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Helping people. It's who we are and what we do.



Agenda

1. Statutory and Federal Governance (NRS & JJDPA)
2. General Overview of Juvenile Justice Services – Trends
3. DCFS Juvenile Justice Facilities
4. Youth Parole Bureau
5. 2025 Legislative Update
6. Competency Restoration



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.



Statutory Mandates





Federal Governance

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA)

Four Core Requirements:

Deinstitutionalization
of Status Offenders
(DSO)

Sight and Sound
Separation

Jail Removal

Reduce Racial and
Ethnic Disparities



Programs Office

Compliance with
the Juvenile
Justice Reform
Act (JJRPA)

Compliance with
the Prison Rape
Elimination Act
(PREA)

Quality
assurance for
state facilities,
youth camps,
and the Youth
Parole Bureau

Works with the
Office of
Analytics in the
collection and
dissemination of
juvenile justice
data statewide



Juvenile Justice Services

What We Do
and
Why It Matters

- Strengthen community safety
- Protect and guide young people toward better futures
- Promote fairness by addressing underlying needs



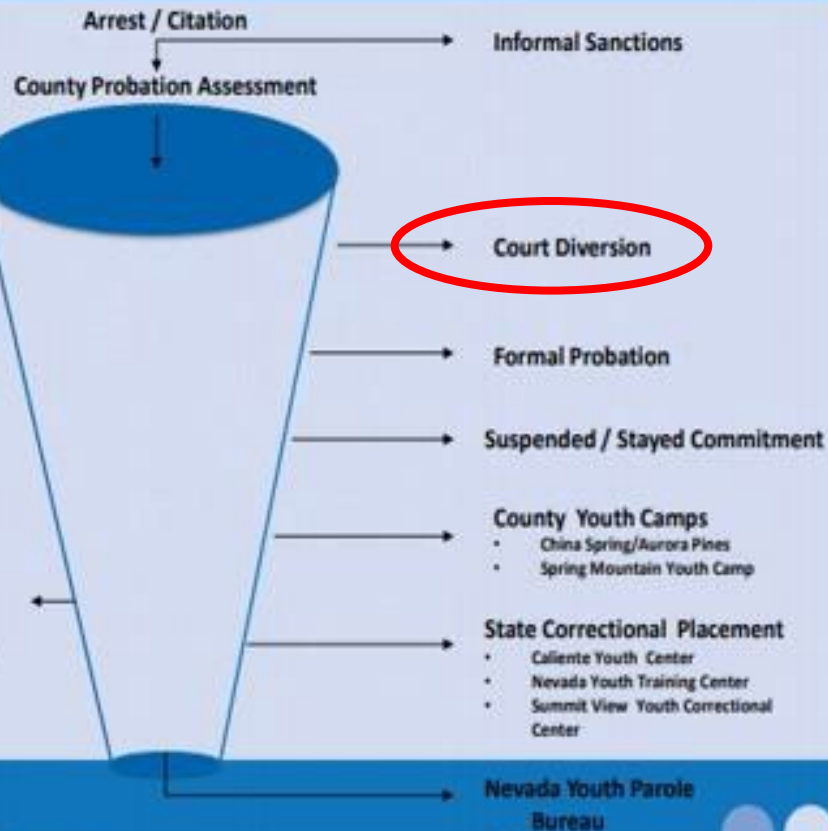
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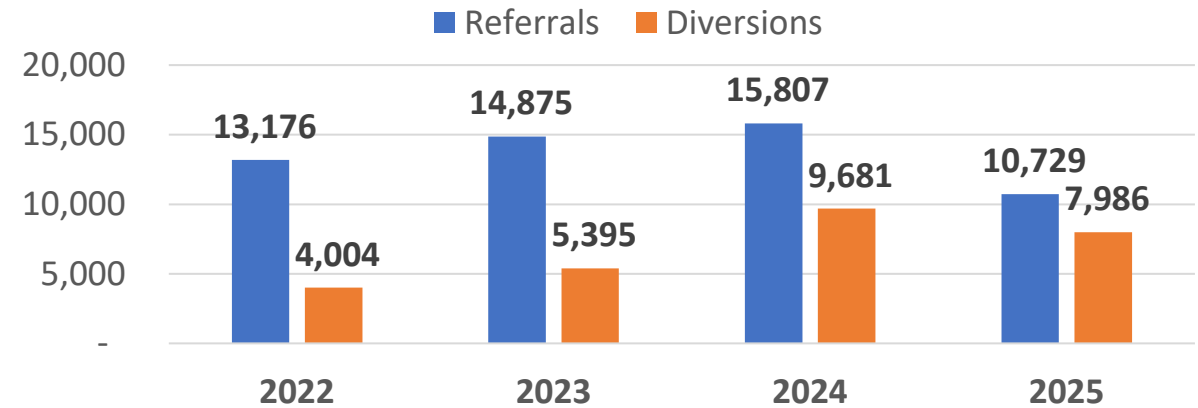


