



Justice Appropriations Subcommittee

Thursday, February 17, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Reed Hall

MEETING PACKET

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AGENDA

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- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
- II. Opening Remarks
- III. Agency Introduction and Overview
- IV. Department of Juvenile Justice – Status Report on Bed Utilization
- V. Budget Workshop
- VI. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

AGENCY INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW



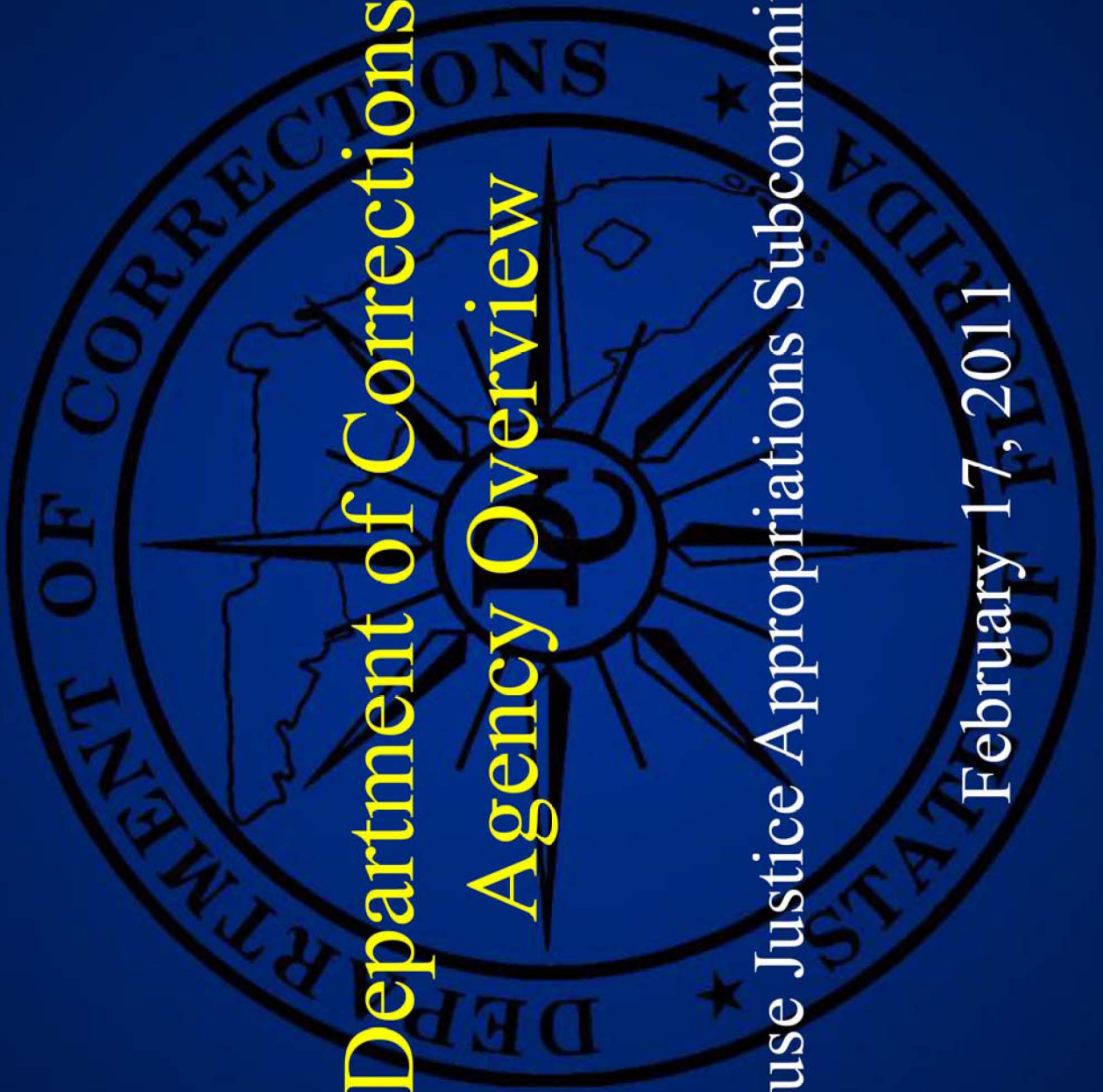
FLORIDA STATEWIDE GUARDIAN AD LITEM OFFICE

