



Monthly Report

May 2015

Bruce Rauner
Governor

Candice Jones
Director

The Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice has two goals:

- Make Illinois communities safer for all residents.
- Foster better life outcomes for youth in the Department's custody by providing appropriate and effective rehabilitative care.

In March 2015, the Department unveiled its comprehensive strategic plan focusing on five core principles:

- Right-Size: Reduce the use of secure custody for low-risk youth
- Rehabilitate: Improve programs to meet the needs of high-risk youth
- Reintegrate: Improve programs to ensure successful reentry
- Respect: Create a safe and respectful environment for youth and staff
- Report: Increase transparency and accountability

This monthly report and others like it are a part of the Department's commitment to enhance reporting and transparency. This allows the Department to more effectively inform stakeholders and the public about operations and outcomes.

Table 1: FY 2015 Population by Facility

	7/2014	8/2014	9/2014	10/2014	11/2014	12/2014	01/2015	02/2015	03/2015	04/2015	05/2015
<i>IYC Chicago</i>	75	74	68	80	70	76	69	59	62	85	86
<i>IYC Harrisburg</i>	179	170	168	176	174	166	141	128	131	137	142
<i>IYC Kewanee</i>	191	186	168	181	171	188	195	190	198	186	173
<i>IYC Pere Marquette</i>	35	38	39	39	32	31	29	32	24	30	24
<i>IYC St. Charles</i>	235	226	246	244	264	243	236	254	238	233	241
<i>IYC Warrenville</i>	39	32	30	37	38	35	35	38	32	29	34
IDJJ Total	754	726	719	757	749	739	705	701	685	700	700

The population is measured as the number of youth in a facility on the last day of the month. During the current fiscal year, the youth population has decreased by over 50 youth. This decrease continues the general downward trend in DJJ populations that has been occurring since 2004.

Table 2: FY 2015 Security Staff Headcount by Facility

	7/2014	8/2014	9/2014	10/2014	11/2014	12/2014	01/2015	02/2015	03/2015	04/2015	05/2015
<i>IYC Chicago</i>	66	66	61	61	62	60	60	60	59	58	58
<i>IYC Harrisburg</i>	153	151	148	148	146	144	142	142	146	143	139
<i>IYC Kewanee</i>	144	141	149	140	137	137	136	137	138	136	129
<i>IYC Pere Marquette</i>	25	25	23	23	24	24	24	23	29	31	30
<i>IYC St. Charles</i>	170	166	175	170	169	167	167	168	159	173	172
<i>IYC Warrenville</i>	58	58	66	66	66	67	64	64	61	67	67
IDJJ Total	616	607	622	608	604	599	593	594	592	608	595

The headcount of security staff is obtained by examining the number of security staff on active payroll for each facility. As facilities must be staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, it takes 3 or 4 staff to fill one role full time. The number of security staff includes security supervisors and interns.

* FY refers to the fiscal year. The State of Illinois fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30.

Table 3: Percent of Youth on Psychotropic Medication

	FY2014	FY2015
July	31.29%	23.48%
August	32.21%	27.58%
September	30.66%	29.70%
October	32.50%	28.91%
November	32.05%	29.81%
December	32.57%	31.29%
January	34.20%	28.93%
February	32.81%	23.92%
March	35.48%	31.23%
April	30.30%	31.28%
May	33.29%	30.96%
June	28.41%	
IDJJ Average	32.15%	28.83%

Nationally, the rates of incarcerated youth on psychotropic medication tend to range between 20 and 40%. Additionally, greater numbers of incarcerated females utilize psychotropic medications than males and have higher rates of diagnosis for mental disorders.

Table 4: FY 2015 Rate of Self-Harm Attempts by Severity per 100 Youth

	Mild Self-Harm Attempts	Moderately Severe Self-Harm Attempts	Severe Self-Harm Attempts	Total Attempts or Threats
July	2.25	0.13	0.00	2.38
August	1.24	1.79	0.00	3.03
September	1.95	1.11	0.00	3.06
October	1.72	1.06	0.00	2.78
November	1.47	1.47	0.00	2.94
December	1.08	1.22	0.00	2.30
January	4.26	1.70	0.00	5.96
February	4.99	1.43	0.00	6.42
March	5.11	1.90	0.00	7.01
April	4.43	2.29	0.00	6.72
May	4.29	2.43	0.00	6.72
IDJJ Average	2.98	1.50	0.00	4.48

Self-harm rates are measured by the total number of incidents and do not reflect the number of youth who have attempted self-harm. A mild attempt is when a youth verbalizes, threatens, or gestures self-injurious behavior. A moderately severe attempt is when a youth attempts self-harm and appears to be motivated by suicidal intent and as such inflicts superficial harm to self that may require minor medical attention. A serious attempt is when a youth self-harms and as such inflicts harm to self that requires medical attention or whose attempt is believed to be potentially lethal and is scheduled for medical observation.

