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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairs of House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Chairs of Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety
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FROM: Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr., Secretary 
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RE: Limit Use of Community Program Funds

DATE: October 1, 2025

As pursuant to S.L. 2023-134, 19H.1.(c) The Department of Public Safety shall submit an electronic report by October 1 of each year of the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium on all expenditures made in the preceding fiscal year from the miscellaneous contract line in Fund Code 1230 to the chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the Fiscal Research Division. The report shall include all of the following: an itemized list of the contracts that have been executed, the amount of each contract, the date the contract was executed, the purpose of the contract, the number of juveniles that will be served and the manner in which they will be served, the amount of money transferred to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council fund, and an itemized list of grants allocated from the funds transferred to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council fund.

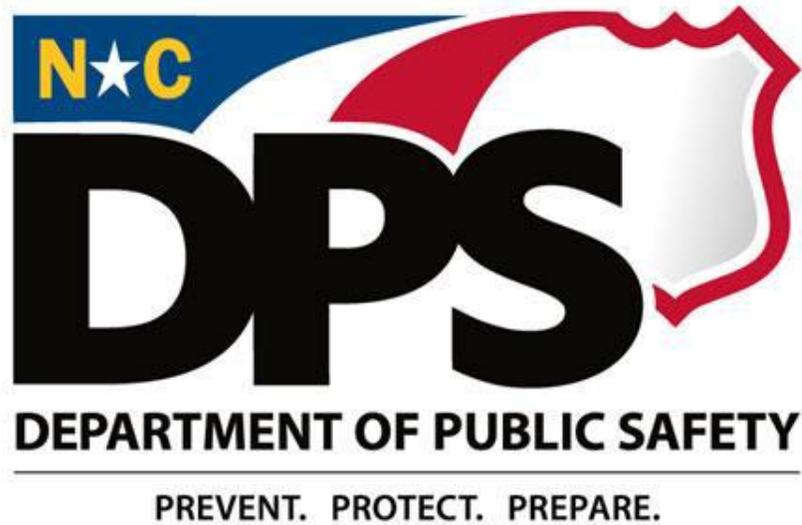
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**Limit Use of Community Programs Funds
(Miscellaneous Contract Fund Report)
Submitted October 1, 2025**

**Juvenile Community Programs Miscellaneous Contract Fund Report
Session Law 2017-57, 16D.1.(c)**

Submitted by:
North Carolina Department of Public Safety
Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

JUVENILE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Table 1: Residential Contractual Services

Service Provider	Purpose of Contract	¹ Contract Execution and Contract Renewal Date	FY 2025-2026 Budgeted Contract Amount	Service Capacity	² Number of Youth to be Served Annually
<p>Eckerd Youth Alternatives</p> <p>Short-Term Residential Model</p>	<p>The Eckerd Boys Academy at Boomer, Eckerd Boys Academy at Candor and Eckerd Boys Academy at Yanceyville are short-term, juvenile residential services designed to provide a complete rehabilitative experience in 4-9 months for Level II adjudicated male youths between the ages of 13-17. The programs provide evidence-based programming including Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, life-skills development, and restorative justice principles. All three (3) programs have a bed capacity of 30 and have a certified private school on campus to provide age-appropriate education services.</p> <p>Average length of stay is 147 days.</p>	<p>Contract Execution: October 1, 2020</p> <p>One Year Contract Extension Begins: November 1, 2025</p>	<p>\$12,924,358</p>	<p>Operational bed capacity for FY 2025-2026 will be 90.³</p>	<p>223</p>

¹ Contract execution date is the original date services began with DPS for current services. The renewal date signifies the continuation of services through a contract renewal process wherein the Department exercises its option to annually renew the contract for up to two additional cycles.

² Number of youths to be served under Residential Contractual Services computation consists of prior fiscal year terminations, length of stay and maximum bed capacity. Thus, a decrease or increase in the projection is contingent upon prior fiscal year data.