Referrals and Diversions

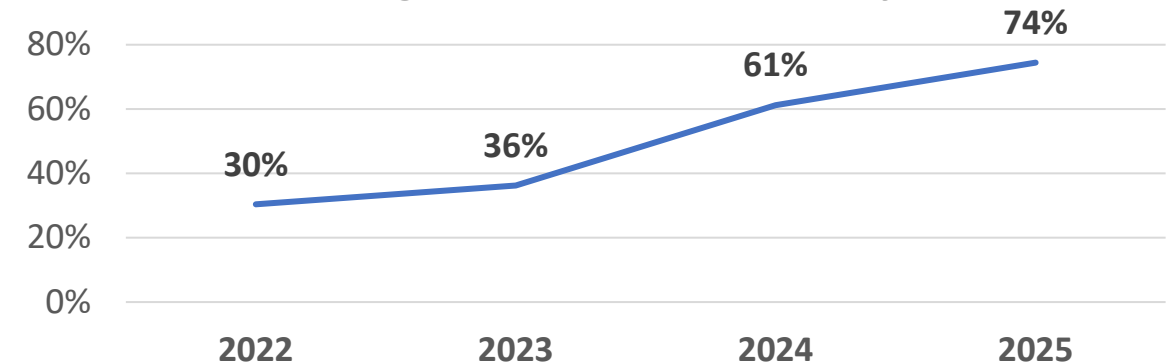
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Referrals to the Juvenile Justice System, by FFY