Table 5: FY 2015 Distribution of DSM-5 Diagnoses of Youth in Facilities

	Youth with No Diagnosis	Youth with One Diagnosis	Youth with Two Diagnoses	Youth with Three Diagnoses	Youth with Four or More Diagnoses
July	1.01%	20.17%	40.49%	24.35%	13.98%
August	1.35%	21.23%	39.16%	24.51%	13.75%
September	0.43%	21.75%	37.20%	24.46%	16.17%
October	0.13%	19.09%	41.26%	23.36%	16.15%
November	0.44%	20.58%	37.66%	24.23%	17.08%
December	0.28%	21.79%	36.31%	22.91%	18.72%
January	0.63%	24.06%	36.72%	22.50%	16.09%
February	1.32%	22.86%	37.99%	23.03%	14.80%
March	1.82%	28.60%	34.86%	20.03%	14.69%
April	2.76%	23.04%	37.48%	22.58%	14.13%
May	2.19%	24.38%	33.59%	23.28%	16.56%
IDJJ Average	1.12%	22.50%	37.52%	23.20%	15.65%

The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Edition, is a commonly used tool in the psychology field to provide standard criteria and descriptions of mental disorders. It contains a variety of mental disorders including depression and bipolar disorder and also includes diagnoses of conduct disorder and substance abuse disorders. Nearly all youth in DJJ facilities have a minimum of one diagnosis according to DSM-5 definitions. Nationally, research estimates that between 40 and 60% of incarcerated juveniles have a diagnosable mental disorder. These estimates tend to exclude substance abuse and conduct disorders.

Table 6: FY 2015 Number of Substance Abuse Treatment Participants

	7/2014	8/2014	9/2014	10/2014	11/2014	12/2014	01/2015	02/2015	03/2015	04/2015	05/2015
<i>IYC Chicago</i>	22	23	24	20	26	22	23	23	21	22	27
<i>IYC Harrisburg</i>	54	59	59	63	61	61	50	49	51	49	48
<i>IYC Kewanee</i>	20	24	26	29	30	25	27	24	26	26	17
<i>IYC Pere Marquette</i>	47	49	42	48	42	49	40	42	32	36	37
<i>IYC St. Charles</i>	33	37	39	41	37	35	37	32	36	36	40
<i>IYC Warrenville</i>	10	10	8	11	12	11	8	8	10	9	12
IDJJ Total	186	202	198	212	208	203	185	178	176	178	181

Table 7: FY 2015 Primary Substance Abused by Youth in Treatment

	7/2014	8/2014	9/2014	10/2014	11/2014	12/2014	01/2015	02/2015	03/2015	04/2015	05/2015	Average
<i>Marijuana</i>	72.0%	79.2%	75.9%	75.1%	77.5%	77.9%	77.8%	78.1%	80.1%	81.5%	80.7%	77.8%
<i>Alcohol</i>	17.7%	12.9%	15.1%	15.0%	12.4%	12.8%	13.0%	12.9%	11.9%	11.2%	12.2%	13.4%
<i>Other Drugs</i>	5.9%	4.5%	5.0%	6.1%	7.2%	6.9%	8.1%	7.9%	6.8%	6.2%	7.2%	6.5%
<i>No Diagnosis</i>	4.3%	3.5%	4.0%	3.8%	2.9%	2.5%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	0.0%	2.3%

Each of the six DJJ facilities have an in-house substance abuse treatment program. Treatment at the facilities utilizes education and group therapy to help decrease future substance use. The number of treatment participants is the total number of youth enrolled in a substance abuse program during the month of interest. Due to treatment failure, drop out, and rolling acceptance into the programs, the number of youth reported in a program tends to be greater than the actual number of youth enrolled at one time. Primary substance abused is the primary drug of choice for a youth in treatment. Many youth enrolled in treatment are polysubstance users and are treated accordingly.

