

Update to Behavioral Health Oversight Council on Impacts to Judicial Branch from Budget Cuts



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Budget Cuts Were Unprecedented



- **Judicial Branch took a cut totaling \$77M, which is disproportionate to its portion of the state budget**
 - Nearly 300 JB lay-offs
 - Four court consolidations / closures
 - Cuts to contracted programs

Factors Used in Making Cuts



- Centrality of the service to the core mission of the Judicial Branch
- Evidence of effectiveness of the service
- Program utilization
- Availability of similar services through other state, local and private agencies and organizations
- Geography

Juvenile Impact Summary



- **Nine programs were eliminated**
 - Detention and Alternative to Detention, In-Home Family Treatment, Educational and Vocational Services, Community Service, Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- **1 statewide program model, Child and Youth Family Support Centers (CYFSC), was substantially reduced (approximately \$4M)**
 - Eliminated educational support, vocational programming and some infrastructure, but cognitive behavioral groups, case management, mediation and basic needs / community engagement remain intact
- **All remaining programs took a 6.9% cut**

Adult Impact Summary



- Reduce residential treatment beds by 123, leaving 188 beds for highest risk / need clients
- Downsize community service programming, hereafter adopting a regional approach
- Reduce out-patient substance abuse treatment slots, and serve clients through another program model
- Close day reporting center for 28 sex offenders, favoring Probation supervision of those clients
- Across the board cuts of 2.3%

Overall Effects



- Likely delays in court processing, hearings, etc
- Waitlists for services
- Increased need to
 - engage clients effectively
 - remain sharply focused on addressing criminogenic needs
 - meaningfully engage in discharge planning
 - plan and collaborate with local and state agencies and service providers for more efficient use of dollars and service access