December 2010

Total # of abused and neglected children under court supervision	30,835
Total abused and neglected children represented by GAL Program	21,339
Percent of abused and neglected children represented by GAL Program	69.2 %
Percent of abused and neglected children without GAL representation	30.8%
Age of abused and neglected children represented by GAL Program	
Under 10 years	65.4%
10 – 15 years	22.8%
16 years and above	11.8%
Ethnicity of abused and neglected children represented by GAL Program	
African – American	31.8%
Caucasian	53.7%
Other	14.5%
Gender of abused and neglected children represented by GAL Program	
Female	49%
Male	51%
Total number of Volunteers	7,858
Average age of Volunteers	54
Ethnicity of Volunteers	
African – American	10.3%
Caucasian	78.9%
Other	10.8%
Gender of Volunteers	
Female	76.8%
Male	22.6%

The Florida Guardian ad Litem Program is a partnership of community advocates and professional staff providing a powerful voice on behalf of Florida's abused, abandoned, and neglected children.

In a time when resources are scarce, it is essential that children have their own advocates to identify needed services and to fight for them.

The seal of the Department of Corrections of Florida is a circular emblem. It features a central compass rose with a shield in the center containing the letters 'D', 'C', and 'F'. The shield is surrounded by a map of Florida. The outer ring of the seal contains the text 'DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS' at the top and 'STATE OF FLORIDA' at the bottom, separated by two stars.