Table 8: FY 2015 Students Enrolled in School

	7/2014	8/2014	9/2014	10/2014	11/2014	12/2014	01/2015	02/2015	03/2015	04/2015	05/2015
<i>IYC Chicago</i>	70	72	68	70	68	66	65	53	56	84	51
<i>IYC Harrisburg</i>	138	126	111	97	117	109	103	87	90	85	83
<i>IYC Kewanee</i>	111	110	110	119	117	131	134	126	131	125	123
<i>IYC Pere Marquette</i>	25	35	33	32	25	21	23	22	18	24	14
<i>IYC St. Charles</i>	190	190	185	185	176	200	176	193	214	167	214
<i>IYC Warrenville</i>	34	24	27	32	29	31	24	30	30	27	34
IDJJ Total	568	557	534	535	532	558	525	511	539	506	519

Table 9: FY 2015 Teachers Employed

	7/2014	8/2014	9/2014	10/2014	11/2014	12/2014	01/2015	02/2015	03/2015	04/2015	05/2015
<i>IYC Chicago</i>	9	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6
<i>IYC Harrisburg</i>	16	15	15	15	15	16	16	16	16	16	16
<i>IYC Kewanee</i>	11	11	9	9	9	8	9	9	9	9	9
<i>IYC Pere Marquette</i>	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1
<i>IYC St. Charles</i>	14	14	14	14	13	13	14	14	14	14	13
<i>IYC Warrenville</i>	7	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
IDJJ Total	60	58	56	57	56	56	57	56	56	56	54

Table 10: FY 2015 Percent of Special Education Students

	7/2014	8/2014	9/2014	10/2014	11/2014	12/2014	01/2015	02/2015	03/2015	04/2015	05/2015
<i>IYC Chicago</i>	34.29%	30.56%	27.94%	28.57%	22.06%	27.27%	15.38%	22.64%	21.43%	20.24%	41.18%
<i>IYC Harrisburg</i>	34.78%	36.51%	48.69%	50.52%	53.85%	57.80%	46.60%	51.72%	40.00%	42.35%	22.89%
<i>IYC Kewanee</i>	56.76%	59.09%	57.27%	51.26%	51.28%	48.85%	57.46%	57.94%	54.20%	56.80%	53.66%
<i>IYC Pere Marquette</i>	52.00%	25.71%	36.36%	37.50%	44.00%	28.57%	47.82%	9.09%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<i>IYC St. Charles</i>	37.89%	38.42%	45.41%	44.32%	39.77%	37.00%	34.09%	29.02%	16.82%	32.93%	23.83%
<i>IYC Warrenville</i>	2.94%	0.00%	14.81%	21.88%	31.03%	29.03%	29.17%	26.67%	33.33%	44.44%	50.00%
IDJJ Average	38.91%	38.60%	44.19%	43.18%	42.86%	41.94%	40.57%	38.36%	27.63%	37.75%	33.53%

Table 11: FY 2015 Overall Diplomas Awarded

	7/2014	8/2014	9/2014	10/2014	11/2014	12/2014	01/2015	02/2015	03/2015	04/2015	05/2015	Totals
<i>IYC Chicago</i>	1	0	0	1	1	4	2	0	3	1	2	15
<i>IYC Harrisburg</i>	5	6	14	8	4	7	3	6	7	15	10	85
<i>IYC Kewanee</i>	6	8	4	4	1	4	1	9	2	1	7	47
<i>IYC Pere Marquette</i>	6	2	2	1	2	2	3	0	2	2	0	22
<i>IYC St. Charles</i>	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	2	5	3	20
<i>IYC Warrenville</i>	1	1	1	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	10
IDJJ Total	19	17	21	19	11	24	11	15	16	23	22	199

School District 428 offers three types of diplomas for students: 8th grade, high school, and general equivalency. The District offers blended learning, utilizing both online and in-person instruction. An estimated 10% of youth admitted to the Department receive some sort of diploma during their stay. Nationally, it is estimated that about 40% of youth held in juvenile facilities have a need for special education services.

Table 12: CY 2015 Rate of Reportable Incidents per 100 Youth

	1/2015	2/2015	3/2015	04/2015	05/2015
<i>Youth on Youth Assaults</i>	5.1	2.3	3.2	3.6	3.1
<i>Youth Fights</i>	6.0	4.9	7.4	8.1	6.6
<i>Youth on Staff Assaults</i>	2.1	1.9	3.5	1.6	2.6
Overall Reportable Incidents	13.2	9.0	14.2	13.3	12.3

Reportable incidents measure incidents of disruption in a correctional facility. The numbers provided are rates per 100 youth in DJJ custody. Youth on youth assaults are when one or more youth strikes another youth or youths. Youth fights are when two or more youth mutually engage in a fight. Youth on staff assaults are when one or more youth commit physical violence against one or more staff members.