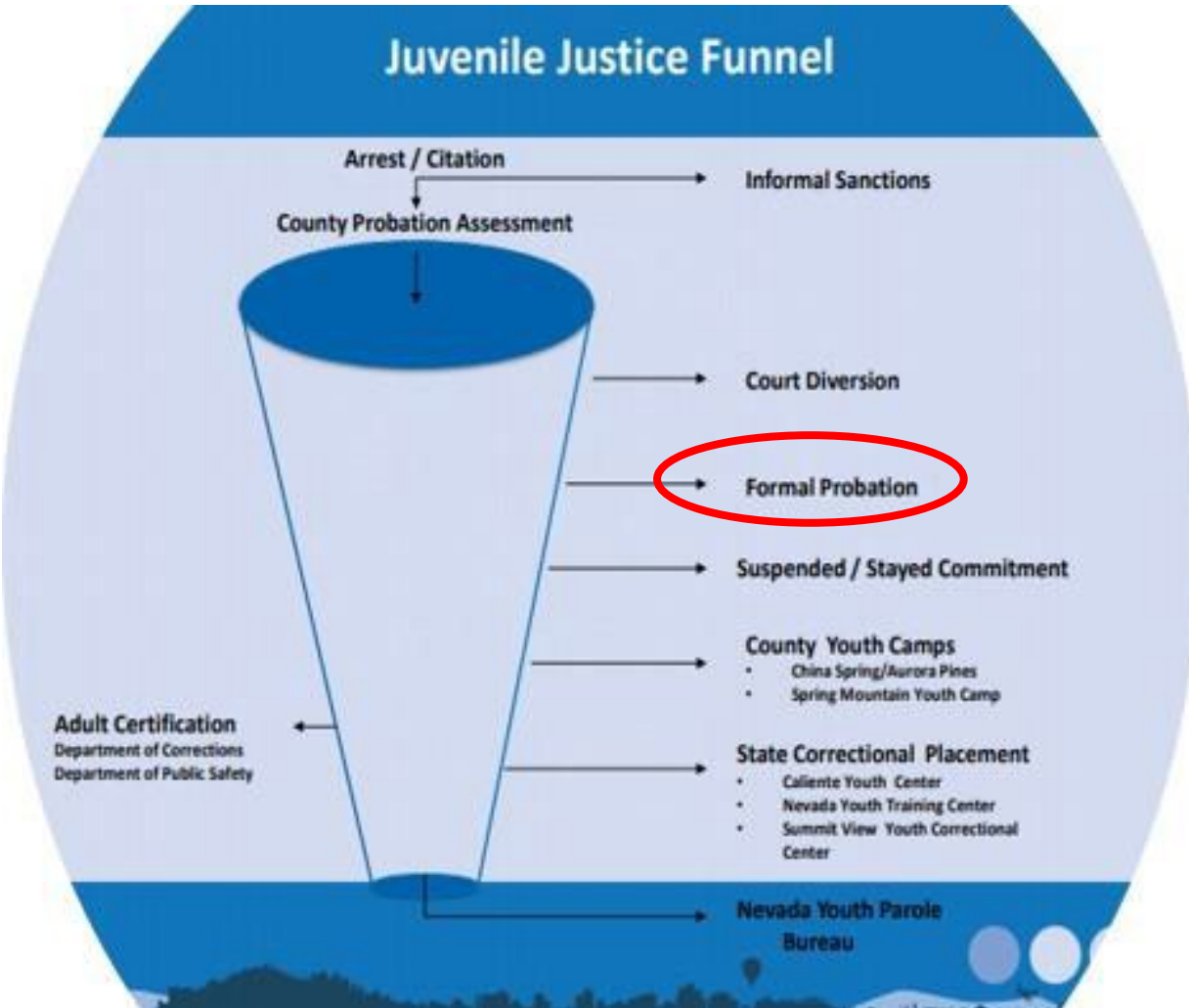


Percentage of Referrals Diverted, by FFY

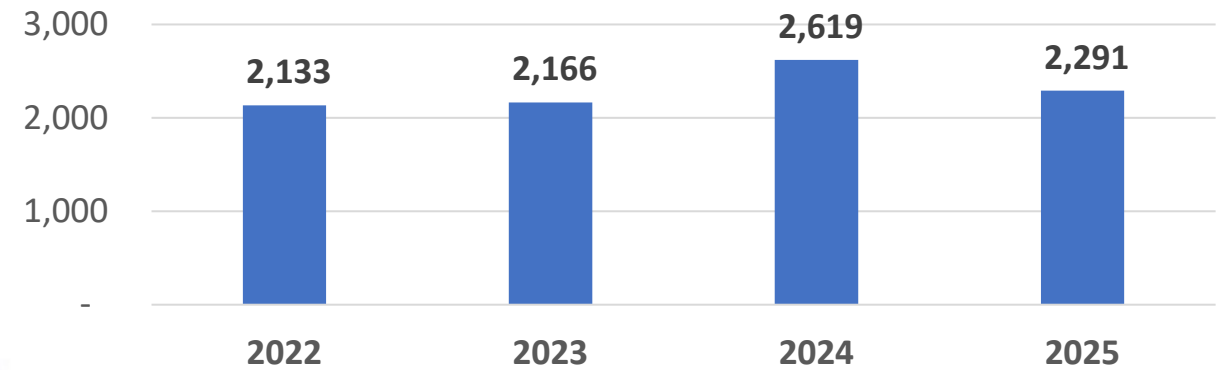




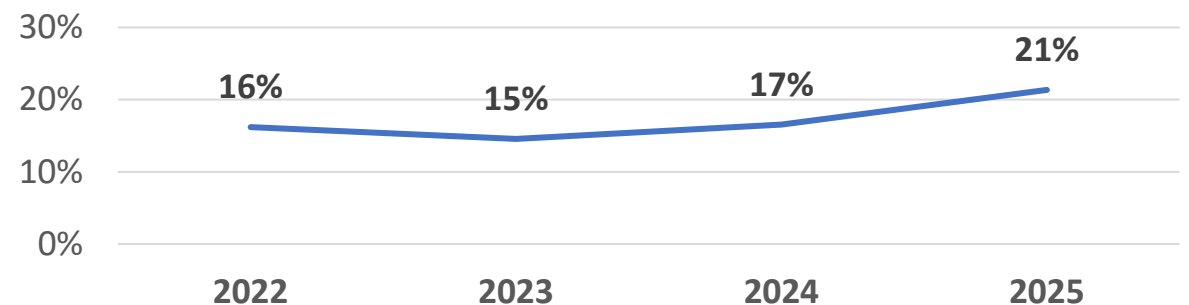