³ The three (3) Eckerd Boys Academy programs are operating under modified contractual terms that allow for a utilization threshold of 75%.

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<p>Eckerd Youth Alternatives</p> <p>Short-Term Residential Model</p>	<p>The Eckerd Girls Academy at Kerr Lake is a short-term, staff-secure residential service designed to provide a complete rehabilitative experience in 4-9 months for Level II adjudicated female youths. Youths receive Cognitive Behavioral Therapy operating with a gender specific, trauma informed care approach. The Kerr Lake site also has a Crisis Intervention Team readily available to provide one-on-one services to a youth in an emotional/behavioral crisis. The site provides assessments, individualized services, life-skills, and recreation. Kerr Lake has a certified private school on campus to provide age-appropriate education services. Client/staff interactions are directed toward engaging all clients in a collective process of healing, social growth, and behavior change that benefits youth, their families, and communities. The site is located in Manson.</p> <p>Average length of stay is 154 days.</p>	<p>Anticipated 3-Year Contract Execution: October 1, 2025</p>	<p>FY 24-25 contract amount, currently under negotiation: \$2,693,773</p>	<p>Operational bed capacity for FY 2025-2026 is 18⁴.</p>	<p>43</p>

⁴ The Eckerd Girls Academy at Kerr Lake is operating under modified contractual terms that allow for a utilization threshold of 75%.

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<p>Methodist Home for Children, Inc.</p> <p>Transitional Living Home Model</p>	<p>The Craven Transitional Living Home, located in New Bern, is a 6-to-12-month residential program that serves as an out-of-home placement for male youth who originate from their residences, residential care programs or Youth Development Centers (YDC). Youth acquire academic and vocational skills needed to live independently. During their stay, youth have a choice of four educational tracks that include community college classes, vocational trade, GED, or high school. The program also strives to ensure youth are gainfully employed while involved in program activities.</p> <p>Average length of stay is 109 days.</p> <p>The North Hills Transitional Living Home, located in Raleigh, is a 6-to-12-month residential program that serves as an out-of-home placement for female youth who originate from their residences, residential care programs or Youth Development Centers (YDC).</p> <p>Youth acquire academic and vocational skills needed to live independently. During their stay, youth have a choice of four educational tracks that include community college classes, vocational trade, GED, or high school. The program also strives to ensure youth are gainfully employed while involved in program activities.</p> <p>Average length of stay is 125 days.</p>	<p>Contract Execution: January 1, 2023</p> <p>1st Yr. Optional Renewal: January 1, 2026</p> <p>All sites under one contract.</p>	<p>\$2,744,001</p>	<p>Maximum bed capacity for FY 2025-2026 is 8.</p> <p>Maximum bed capacity for FY 2025-2026 is 5.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>15</p>

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<p>Methodist Home for Children, Inc.</p> <p>Multipurpose Group Home Model</p>	<p>There are four (4) Multi-Purpose Juvenile Group Homes that serve as a secure non-institutional alternative to YDC and secure detention. Each home, located in Hertford, Wayne, Robeson, and Macon counties, has a bed capacity of eight (8). These sites provide the Model of Care Value-Based Therapeutic Environment (VBTE) model. The model addresses anti-social behaviors by implementing an individualized social and life skills curriculum. The homes primarily serve court-ordered, Level II youth from all judicial districts.</p> <p>Average length of stay is 137 days.</p>	<p>Contract Execution: March 1, 2022</p> <p>2nd Yr. Optional Contract Renewal: March 1, 2026</p>	<p>\$3,276,006</p>	<p>Maximum bed capacity for FY 2025-2026 is 32.</p>	<p>85</p>

