

OCFS FACT SHEET: Rightsizing Juvenile Justice

Background

Over the past ten years, the number of youth being referred for facility placement with OCFS has declined from 2313 in 2000-2001 to a current population of 627 youth (01/10/2011).

As the population continues to trend downward, due to courts and local districts finding alternative community programs to serve these youth, OCFS finds itself with excess bed capacity.

Closing underutilized facilities is a necessary step in maintaining the viability of the system. Costs rise astronomically as the number of youth served declines, as the capital and overhead costs of maintaining vacant facilities must be spread out over the actual number of placements.

Timeline of Rightsizing

- Oct. 1, 2007 Closed 2 group homes
- Jan. 15, 2008 Closed 4 facilities
Closed 1 group home
Downsized 1 facility
Consolidated 1 facility
- July 1, 2009 Closed 4 facilities
Closed 2 group homes
Closed 3 ERCs
Downsized 2 facilities
- Jan. 19, 2011 Closed 2 facilities
Downsized 1 facility
- Aug. 31, 2011 Closed 4 facilities
Downsized 4 facilities

Closed

- Westchester Group Home-Westchester Co.
- Brooklyn Group Home – Kings Co.
- Adirondack Residential – Clinton Co.
- Auburn Residential – Cayuga Co.
- Camp Brace Residential – Delaware Co.
- Camp Cass Residential – Albany Co.
- Gloversville Group Home – Fulton Co.
- Adirondack NS- Clinton Co.
- Cattaraugus Residential – Cattaraugus Co.
- Great Valley Residential – Cattaraugus Co.
- Pyramid Reception – Bronx
- Rochester Group Home – Monroe
- Syracuse Group Home – Onondaga Co.
- Albany ERC – Albany Co.
- Buffalo ERC – Erie Co.
- Syracuse ERC – Onondaga Co.
- Tryon Boys Residential – Fulton Co.
- Annsville Residential – Oneida Co.
- Allen Residential – Delaware Co.
- Harriet Tubman RC – Cayuga Co.
- Industry SC – Monroe County
- Tryon Girls Residential – Fulton Co.