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Formal Probation Placements, by FFY



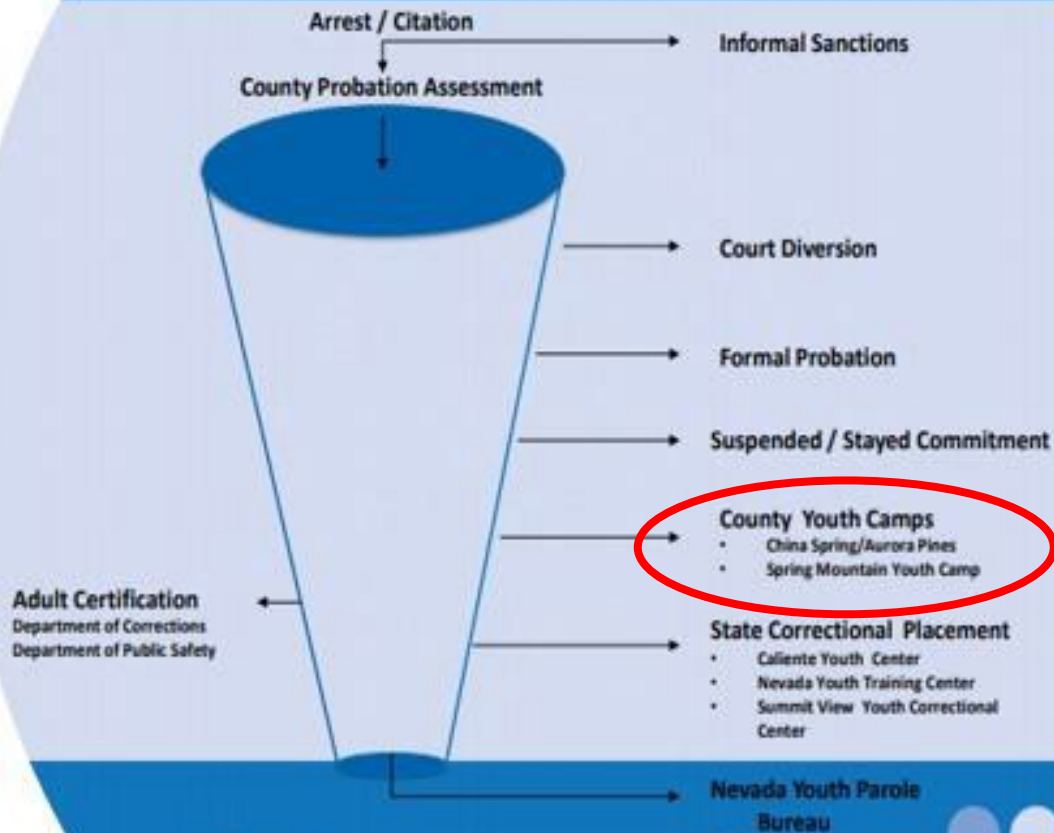
Formal Probation as a Percentage of Referrals, by FFY



