

Juvenile Court Services Testimony
Health & Human Services Appropriation Sub-committee
Presentation outline - February 17, 2015

Thank you for your continued support and thank you to the Department of Human Services. Outcomes shows very good success with the funds you have provided in three (3) years of data (2012-2014)

- a. Felony and juvenile arrests 20% decrease
- b. Recidivism in 10 largest counties – 17% decrease from chronic offenders
- c. Placements – 13% reduction in out-of-home placements
- d. Arrests of students in school decreased by 17%

REQUEST #1

Maintaining the progress we are having with our clients and their families can be done with level funding.

Why that works

- a. Decat provides flexibility
- b. Program growth and start-up staff
- c. Program success reaching a plateau in some areas

REQUEST #2

Expanded Jurisdiction to work with select 18-21 year olds – improve transition services for our clients reaching adulthood.

REQUEST #3

Address State Training School level of care for Girls

Major initiatives

- a. Expanding best practice programs
- b. Work with community based and residential providers to have improved long term outcomes (identify risk areas and improve dosage)
- c. Prove effectiveness and efficiency through national study funded by CJP
- d. Give JCS staff the skills to reduce clients' issues that cause recidivism.
- e. Continue to collaborate with schools to reduce law violations in that setting.

Summary