

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Senator Martin, Chair
Senator Bradley, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Monday, January 23, 2023

TIME: 3:30—5:30 p.m.

PLACE: *Mallory Horne Committee Room*, 37 Senate Building

MEMBERS: Senator Martin, Chair; Senator Bradley, Vice Chair; Senators Ingoglia, Perry, Pizzo, Polsky, Powell, and Yarborough

TAB		BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1		Presentation by the Department of Juvenile Justice - "An Overview of the Juvenile Justice System."		Presented

Other Related Meeting Documents

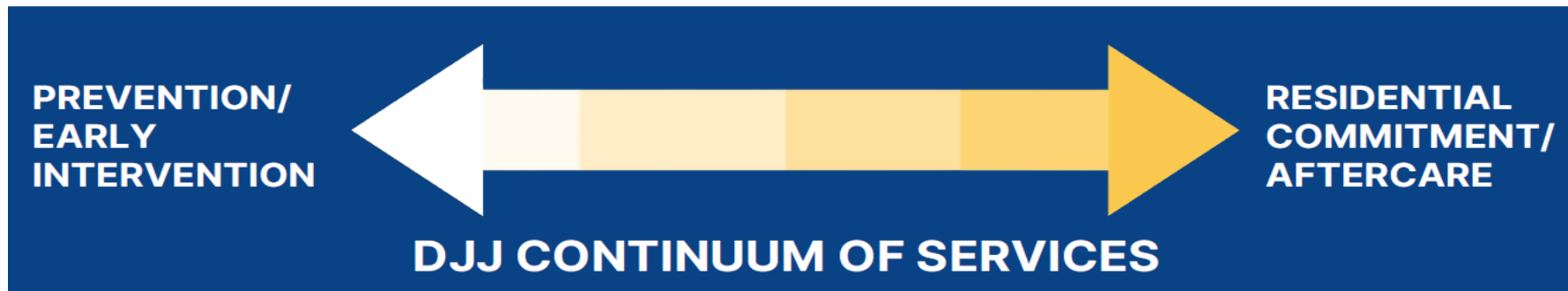


Agency Overview

Dr. Eric S. Hall, Secretary
Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
Senate Criminal Justice Committee
January 23, 2023



Florida is the largest comprehensive juvenile justice system in the nation.



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Mission Statement

Enhance public safety through high-quality effective services for youth and families delivered by world-class professionals dedicated to building a stronger, safer Florida.

