age 8-20
- Juvenile facilities
- Adjudication
- Indeterminate Sentencing
  - Time in corrections determined by youth's progress within the program
- Rehabilitation
- Required to participate in education until high school diploma or equivalency
- Some records may be sealed



# Nevada's Juvenile Justice Services County vs. State

## County

- “Front end” of the system
  - Community:
    - Prevention Activities
    - Law Enforcement Contact
    - Diversion Services
    - Juvenile Courts
    - Probation Supervision
  - Facility:
    - Juvenile Detention Centers (7 statewide)
    - County Camps (Spring Mountain, China Spring/Aurora Pines)

## State

- “Deep end” of the system
  - Community:
    - Youth Parole Bureau
      - Law Enforcement Contact
      - Diversion of Youth with Mental Health Needs
      - Juvenile Courts
      - Parole Supervision
  - Facility
    - Caliente Youth Center
    - Nevada Youth Training Center
    - Summit View Youth Center



# Nevada's Juvenile Justice Funnel







# Federal Grants Received Nevada Juvenile Justice Services

- Delinquency Prevention Grant (Competitive)
- Bureau of Justice PREA (Competitive)
- OJJDP Combined PREA (Annual)
- Title I Education Grant (Annual)
- Title II Formula Grant (Annual)



# Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA)

- Strengthen the deinstitutionalization of status offenders
- Reduce racial and ethnic disparities
- Improve sight and sound core protections
- Impact of exposure to violence and trauma on behavior and development
- Encourage family engagement
- Utilization of evidence-based practices
- Improve conditions of confinement for all youth under the age of majority
- End certain restraints for pregnant and laboring females
- Address needs of females and Tribal youth



# State Juvenile Justice Facilities

- Nevada Youth Training Center (NYTC)
  - Elko
  - Capacity - Overall: 140, Budgeted: 64
  - Co-ed as of December 2022
  - Staff Secured
- Caliente Youth Center (CYC)
  - Caliente
  - Capacity - Overall: 140, Budgeted: 80
  - Co-ed
  - Staff Secured
- Summit View Youth Center (SVYC)
  - Las Vegas
  - Capacity - Overall: 96, Budgeted: 48
  - Secured



# State Juvenile Justice Facilities Services Provided

- Risks and Needs Assessments
- Risks- and Needs-Specific Programming
- Structured Daily Living Schedule
- Education Services
- Vocational Training and Certifications
- Community Service Opportunities
- Mental Health Services



# Mental Health Services Available per Facility

SVYC	NYTC	CYC
Individual/Family Therapy (State provided)	Individual/Family Therapy (State provided)	Individual/Family Therapy (State provided)
Substance Abuse Counseling (provided through Desert Psych Services)	Substance Abuse Counseling (State provided)	Substance Abuse Counseling (provided through Desert Psych Services)
Juvenile-specific Sex Offender Treatment (provided through Neubauer Mental Health)	Juvenile-specific Sex Offender Treatment (State provided)	Girls' Group called "Girls Circle" (State provided)
DBT (Dialectical Behavior Therapy) Skills Group (State provided)	Trauma-specific Group (State provided)	Reentry and Empowerment Group (provided through Desert Psych Services)



# State Juvenile Justice Facilities Family Engagement

- Monthly Child and Family Team Meetings
- In person visits
- Telephone and Videoconferencing visits
- Family Travel Program
- Family and Youth Handbook



# Youth Parole Bureau

- NRS 63.710-Duties of Chief of Youth Parole Bureau
- Mental Health Team
  - Assess all committed youth
  - Refer youth to appropriate Mental Health Services and placements
- Supervision and Case Management
- Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ)



# Juvenile Justice Programs Office Authority

- Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act (Pub. L. No. 93-415, 42 U.S.C. § 5601 et seq.)
- The JJPO conducts its work in Nevada through a Governor's Executive Order.





# Juvenile Justice Programs Office

- Responsible for all state and federal oversight of the juvenile justice system (County and State)
- Grant Management:
- Formula Grants (Annual)
  - Title II Formula Grant (Federal)
  - Title I Education Grant (Federal)
  - Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant (State)
- Competitive Grants (One-Time)
  - Prison Rape Elimination Act (Federal)
  - Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act (Federal)



# Juvenile Justice Programs Office

- Compliance with the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA)
- Compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)
- Quality assurance for state facilities, youth camps, and the Youth Parole Bureau
- Collection and dissemination of juvenile justice data statewide



# Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission Background

- AB 472 (Juvenile Justice Reform Bill of 2017) was codified in several sections of NRS including 62B, 62E, and 62H.
- NRS 62B.600 establishes the Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission (JJOC)



# Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission Roles

- NRS 62B.615 -Develop and Implement a 5-year Strategic Plan every 5 years.
- Federal Compliance with the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act through Executive Order.



# JJOC Strategic Plan Updates

## **GOAL 1: Assessments & Screening:**

- Ensure risk and needs assessments and mental health screenings are completed for children prior to disposition.

## **GOAL 2: Proven Programs:**

- Implement evidence-based programs, practices and services proven to reduce recidivism.

## **GOAL 3: System Collaboration:**

- Collaborate across systems to address youths' needs.

## **GOAL 4: Tailored Services:**

- Tailor supervision / services to youths' developmental needs.



# Legislative Bill Updates

- AB 183 – Commercial sexual exploitation screening
- AB 193 - Custodial interrogations of a child prohibitions



# Legislative Recommendations 2025 Session

- Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission Membership
  - Alignment with federal requirements



# Questions?





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# Acronyms

CYC – Caliente Youth Center

DCFS – Division of Child and Family  
Services

DHHS – Department of Health and  
Human Services

DOJ – Department of Justice

ICJ – Interstate Compact for Juveniles

JJDPA – Juvenile Justice Delinquency  
Prevention Act

JJOC – Juvenile Justice Oversight  
Commission

NYTC – Nevada Youth Training Center

OC – Oleoresin Capsicum

PREA – Prison Rape Elimination Act

SVYC – Summit View Youth Center