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<p>Methodist Home for Children, Inc.</p> <p>Juvenile Crisis and Assessment Model</p>	<p>The Western Area Multi-Purpose (WAMP) Juvenile Crisis and Assessment Center (JCAC) is located in Asheville. This blended model provides crisis and assessment services to youth in the Western region of the state. The program also provides secure (2) placements as needed for juveniles.</p> <p>Average length of stay for crisis/assessment is 19 days, secure custody is 27 days.</p>	<p>Service sites are covered in one Crisis and assessment Center contract.</p>		<p>Maximum bed capacity for FY 2025-2026 is 9.</p> <p>This is a blended model consists of 5 crisis and assessment beds and 4 secure placement beds.</p>	<p>149⁵</p>
	<p>The Eastern Area (Green Cottage) Multi-Purpose Juvenile Crisis and Assessment Center (JCAC) is located in Kinston, NC. on the former Dobbs campus. The existing Green Cottage was repurposed and designed to deliver a blended model providing crisis and assessment services to youth in the Eastern region of the state. The program also provides secure care placements as needed for juveniles.</p> <p>The average length of stay for crisis/assessment is 24 days, secure custody is 27 days.</p>	<p>Service sites are covered in one Crisis and Assessment Center contract.</p>		<p>Maximum bed Capacity for FY 2025-2026 is 8.</p> <p>This is a blended model consists of 5 crisis and assessment beds and 3 secure placement beds.</p>	<p>116⁶</p>

⁵ Projected number of youths to be served annually includes 95 for use of non-secure crisis and assessment beds and 54 for the secure beds at WAMP site.

⁶ Projected number of youths to be served annually includes 76 for use of non-secure crisis and assessment beds and 40 for the secure beds at Eastern site.

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Table 2: Non-Residential Contractual Community-Based Services

Service Provider	Purpose of Contract	Contract Execution and Contract Renewal Date	FY 2025-2026 Budgeted Contract Amount	Service Capacity	Number of Youth to be Served Annually
<p>Children’s Hope Alliance</p> <p>Problem Sexual Behavior Assessment and Treatment</p>	<p>Children’s Hope Alliance provides Treatment Alternatives for Sexualized Kids (TASK) to 38 counties in North Carolina. TASK has two components: an in-depth assessment called a Comprehensive Evaluation of Sexual Harm (CESH) and an intensive community-based treatment component that addresses problem sexual behavior.</p> <p>This Problem Sexual Behavior (PSB) treatment model may take up to one full year to complete.</p> <p>Average length of stay is 227 days for treatment and the specialized CESH assessments can take up to 9 months to complete.</p>	<p>Contract Execution: July 1, 2025</p>	<p>\$1,000,000</p>	<p>The staffing pattern provides service for 32 juveniles in a given day (comprised of CESH for 2 juveniles and treatment for an additional 30).</p>	<p>62</p>
<p>AMIkids North Carolina Family Services, Inc.</p> <p>Functional Family Therapy model</p>	<p>AMIkids North Carolina Family Services, Inc. provides Functional Family Therapy (FFT) to all 100 counties. FFT is a short-term, strength and family-based prevention and intervention program for high-risk youth that focuses on assessment and intervention to address risk and protective factors within and outside of the family environment that impacts the youth’s adaptive development. FFT services are provided to youths ages 10 to 21 and their families.</p> <p>Average length of stay is 124 days.</p>	<p>Contract Execution: October 1, 2020 2nd Yr. Optional Renewal Executed: October 1, 2024</p> <p>Contract currently in negotiation, which ends September 30, 2025.</p>	<p>\$2,877,650</p>	<p>Maximum capacity for FY 2025-2026 on any given day is 173 juveniles for FFT service delivery.</p> <p>FFT therapists provide services in five regional area offices to all 100 counties in the State.</p>	<p>511</p>

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Table 3: Intensive Intervention Services⁷