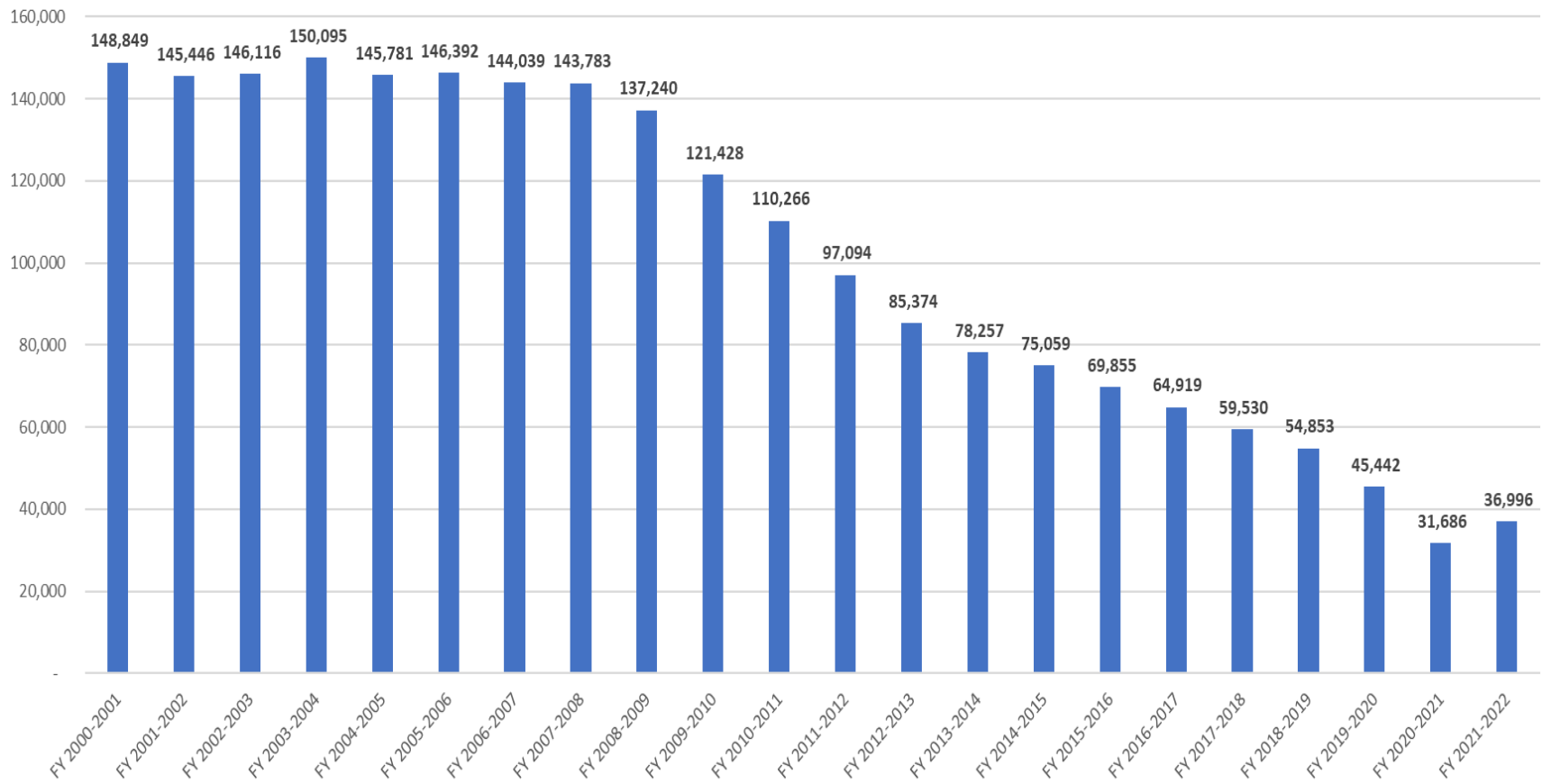
Objectives

1. Preventing system contact for Florida's youth.
2. Reducing recidivism.



Juvenile Arrests

FY 2000-01 through 2021-22

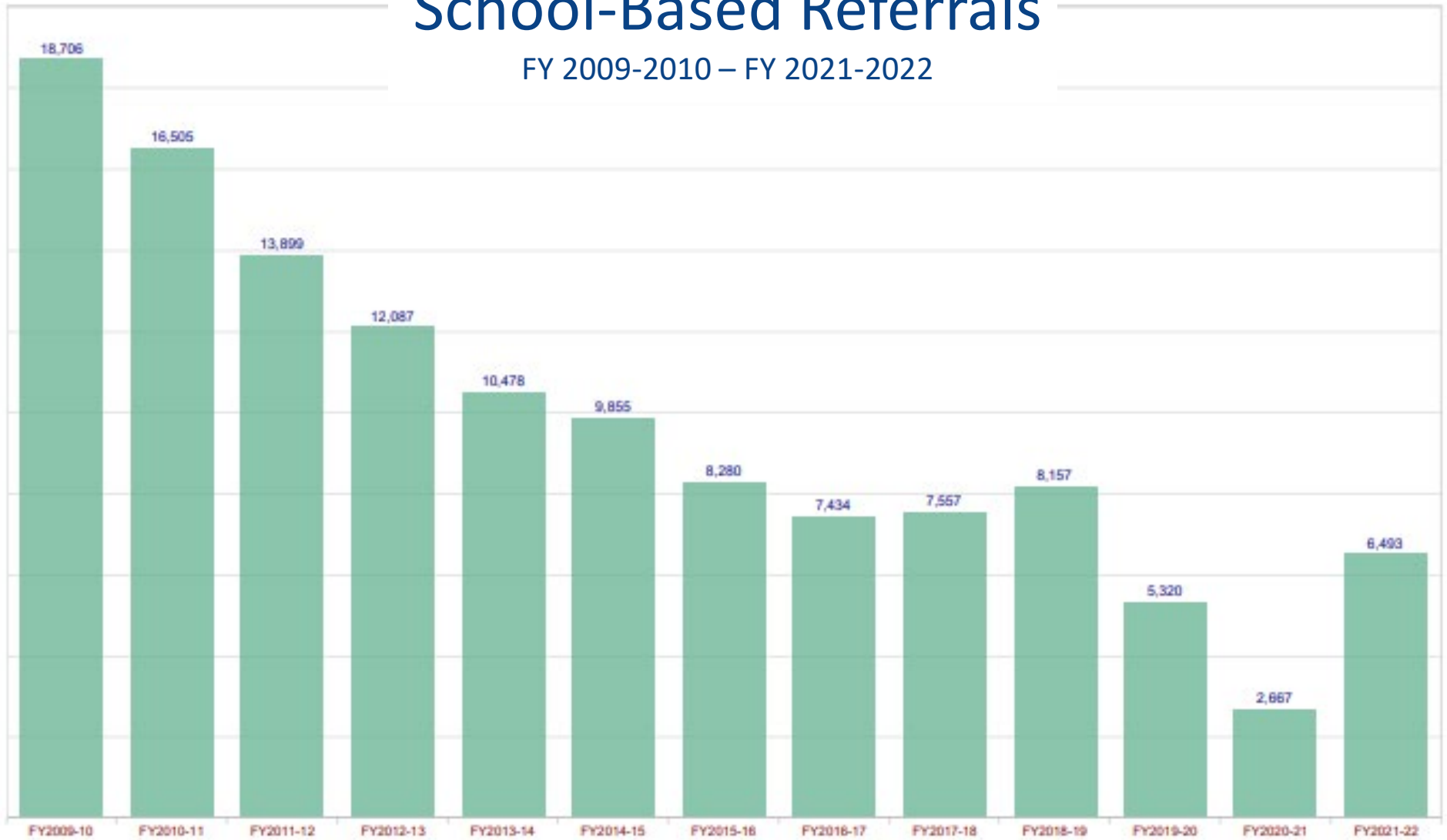


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School-Based Referrals

FY 2009-2010 – FY 2021-2022

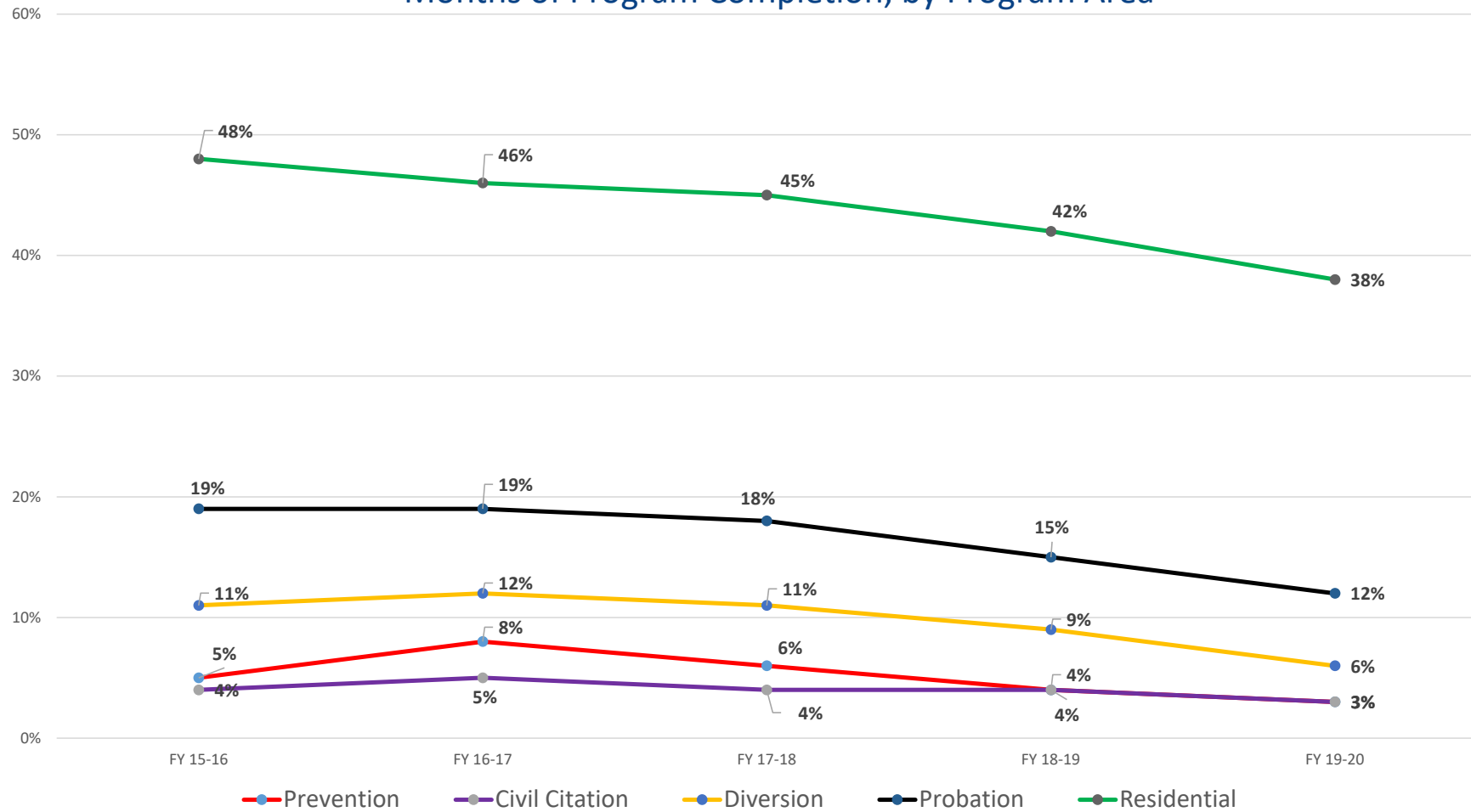


Civil Citation

- In FY 2021-22, more than 11,000 youth received a civil citation.
- In FY 2021-22, 80% of youth successfully completed a civil citation program.