Department of Corrections Agency Overview

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Department of Corrections

■ **Mission:**

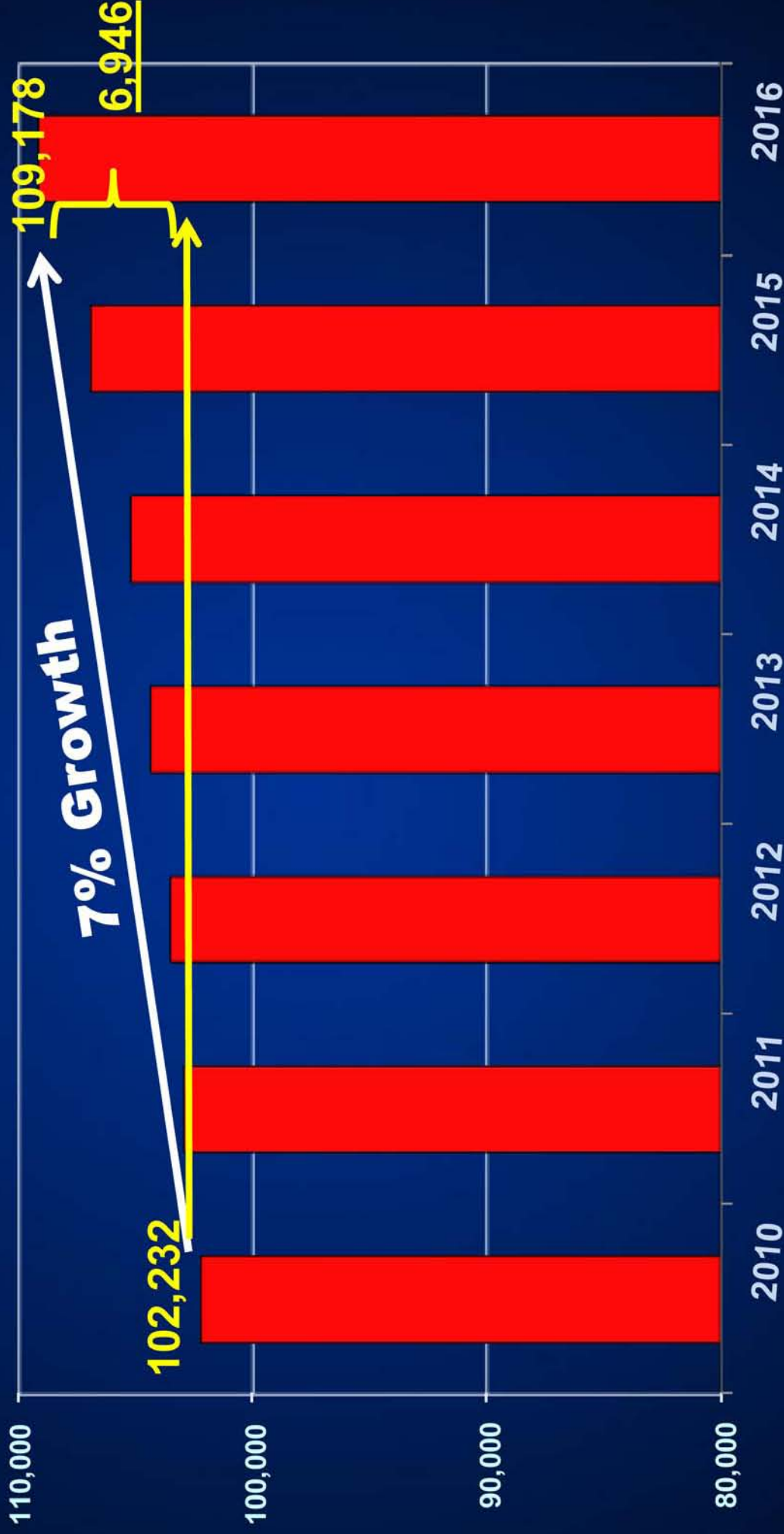
To protect the public safety, to ensure the safety of Department personnel, and to provide proper care and supervision of all offenders under our jurisdiction while assisting, as appropriate, their reentry into society.

■ **Key facts:**

- 101,000+ inmates housed in 145 prison facilities, including 63 major institutions
- 115,000+ active offenders reporting to 156 probation offices
- 29,000+ positions (74% are certified officers)
- \$2.3 billion operating budget



Florida's Prison Population Estimated by Year on June 30th





Legal Framework

The purpose of the Department of Corrections is to protect the public through the incarceration and supervision of offenders and to rehabilitate offenders through the application of work, programs, and services.

Section 20.315, Florida Statutes

- Establishes the Department of Corrections

Chapters 944 and 945, Florida Statutes

- Custody and Care of Inmates

Chapter 948, Florida Statutes

- Community Corrections



Priorities

- Public safety is the department's number one priority.
- Initiatives and proposals support our efforts to improve operations and the safety and security of our prisons.
- The department recognizes the economic condition of the state of Florida. To that end, we are continually reviewing our processes and programs in order to save money while meeting our mission.