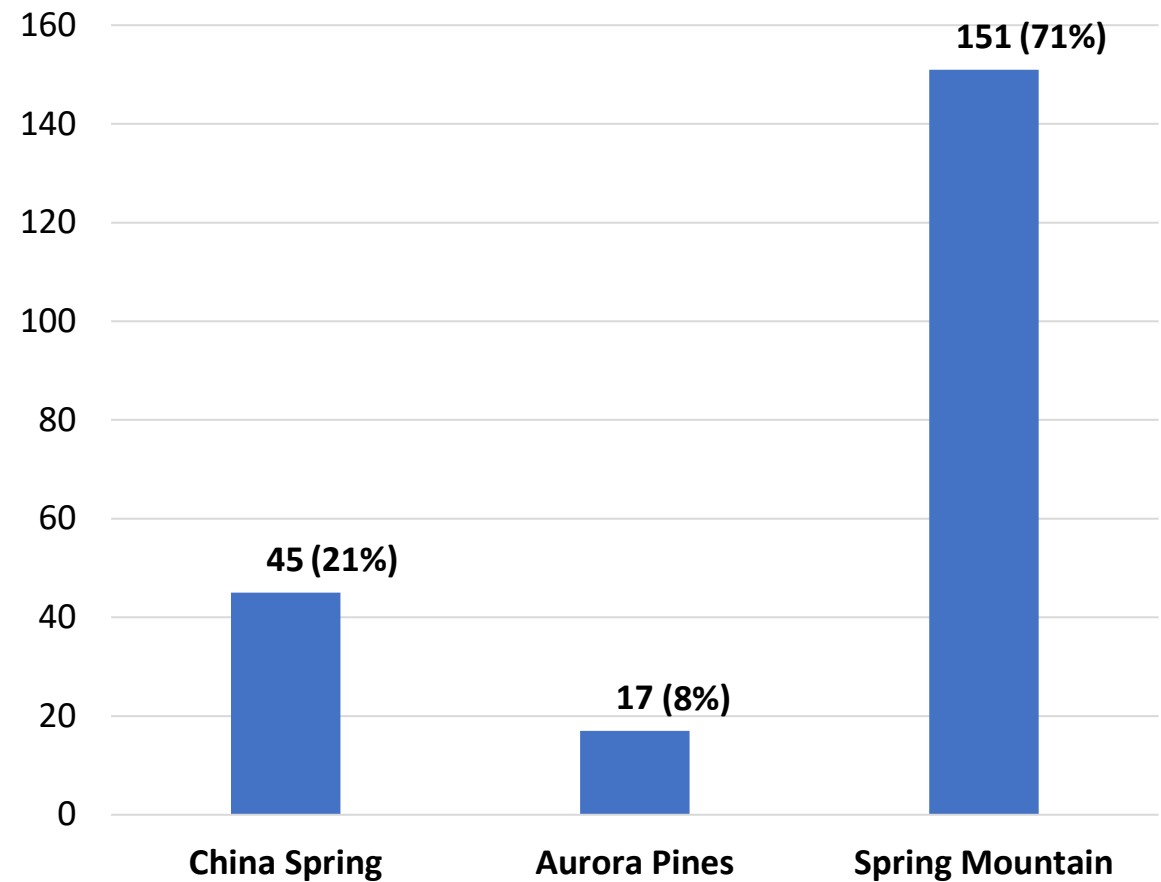


County Youth Camps

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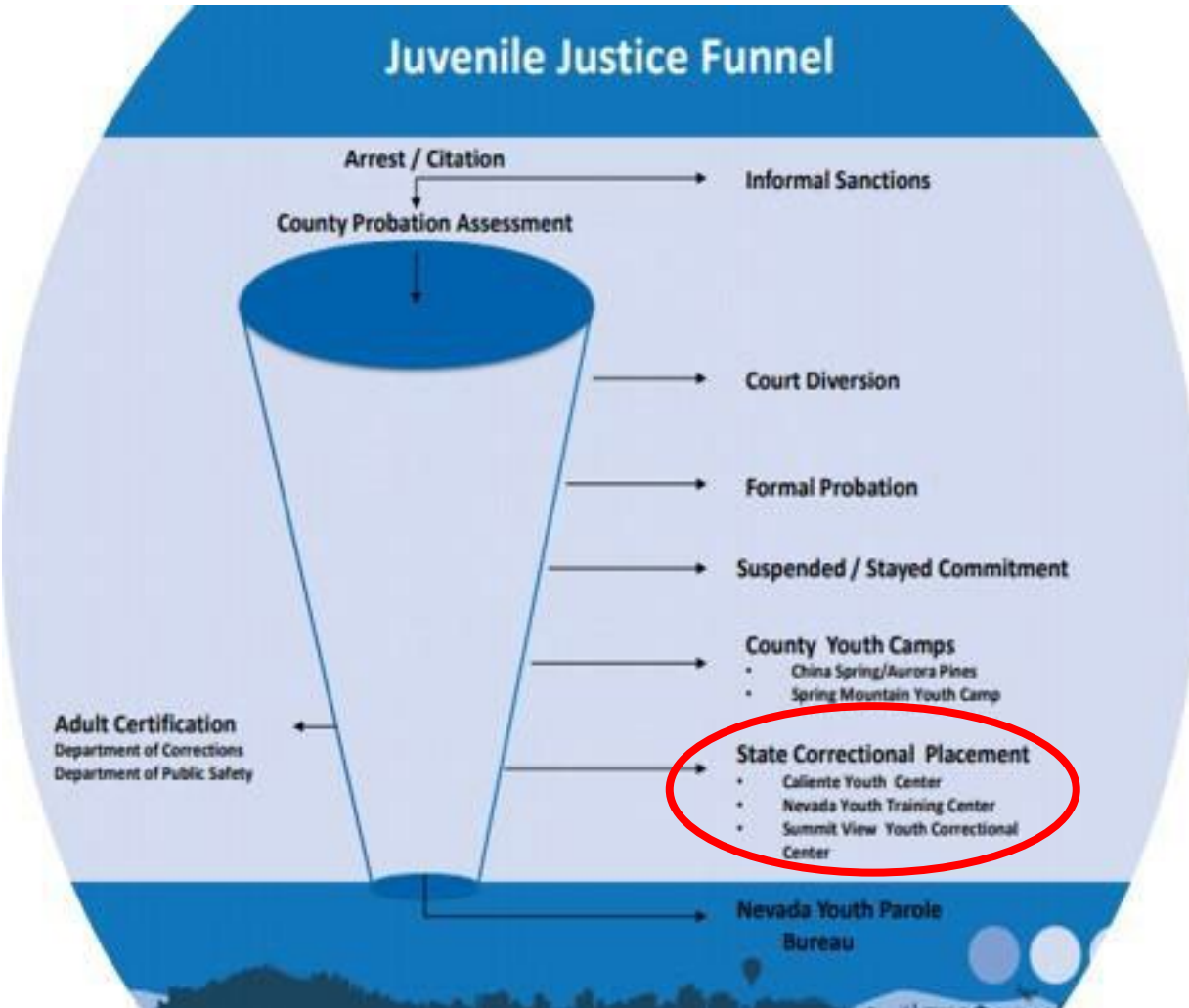
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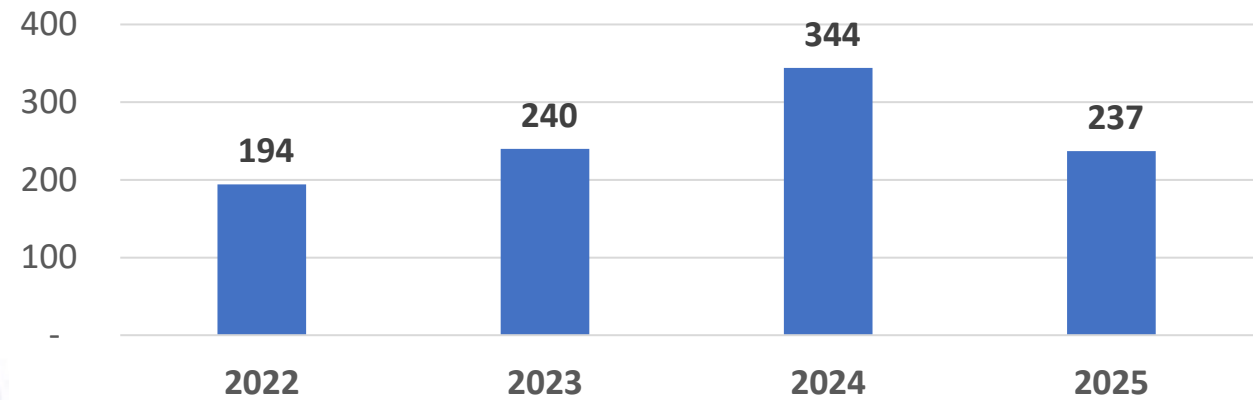