- 3% of completers committed a new law violation that was adjudicated or received adjudication withheld during the twelve month follow up period.

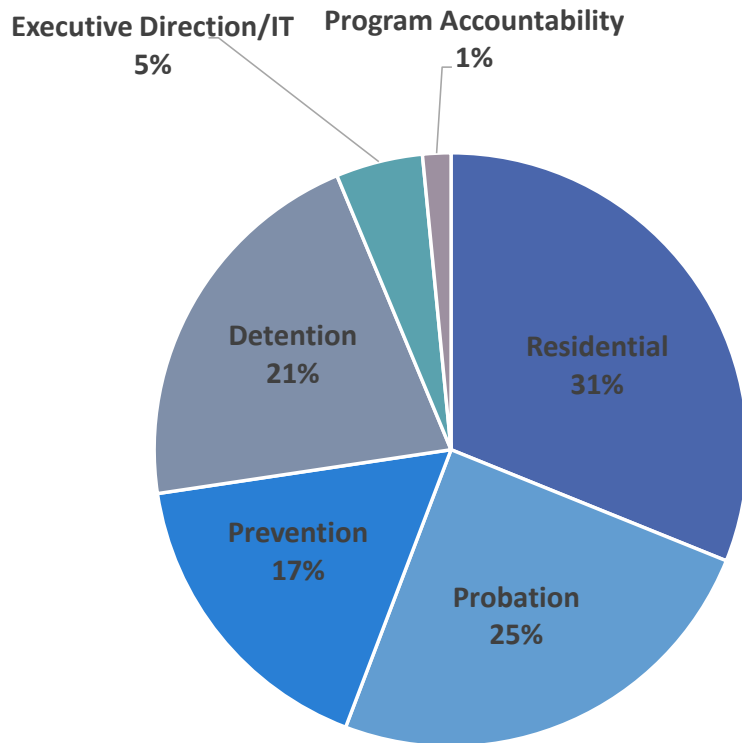


Subsequent Offending/Recidivism (Adjudication or Adj. Withheld) within 12 Months of Program Completion, by Program Area



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FY 2022-23 Appropriations: \$635,351,969; 3,247.5 FTE

Prevention \$102,353,461

Detention \$143,315,518

Probation \$161,076,862

Residential \$189,195,486

Executive Direction/IT \$29,623,058

Program Accountability \$9,787,584

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Prevention

- Offers voluntary prevention, intervention, and treatment service programs for youth throughout the state.
- FY 2020-21, served 25,826 youth
 - Shelter Services (Children in Need of Service/Families in Need of Services or CINS/FINS)
 - Behavioral Interventions
 - Mentoring/Tutoring Programs