Edwin Buss, Secretary

Florida Department of Corrections

Department of Juvenile Justice



Legislative Briefing

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Residential Bed Management
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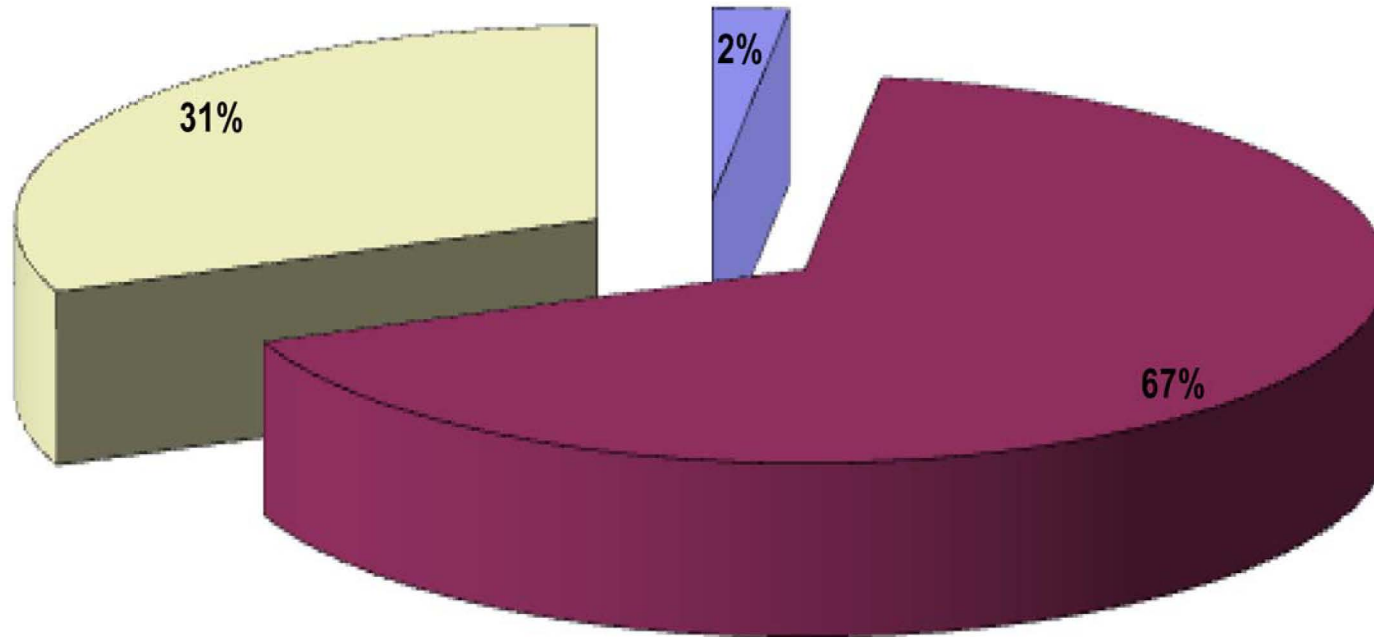
Placement Planning Process

- Juvenile Probation Officer determines that commitment may be appropriate.
- Comprehensive Evaluation conducted to identify treatment needs related to health, mental health, substance abuse, educational and vocational services.
- Multidisciplinary “commitment staffing” held to determine the need for residential commitment as well as the restrictiveness level that may be needed to ensure public safety. A special review is conducted to assure that youth referred for only misdemeanor offenses receive services in the community if at all possible.
- Juvenile Probation Officer makes a recommendation to the court. The court may order commitment, and restrictiveness level, but may not order a particular program placement

Bed Capacity Profile

- 4,146 total bed capacity
- 116 programs sited at 70 different locations
- 15 programs (636 beds=15%) are managed and operated by the Department
- 101 programs (3510 beds=85%) are contracted with private agencies
- All programs offer
 - ✓ Basic Care and Custody
 - ✓ Group and Individual Counseling
 - ✓ Educational and Vocational Services
 - ✓ Case Management Services
 - ✓ Healthcare
- 4,058 (98%) of all residential commitment beds offer specialized treatment (mental health/substance abuse treatment, sex offender treatment and services for youth with developmental disabilities)

