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PENNSYLVANIA JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT

Residential placements are a critical component of Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system, protecting communities from the highest-risk youth in alignment with the Balanced and Restorative Justice mission. Youth in residential placements undergo review hearings at least every three months to assess the necessity of continued placement. This infographic presents key metrics to guide policies and practices related to this intensive level of care.

Types of Residential Placement



Community Based
Community Residential
Service/Group Home
Foster Care
Supervised Independent
Living
Transitional Living



Institutional
General Residential
Services
Secure Residential
Services
Youth Development
Center Secure
Youth Development
Center Non-Secure



Other
Community Residential
Rehabilitation
Drug & Alcohol Program
Inpatient Mental
Health
Residential Treatment
Facility

ONE-DAY PLACEMENT CENSUS*:

2016

VS.

2025

4,377

1,087

56%



**Decrease in PLACEMENT
DISPOSITIONS from 2016 to 2025**

\$13 Million



**MORE SPENT on Delinquency
Placements in FY 24-25 than
FY 15-16****

1,500

**DELINQUENCY PLACEMENTS
in 2025**

**MEDIAN LENGTH OF STAY IN
OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT FOR
YOUTH CLOSED**

2016

VS.

2025

8.0
Months



9.7
Months

Top Residential Placement Types

25%

General
Residential
Services

24%

Youth
Development
Center Secure

23%

Community
Residential
Service/
Group Home

Note: Based on 2025 Data.

*Based on the number of youth in
placement on September 1, 2016
vs. September 1, 2025.

**Data is from the PA Depart-
ment of Human Services' Office of
Children, Youth, and Families.



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