Detention

- The department operates 21 secure regional detention facilities.
- Youth are held in secure detention if they are arrested and score for detention or after they have been adjudicated (found guilty) and disposed (sentenced) to residential commitment.
- Youth can also be ordered to supervised release or released to their parent/guardian.
- In FY 2020-21:
 - 8,420 youth were served in secure detention
 - 4,294 youth were released on supervised release
 - 2,809 youth were released with electronic monitoring

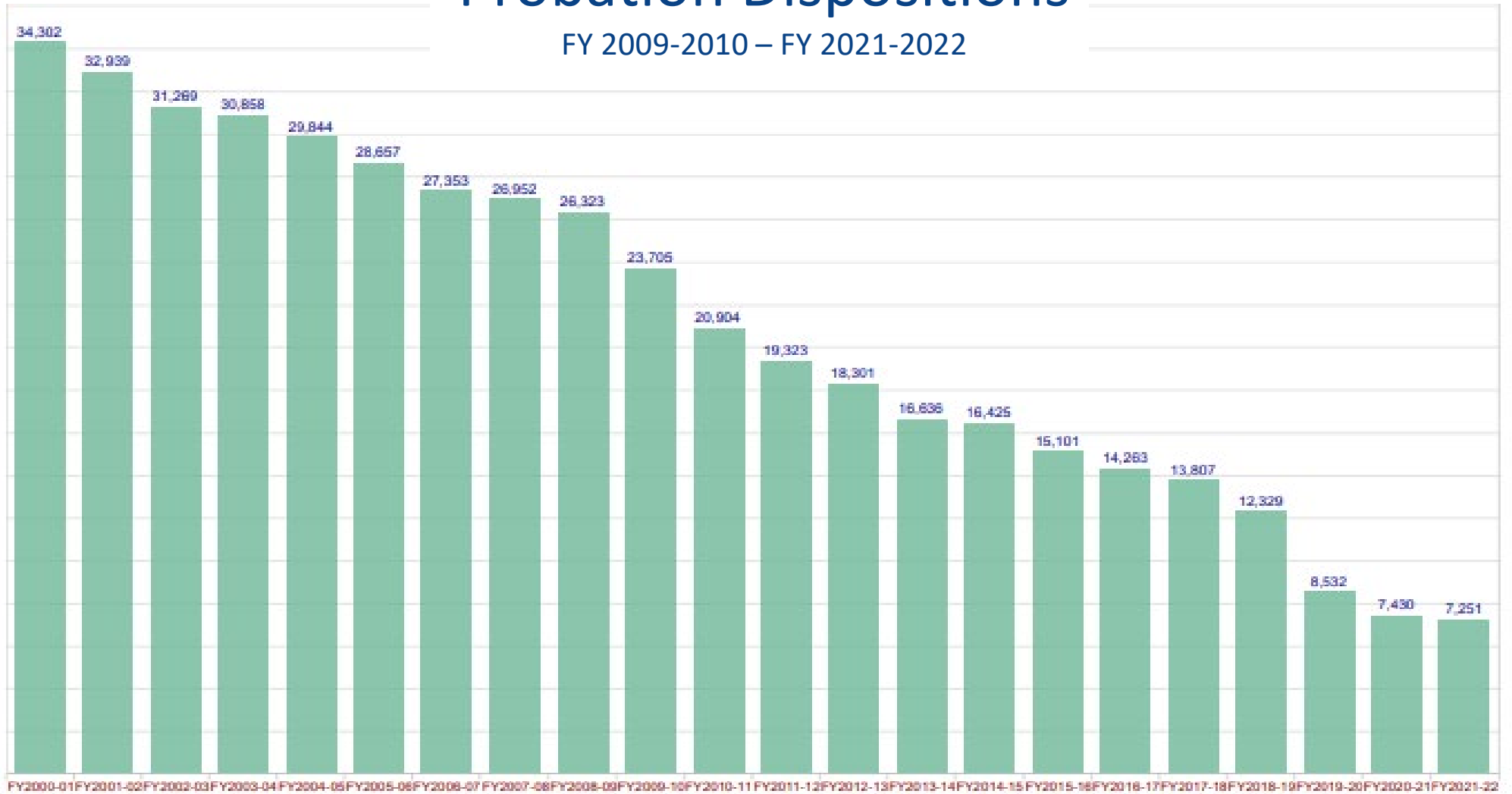
Probation and Community Intervention

- Every youth referred to the department is assigned a juvenile probation officer (JPO).
- JPOs provide a recommendation to the court based on comprehensive assessments and staffings.
- JPOs will oversee home visits, urinalysis screens, curfews, and other sanctions that the judge imposes.
- Probation also contracts with private providers for aftercare when youth are released from residential commitment.