Specialized Bed Capacity

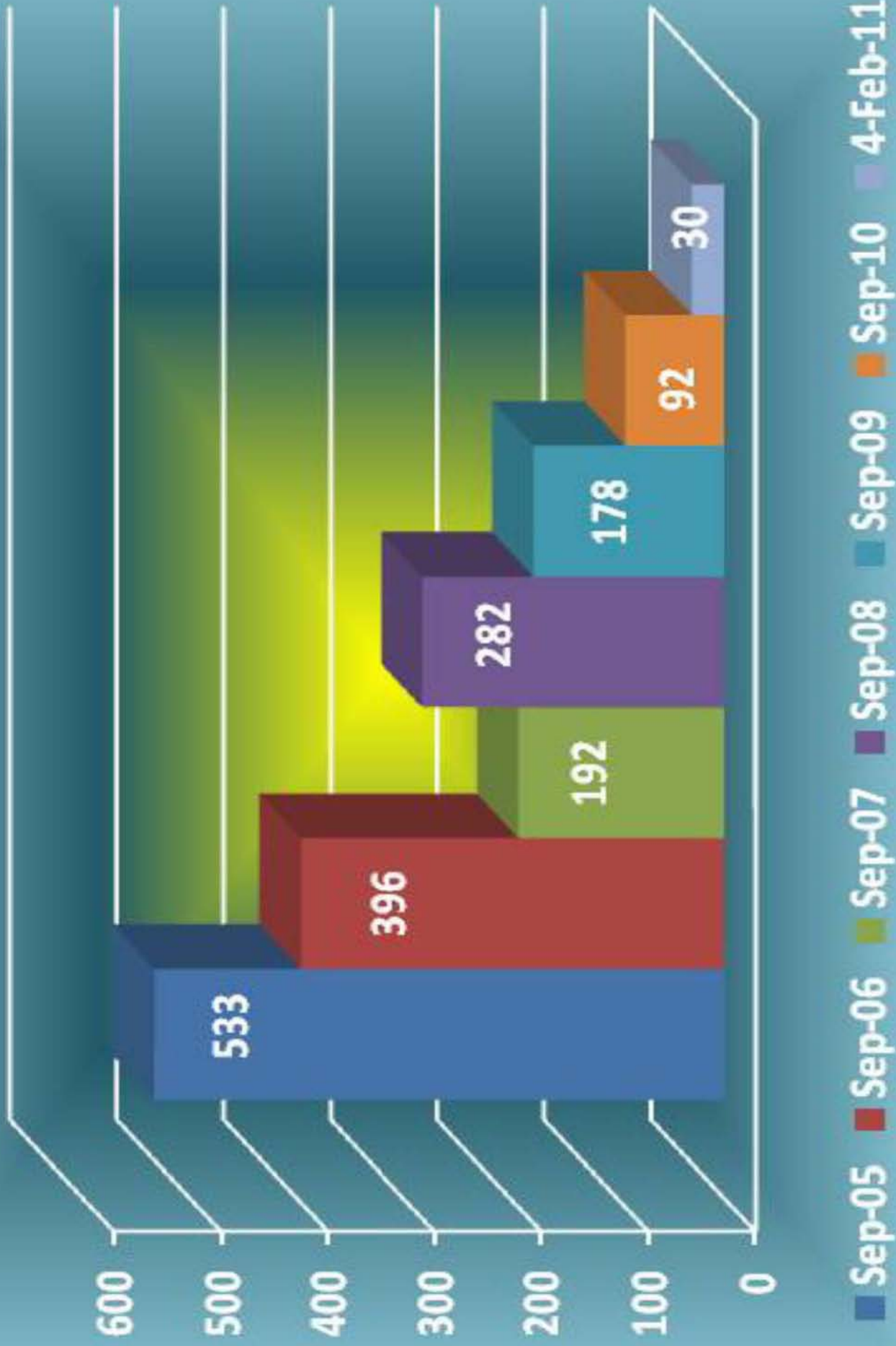


■ General = 88 Beds

■ Specialized Overlay = 2769 Beds

■ Integrated Specialized = 1289 Beds

6 Year History of the Commitment Waiting List



Bed Utilization Trend Data



Non-Secure



Low-risk residential.-- (2% of capacity)

Moderate-risk residential.-- (70% of capacity)

Secure



High-risk residential.-- (24% of capacity)

Maximum-risk residential.--Programs at this level have a mandatory minimum stay of 18 months. (4% of capacity)