Commitments to DCFS

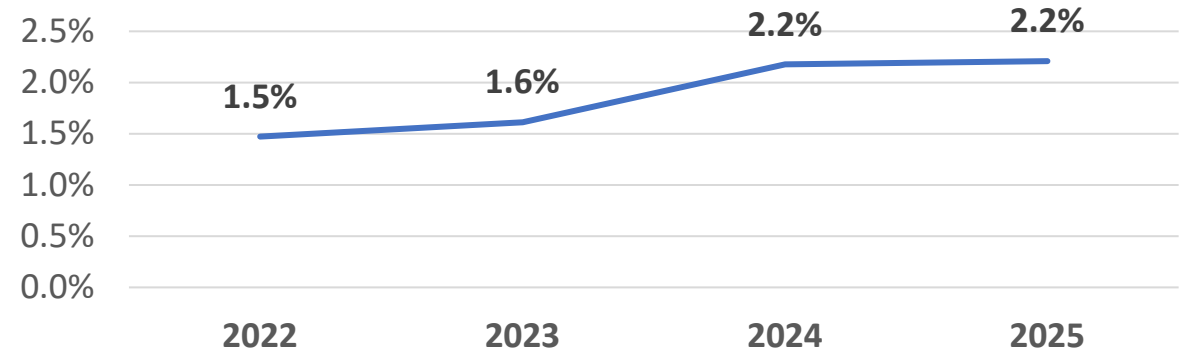
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Commitments to DCFS, by FFY