Probation Dispositions

FY 2009-2010 – FY 2021-2022





Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Disposition Recommendation Matrix

(Staff should begin with the least restrictive setting within a particular disposition category. See Structured Decision-Making guidelines.)

Most Serious Presenting Offense	Assessed Risk to Reoffend Level			
	Low Risk to Reoffend	Moderate Risk to Reoffend	Moderate-High Risk to Reoffend	High Risk to Reoffend
Civil Citation Eligible ¹	Level 1	Level 1	N/A	N/A
Minor ²	Level 2 or 3a	Level 2 or 3a	Level 2 or 3a-c	Level 3a-c or 4
Serious ³	Level 2 or 3a	Level 2 or 3a-b	Level 3a-c or 4	Level 3a-c or 4
Violent ⁴	Level 2 or 3a-b	Level 2, 3a-c, or 4	Level 3a-c, 4, or 5	Level 3a-c, 4, or 5

¹ – Eligibility for civil citation is outlined in F.S. 985.12. Youth deemed ineligible for civil citation (based on community standards) should be reviewed under the "Minor" offense category based on the assessed risk to reoffend level.

² – All misdemeanor offenses.

³ – Felony offenses that do not include violence.

⁴ – Violent felony offenses (do not include misdemeanor assault and battery which are captured under "Minor").

Level 1 – Alternatives to Arrest

Level 3 – Community Supervision

(3a) – Probation Supervision

(3b) – Probation Enhancement Services (ART, EPICS, LifeSkills, etc.)

(3c) – Day Treatment, MST, FFT, Minimum Risk Commitment

Level 2 – Diversion & Non-DJJ Probation

Level 4 – Non-Secure Residential Commitment

Level 5 – Secure Residential Commitment (High & Maximum Risk Programs)

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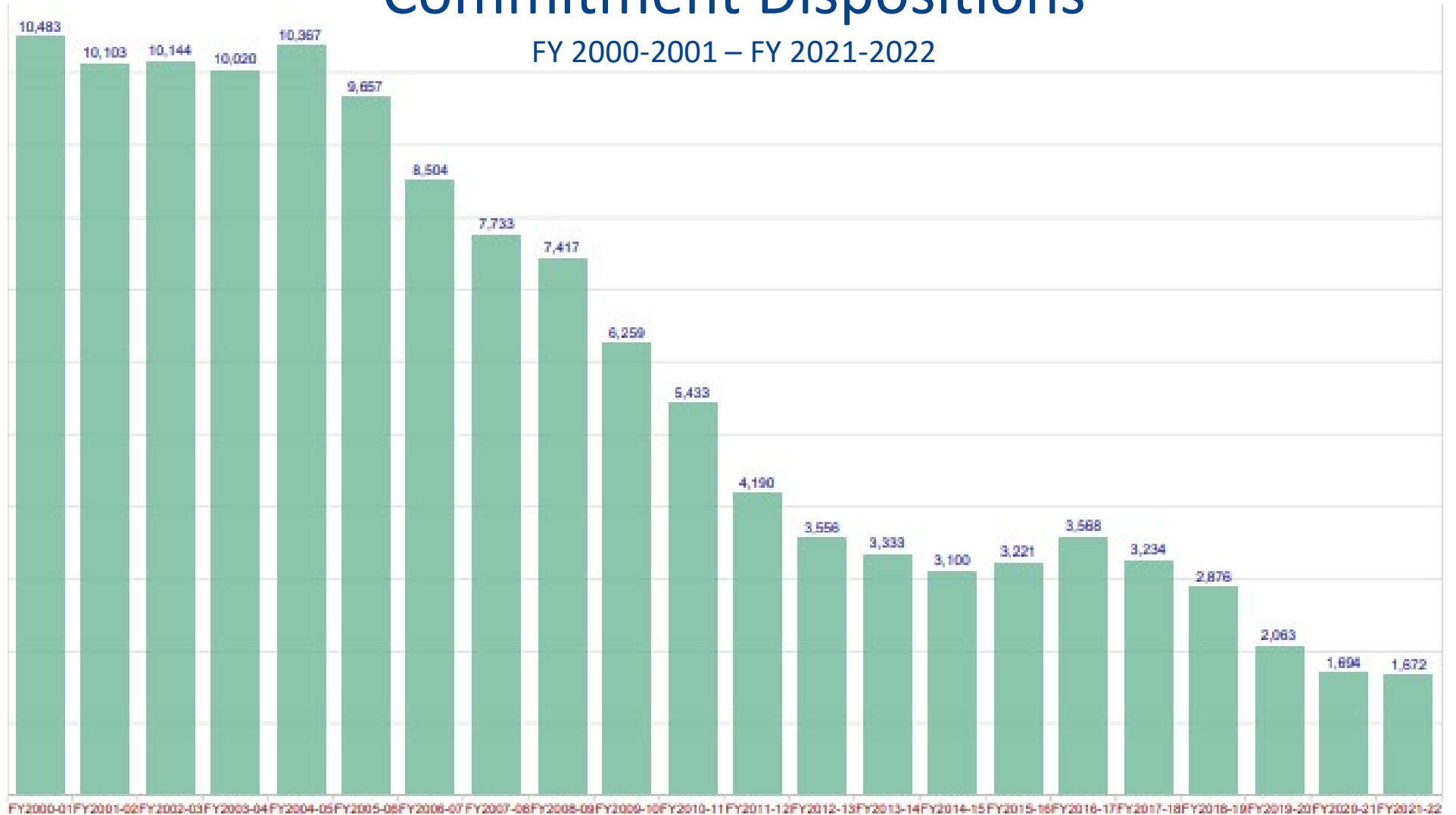


