

# Overview of Education Services in Juvenile Residential Programs

Judicial Branch  
Court Support Services Division  
DCF Implementation Team Meeting  
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# Agenda

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- Admissions and Releases
- Population
- Providers and Services
- Challenges and Strengths

## ■ Residential Treatment Programs

- Types of Education Providers
- Services
- Program Providers & Educators by Program Type

# Pre-Trial Juvenile Detention

# Pre-Trial Detention Admissions and Releases

Number of Admissions by Year and Facility			
Year	Bridgeport	Hartford	Total
2018	651	593	1244
2019	578	490	1068
2020	260	162	422

Number of Releases by Year and Facility			
Year	Bridgeport	Hartford	Total
2018	562	534	1096
2019	518	434	952
2020	240	161	401

# Pre-Trial Detention

## Race/Ethnicity and Gender

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>Female</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>52</b>
Black	67	79	22
Hispanic/Latino	105	91	16
Other	1	1	0
White	30	39	14
<b>Male</b>	<b>1041</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>370</b>
Black	481	410	192
Hispanic/Latino	403	301	129
Other	10	10	3
White	147	137	46

# Pre-Trial Detention Admissions by Age

	<u><b>2018</b></u>	<u><b>2019</b></u>	<u><b>2020</b></u>
Number of Admissions	1244	1068	422
Unique Clients	714	659	325
Age Range 11-13	50	64	24
Age Range 14-15	436	333	141
Age Range 16-17	707	629	237
Age 18+	51	42	20

# Pre-Trial Detention

## Education Profile of Students

- High rate of school disengagement
- High rates of suspension (54%)
- High rates of expulsion (32%)
- 25% identified Special Education (IEP)
- < 5% perform at stated grade level or above
- Typically perform 2-3 levels below stated grade
- Overage and under credit

# Pre-Trial Detention Education Providers

- C.G.S. Sections 10-253(g), 10-76d(e)(5), 10-220k
- Bridgeport Public Schools
- Hartford Public Schools subcontracts to DOMUS
- Detention staff & Education provider notify LEA
- Education provider bills LEA for services
- 15 – 40 students/day per detention center
  - In school day after admission/court
  - Average Length of Stay (11 – 25 days)
  - Range 1 – 150 days



# Pre-Trial Detention Education Services

- Screening (Wide Range Achievement Test 3)
- Records request from LEA
- Core content classes (English, Math, Social Studies, Science, Health/PE/Financial Literacy)
- Regular Education
- Special Education
- Transfer of student grades/work to LEA
- LEA is mandated to assign credit

# Pre-Trial Education Challenges

- Unknown length of stay
- Overage and under credit
- Transient population = Partial credits
- Multiple education providers
- Limited resources to support content, service delivery, quality, professional development, or compliance with state and federal mandates
- No statutory or contractual authority over education providers

# Pre-Trial Education Strengths

- Dedicated education staff
- Small education programs & class sizes
- Students experience success
- Vocational services and instruction
- Career exploration
- Cooperative Relationships with LEAs
- Support of CSDE

# Residential Treatment Programs

# Residential Treatment Education Providers

- Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES)\*
- Bridgeport Public Schools
- Cable Academic and Vocational Education Center\*\*
- Charles F. Hayden School\*\*
- DOMUS (Charter Management Organization)\*\*\*
- Natchaug Hospital School (APSEP)\*\*
- Touchstone School (APSEP)\*\*

\*Regional Education Service Center

\*\*Approved Private Special Education Program

\*\*\*Charter Management Organization subcontract of Hartford Public Schools

# Residential Treatment Educational Services

- State Agency Placement under C.G.S. Sections 10-76(e)(2) and 10-253(b)
- Core content classes (English, Math, Social Studies, Science, PE/Health)
- Regular Education
- Special Education
- Transition Services
- Juvenile Justice Liaisons (school district)
- Credit Recovery Programs (Apex Online Learning)
- Social-Emotional Learning (SEL)
- Special Programs/Celebrations (guest speakers)
- Weekly Multidisciplinary Team meetings
- Monthly Integrated Treatment Plan meetings

# Residential Services for Boys Providers & Educators

- HAMILTON – Detention Diversion & Stabilization
  - Bridgeport – 6 beds
  - BGV & BGV Charles F. Hayden School
  - 2 week LOS
  
- TRAC - Therapeutic Respite and Assessment Center
  - Litchfield - 8 beds
  - CJR & CJR Cable School
  - 45-90 day LOS

# Intermediate Residential Services Providers & Educators

- AMIR - Adolescent Male Intermediate Residential
  - Litchfield - 8 beds
  - CJR & CJR Cable School
  - 120 day LOS
  
- AFIR - Adolescent Female Intermediate Residential
  - Litchfield – 8 beds
  - NAFI & NAFI Touchstone School
  - 120 day LOS



# REGIONS Staff Secure Providers & Educators

- 3 REGIONS Staff Secure programs (boys)
- 4 – 6 month LOS
- Hartford - 8 beds
  - CPA & ACES
- Waterbury – 8 beds
  - CJR & CJR Cable Academic and Vocational Education Center
- Milford – 12 beds
  - Boys & Girls Village (BGV) & BGV Charles F. Hayden School

# REGIONS Secure Providers & Educators

- 6 – 9 month ALOS
- 3 REGIONS Locked Secure programs (boys)
  - Bridgeport - 12 beds
    - Bridgeport Detention & Bridgeport Public Schools
  - Hartford - 12 beds
    - Hartford Detention & DOMUS (thru Hartford Public Schools)
  - Hamden - 16 beds
    - Community Partners in Action (CPA) & ACES
  - Additional site pending contract award (open 2023) – 12 beds
- 1 REGIONS Limited Secure program (girls)
  - Mansfield – 12 beds
    - Natchaug Hospital “Journey House” & Natchaug Hospital School

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