Table 13: CY 2015 Uses of Chemical Restraints

	1/2015	2/2015	3/2015	04/2015	05/2015
<i>IYC Chicago</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>IYC Harrisburg</i>	1	0	1	0	1
<i>IYC Kewanee</i>	3	5	1	6	9
<i>IYC Pere Marquette</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>IYC St. Charles</i>	1	0	0	2	0
<i>IYC Warrenville</i>	0	0	1	1	1
IDJJ Total	5	5	3	9	11

Uses of chemical restraints are instances of the use of pepper spray as a use of force. The table provides a total number of uses at each facility per month. After any use, youth are checked by a medical professional and have an opportunity to shower.

Table 14: CY 2015 Uses of Mechanical Restraints

	1/2015	2/2015	3/2015	04/2015	05/2015
<i>IYC Chicago</i>	8	12	14	36	29
<i>IYC Harrisburg</i>	12	25	28	15	1
<i>IYC Kewanee</i>	74	78	92	65	61
<i>IYC Pere Marquette</i>	1	0	1	0	0
<i>IYC St. Charles</i>	137	65	46	94	83
<i>IYC Warrenville</i>	5	2	9	1	6
IDJJ Total	237	182	190	211	180

Uses of mechanical restraints are the temporary application of handcuffs. The numbers provided are the total number of uses at each facility per month. If there is an incident where two youth are placed in mechanical restraints at the same time, that is counted as two uses. After any use, youth are checked by a medical professional.

Table 15: CY 2015 Rate of Confinement/Timeout Use per 100 Youth

	1/2015	2/2015	3/2015	04/2015	05/2015
<i>IYC Chicago</i>	5.8	22.0	33.9	42.4	40.7
<i>IYC Harrisburg</i>	22.0	27.3	45.8	38.0	33.1
<i>IYC Kewanee</i>	10.8	20.0	17.7	97.8	80.3
<i>IYC Pere Marquette</i>	0.0	6.3	37.5	16.7	20.8
<i>IYC St. Charles</i>	36.4	22.8	31.5	63.5	52.7
<i>IYC Warrenville</i>	68.6	34.2	31.3	24.1	26.5
IDJJ Overall Rate	23.5	22.7	31.1	61.4	51.7

Due to ongoing attempts to improve data collection and fidelity, rates of confinement and timeout may increase from month to month. This does not necessarily indicate an increase in use, but rather improved reporting of incidents and data collection procedures.

* CY is the calendar year to date. Due to recent efforts to improve data, data is only presented for the 2015 calendar year.

Table 16: Youth on Aftercare

	April	May
<i>Total Number of Youth Assigned to Aftercare</i>	1429	1496
<i>Number of Youth in Community</i>	917	935
<i>Number of Youth in Facilities</i>	380	419
<i>Number of Youth on Warrant Status</i>	132	142

Table 17: Caseloads in Aftercare (Per Specialist)

	April	May
<i>Average Number of Youth on Caseload</i>	37.6	31.2
<i>Average Number of Youth in Community</i>	24.1	19.5
<i>Average Number of Youth in Facilities</i>	10	8.7
<i>Average Number of Youth on Warrant Status</i>	3.5	2.9

There are three groups of youth served by Aftercare. Youth in facilities are currently held in a DJJ facility, but preparing for their transition to the community. Youth in the community are currently supervised through Aftercare after release from a facility. Youth on warrant status are in violation of the terms of their supervised release and are being held in a facility pending a legal hearing or have a warrant issued for their arrest. The average number of youth on caseload provides the average number of all types of youth that one Aftercare Specialist will supervise.

Table 18: Aftercare Specialist Contact per Youth in May by Office

Aftercare Regional Office	Overall Contacts	Contacts per Youth	Community Contacts	Contacts per Youth in Community
<i>Chicago</i>	622	1.5	472	2
<i>Chicago Heights</i>	273	1.1	211	1.6
<i>Aurora</i>	335	2.4	244	3
<i>Rockford</i>	198	1.4	154	1.5
<i>Peoria</i>	382	2.8	303	3
<i>East St. Louis</i>	259	1.7	209	2
<i>Champaign</i>	297	2.1	250	2.8
<i>Springfield</i>	185	1.5	140	1.6
IDJJ Total	2551	1.7	1983	2.1

Contacts between Aftercare and a youth start to occur prior to their release from a DJJ facility. Contacts, both overall and in the community, are attempted and actual face-to-face meetings that occur between Aftercare Specialists and youth, their host site, placement staff, and engaged friends and family members. Contacts per youth provides an average number of contacts an Aftercare specialists will have for each youth on their caseload. Contacts per youth in community only examines contacts regarding youth that are actively monitored in the community. Per Departmental policy, Aftercare Specialists are meant to have one to four meetings per month with each youth, depending on their level of supervision.