Residential

- Residential youth have been deemed a risk to public safety and are placed in a rehabilitative program where they receive education, counseling, and workforce training until they complete their treatment plan.
- Education for residential youth is provided by the local school district where the program is located.
- In FY 2021-22, residential commitment programs served 2,338 youth.
- Currently, there are approximately 1,500 beds, which are 100% specialized and run by private contracted providers.

Commitment Dispositions

FY 2000-2001 – FY 2021-2022



Project Anchor

- Partnership with Tallahassee Community College to focus on high-quality educational services to include career and technical education for youth in the deeper end of the system.
- Youth work with Career Navigators to map out educational success plans and match youth with credentialing programs that allow them to work toward their long term career goals.
- Career Navigators connect youth with local state colleges to continue their education and attainment of diplomas or credentials-of-value after release from commitment.

Recent Legislation

- Direct Care Staff Raises (2022)
- Workforce Education (2022):
 - \$3.7M for workforce education for residential and aftercare youth (Project Anchor)
- HB 7029 Time Limitations for Preadjudicatory Juvenile Detention Care (2022):
 - Allows for extension of detention care under specified circumstance when a judge finds good cause
 - Expansion of electronic monitoring
- HB 885 Juvenile Justice Programs and Detention (2021):
 - Created an effective response matrix and requires courts to consider additional information when a youth fails to appear