Commitments to DCFS as a Percentage of Referrals, by FFY





State Juvenile Facilities

Caliente Youth Center

Caliente, NV

Co-ed

Staff Secured

Budgeted Bed Capacity: 80

Nevada Youth Training Center

Elko, NV

Co-ed as of December 2022

Staff Secured

Budgeted Bed Capacity: 64

Summit View Youth Center

Las Vegas, NV

Male youth only

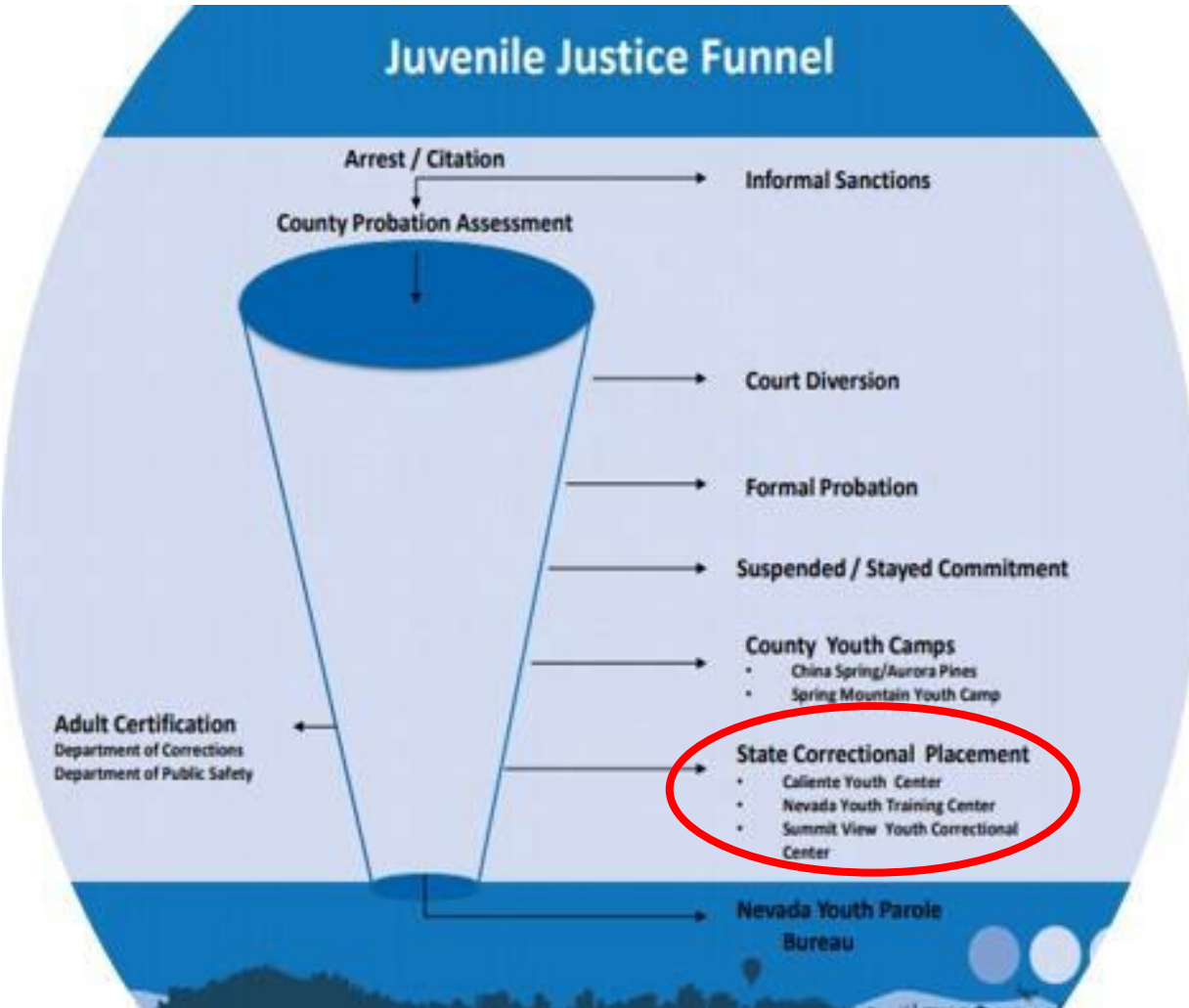
Secured

Budgeted Bed Capacity: 48

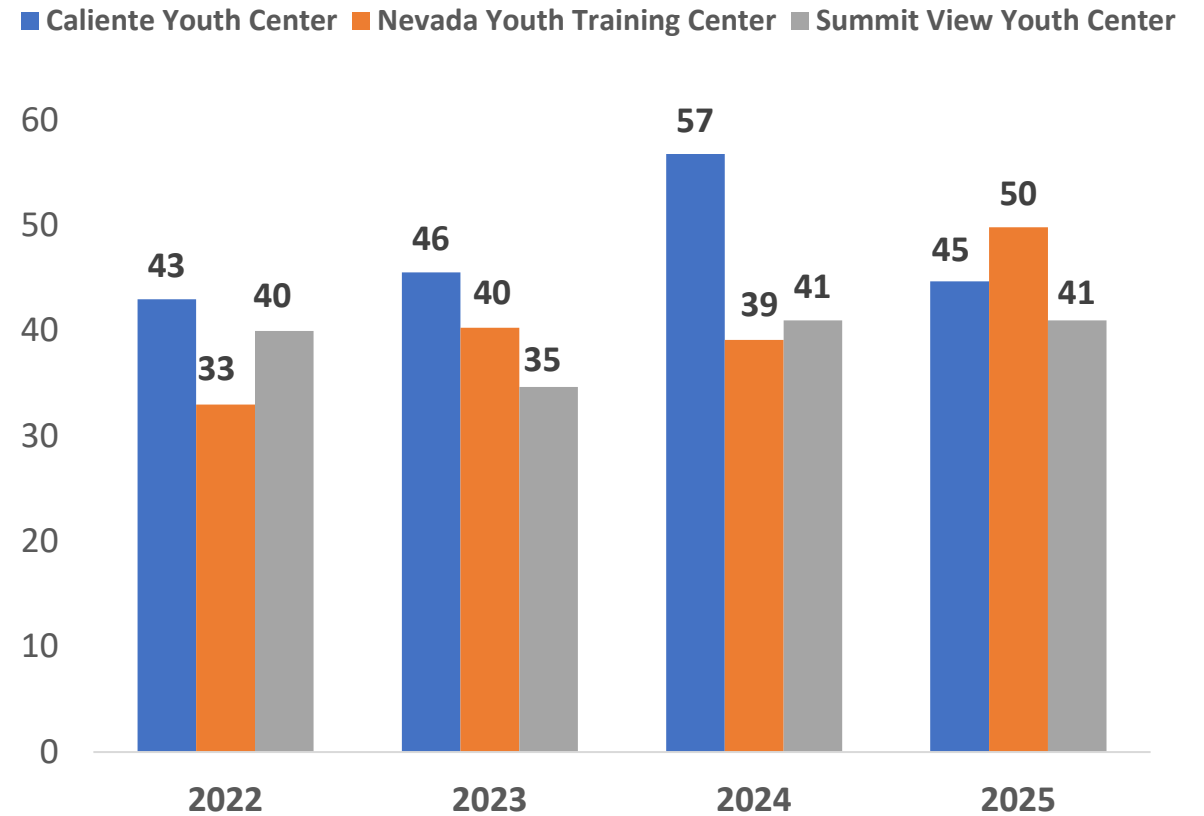


State Correctional Facilities Average Daily Census

Juvenile Justice Funnel



Average Daily Census of Youth in State-Run
Juvenile Justice Facilities by Calendar Year





