



# **Raise the Age Implementation**

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- DJJ has seen the most immediate impact by 17-year-olds at the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) – two reasons why:
  - 17-year-old juveniles (those who commit an offense that carries 10 years or less after July 1, 2019) are eligible immediately for detention, and
  - DJJ Juvenile Detention Centers' Average Daily Population is very close to the rated capacity of that facility (the ADP for FY17-18 was 68 youth and the rated capacity is 72 youth)
- The SCDC's Division of Compliance, Standards, and Inspections confirmed that the maximum rated capacity of JDC is 72.

## Pre-Trial Detention Youth – CY2018

- **2,043** youth detained pre-trial in juvenile detention facilities state-wide
- **12 percent** (240) of those youth were detained for a Violent offense

- **1,375** juveniles committed to DJJ, either for secure evaluation or final commitment
  - **7 percent** (92) of those juveniles were committed for a Violent offense
- **Less than 25%** of youth who receive a secure evaluation are committed to DJJ upon disposition

## Housing of 17-year-olds -- Detention

- RTA law does not impact pre-trial housing of adults, including 17-year-old adults. DJJ does not house pre-trial adults 17 and older.
- DJJ will continue to house, for the benefit of local governments who are not approved to house persons under 17 in their county jails, youth under 17 charged as adults until such time as they turn 17.

## Housing of 17-year-olds -- Detention

- DJJ will defer to each local jurisdiction to seek legal guidance and make their own determination about where they will house 17-year-olds who are charged as a juvenile (17-year-olds charged with offenses that carry 10 years or less and have offense dates after 7/1/19).
- Local governments who choose to house 17-year-old juveniles at the DJJ Detention Center will be charged, as they are for every juvenile, a \$50/day per diem and remain responsible for providing transportation of those youth to and from the DJJ Detention Center.

## DJJ Detention Statistics

- DJJ Detention Statistical Information as of July 20<sup>th</sup>:
  - 17 – 17-year-olds have been housed at JDC
  - 3 days- Average length of stay
  - Highest daily population has been 85

# Evaluation Facts

## ■ Community Evaluation

- Youth remains at home
- Approximately 48 days to complete
- Same evaluation format as a secure evaluation
- one of the many advantages to community evaluations is the opportunity to observe the interaction between the juvenile and parent

## ■ Secure Evaluation

- The Impact of Confinement on Mental Health and Propensity to Self-Harm
- The Impact of Confinement on Education
- The Impact of Confinement on Employment
- The Impact of Confinement on Youth of Color
- The Larger Economic Impact of Confining Juvenile Justice Youth on Communities



# Diversion

- Community Electronic Monitoring
- Arbitration
- DJJ Contract
- Jurisdictional Drug Court
- Jurisdictional Juvenile PTI



# DJJ Reform Recommendations

- Create a Deferred Dismissal option available for first-time adjudications of a non-violent offense
- Decrease the reliance on secure detention for youth charged with low-level offenses
- Create administrative supervision for youth as an alternative to probation
- Limit length of probation
- Limit probation by age 19 instead of age 20
- Serve youth who have an alleged technical violation of probation (other than a community safety violation) with a Notice of Administrative Sanctions in lieu of filing a probation violation or parole revocation.
- Alternative solution for youth failure to pay restitution

## Next Steps

- Host Annie E. Casey Foundation- July 2019
- Develop Diversionary Proposal with 16 Circuit Solicitors- September 2019
- Enact RTA intra-departmental strategies- 2019



# Discussion

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