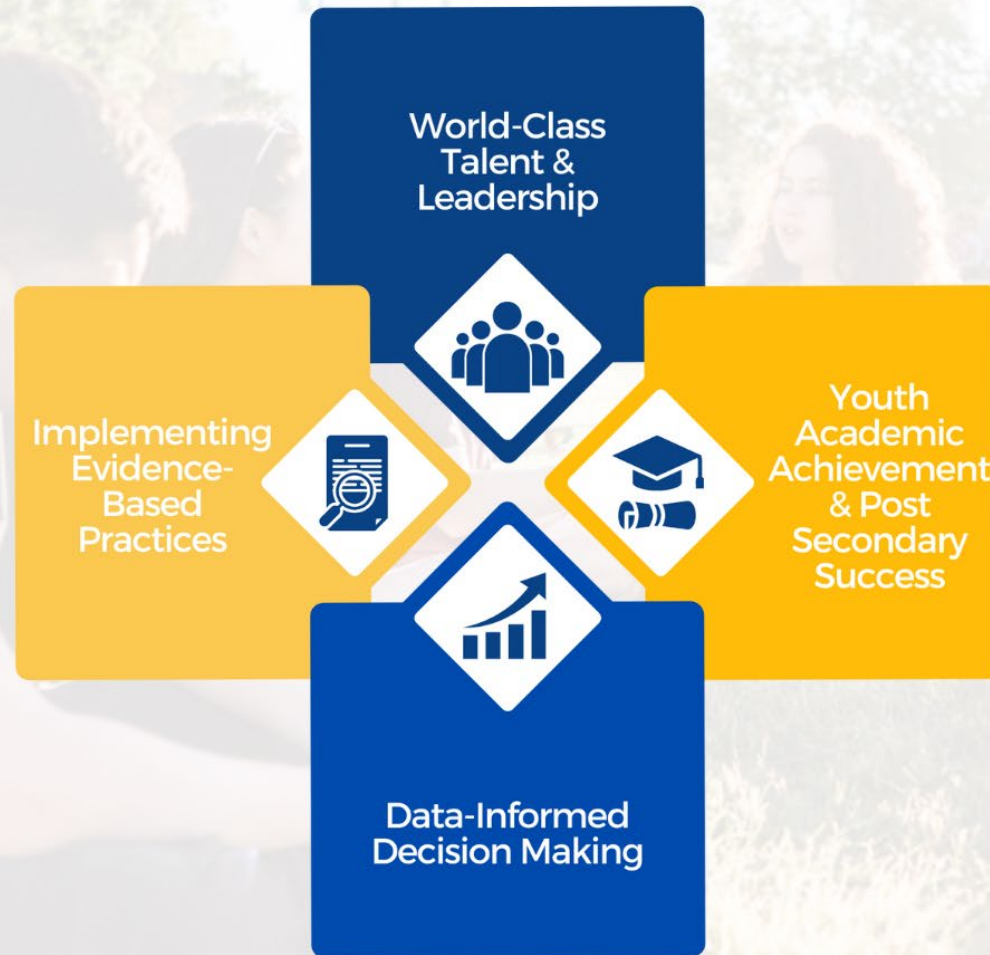


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THE 4 CORNERSTONES TO SERVICE EXCELLENCE



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Florida Scholars Academy

- A single unified juvenile justice education system in DJJ residential programs operated by a contracted provider.
- Focused on individual educational pathways:
 - High school diploma
 - High school equivalency diploma
 - Enrollment in an educational program of study at a Florida Technical College, State College or University
 - Attainment of industry recognized credentials of value
- Funded through General Revenue as part of the department's 2023-2024 Legislative Budget Request:
 - First Year Set Up Cost: \$12M

Questions

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SENATOR TINA SCOTT POLSKY

30th District

January 17, 2023

Chairman Jonathan Martin
Committee on Criminal Justice
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am writing to you to be excused from the Committee on Criminal Justice meeting that will be held on Monday, January 23 at 3:30 p.m. I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me at (850) 487-5030 if you have any questions.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tina S. Polsky".

Senator Tina S. Polsky
Florida Senate, District 30

cc: Amanda Stokes, Staff Director
Sue Arnold, Administrative Assistant

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Started: 1/23/2023 3:33:29 PM

Ends: 1/23/2023 4:38:43 PM

Length: 01:05:15

3:33:28 PM	Chair Martin calls the meeting to order
3:33:37 PM	Roll call, quorum present
3:33:53 PM	Chair introduces staff
3:35:31 PM	Tab 1. Secretary Eric Hall (DJJ) - An Overview of the Juvenile Justice System
3:36:49 PM	Chair remarks
3:36:58 PM	Secretary Hall presents
4:06:25 PM	Secretary Hall concludes presentation
4:07:28 PM	Questions:
4:07:31 PM	Sen. Powell
4:08:11 PM	Secretary Hall
4:09:14 PM	Sen. Pizzo
4:10:22 PM	Secretary Hall
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4:26:44 PM	Sen. Pizzo
4:27:05 PM	Appearance Cards:
4:27:16 PM	Afredo Zamora, Deputy Chief Assistant State Attorney, 9th Judicial Circuit
4:31:45 PM	Chair comments and opens for discussion
4:32:45 PM	Sen. Pizzo
4:34:35 PM	Chair Martin
4:34:53 PM	Alfredo Zamora
4:36:46 PM	Sen. Bradley moves to adjourn
4:36:48 PM	Without objection, meeting adjourned