State 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

Psychiatric Services (Medication Management)



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 Sex Offender Treatment (provided through Neubauer Mental Health)	Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment (State provided)	Girls' Group called "My Life, My Choice" (State provided)
Skills Group (State provided)	Trauma-specific Group (State provided)	Reentry and Empowerment Group (provided through Desert Psych Services)



Youth Parole Bureau

Category II Peace Officers

Supervision and Case Management

Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ)

Mental Health Team



Challenges with Housing Youthful Offenders in DCFS Facilities

Summit View Youth Center

Las Vegas, NV

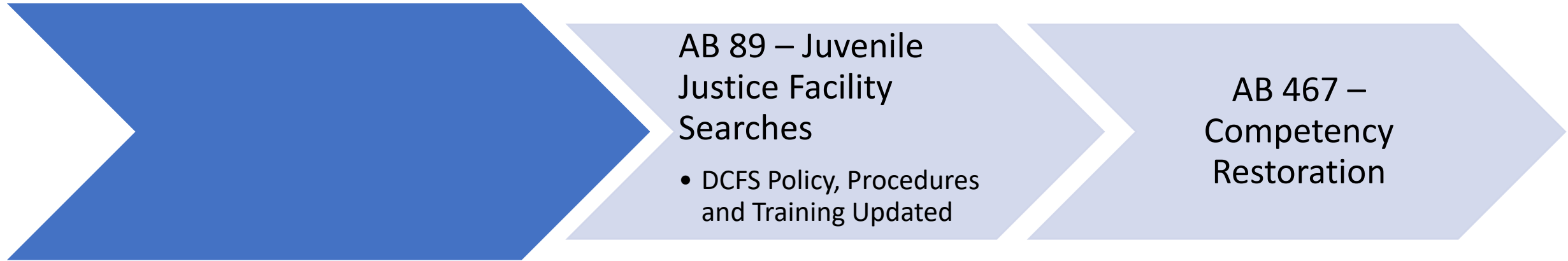
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Secured

96 Facility Bed Capacity



2025 Legislative Update





Competency Restoration Overview

AB 467 (2025) amended NRS 433B.320 to require that when a juvenile is committed to a treatment facility pursuant to NRS 62D.180 or 62D.185, DCFS will immediately accept the youth at the treatment facility.

Desert Willow Treatment Center (DWTC), DCFS' psychiatric hospital in Las Vegas, repurposed its Acute Unit in July 2025 to accommodate the new Competency Restoration Unit that was established.

Acute youth are now being diverted to private hospitals. DCFS has a contract with several private hospitals and pays for the stays of uninsured youth.

The restoration process includes groups held twice per week to cover ten topics, as well as a third weekly session for either rational decision-making or mock trial work.

Monthly meetings also occur with the youth's defense counsel to prepare the youth to be able to assist with their defense.



Competency Restoration Details

Capacity: 10 beds

Average daily census: 6-7 youth (2025)

2025: 10 youth admitted – all male, aged 13-17

2026 To-Date: 5 youth admitted, 4 male, one female, aged 11-17

Average Length of Stay for Youth Completing Treatment in 2025: 122 days



Competency Restoration – Clinical and Psychosocial Profiles (2025)

Biological and Family Background

- 100% (10/10) experienced disruption in biological family systems.
- 70% (7/10) had family history of serious mental illness.
- 60% (6/10) had confirmed parental substance use issues.

Developmental Disorders

- 60% (6/10) had a documented intellectual or developmental delay.
- 40% (4/10) had a documented history of seizures.

Youth Substance Use History

- 50% (5/10) reported personal substance use, primarily cannabis.

Psychiatric Diagnoses

- **ADHD:**
80% (8/10)
- **PTSD or Trauma-Related Disorders:**
60% (6/10)
- **Behavior Related Disorder (Conduct, Intermittent Explosive Disorder, etc.):**
60% (6/10)
- **Seizure Disorder:**
40% (4/10)
- **Disruptive Mood Dysregulation Disorder:**
40% (4/10)

Trauma Exposure

- 100% (10/10) had experienced at least 2 Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)



Questions?



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Acronyms

CYC – Caliente Youth Center

DCFS – Division of Child and Family
Services

DHS – Department of Human Services

DSO – Deinstitutionalization of Status
Offenders

DWTC – Desert Willow Treatment
Center

FFY – Federal Fiscal Year

ICJ – Interstate Compact for Juveniles

JJDPA – Juvenile Justice Delinquency
Prevention Act

JSO – Juvenile Sex Offender

NRS – Nevada Revised Statute

NYTC – Nevada Youth Training
Center

PREA – Prison Rape Elimination Act

SVYC – Summit View Youth Center