Fiscal Host County	Counties Served	Sponsoring Agency	Primary Service	Contract Execution	FY 2025-2026 Budgeted Contract Amount	Number of Youth to be Served Annually
Western Region						
Yadkin	Ashe, Alleghany, Wilkes, Yadkin	Children’s Center of Surry Inc.	Experiential Skill <u>Building</u> Individual Counseling	July 1, 2025	\$135,786	<u>24</u> 24
Piedmont Region						
Rockingham	Rockingham, Surry, Stokes	Rockingham County Youth Services Fresh Start	Family Counseling	July 1, 2025	\$52,274	12
Richmond	Anson, Richmond, Stanley, Montgomery	Life Connections of the Carolinas, Inc.	Mentoring	July 1, 2025	\$40,000	8
Randolph	Randolph, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln	Family Centered Treatment Foundation, Inc.	Home-Based Family <u>Counseling</u> Assessments	July 1, 2025	\$122,688	<u>40</u> 44
Forsyth	Forsyth	Youth Collaborative	Interpersonal Skill Building	July 1, 2025	\$123,296	20
Moore	Moore	Moore Buddies Mentoring	Mentoring	July 1, 2025	\$136,316	20
Surry	Surry	Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse of NC	Home Based Family Counseling	July 1, 2025	\$74,846	12
Central Region						
Cumberland	Cumberland	Cumberland County Communicate Inc.	Family Counseling	July 1, 2025	\$90,000	35

⁷The transfer of funds to Juvenile Crime Prevention Funds, a JCPC-Endorsed process to fund Intensive Intervention Services at the local and regional level.

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Fiscal Host County	Counties Served	Sponsoring Agency	Primary Service	Contract Execution	FY 2025-2026 Budgeted Contract Amount	Number of Youth to be Served Annually
Granville	Granville, Franklin, Vance and Warren	Shepard Youth Ranch	Interpersonal Skill Building	July 1, 2025	\$20,000	8
Durham	Durham	Exchange Clubs Child Abuse Prevention Center, Inc.	Home Based Family Counseling	July 1, 2025	\$50,463	7
Eastern Region						
New Hanover	New Hanover	NHC Community Justice Services, Youth Empowerment Services	Restitution/Community Service	July 1, 2025	\$42,000	35
New Hanover	New Hanover, Pender	Coastal Horizons Center, Inc. Family Preservation	Home Based Family Counseling	July 1, 2025	\$85,000	18
Onslow	Duplin, Jones, and Onslow	Onslow County Government (DSS) Youth Services	Individual Counseling	July 1, 2025	\$105,043	20
Wayne	Wayne	Methodist Home for Children	Home Based Family Counseling	July 1, 2025	\$83,280	10
Wayne	Wayne, Lenoir, and Greene	Mephibosheth Project, Inc	<u>Experiential Skill Building</u> Parent/Family Skill Building	July 1, 2025	\$255,297	<u>27</u> 8

Table 4: Summary of Contractual Services

Contract Type	FY 2025-2026 Contract Totals
Residential Services	\$24,237,246
Non-Residential Services	\$3,877,650
Intensive Intervention Services⁸	\$1,416,289
Multi-Purpose Juvenile Homes	\$3,276,006
Total:	\$32,807,191

Service Impact Notes regarding Contractual and Intensive Intervention Services:

- While the section encumbers funds for contractual services, providers are reimbursed based on a daily rate and bed utilization. Providers may *earn up to* the maximum contracted amount. Expenditure of funds encumbered varies annually and is dependent upon vendor performance and viable referrals received.
- The section continues to need expansion dollars to address the increase in contract costs (food, fuel, staff retention, maintenance) as a direct result of economic demands. Contract adjustments to lower bed capacities offer a temporary solution to support the sustainability of current services.
- Modification of residential models to address an older population are in place with intervention curricula and restorative justice practices being introduced to address older population needs.
- The section requests expansion dollars to meet the residential reentry needs for our emerging adult population, specifically transitional living home and independent living models for males and females. Modification of the Chowan multi-purpose group home residential model to a transitional living home model was completed in FY 24-25 to support services for a growing JJ emerging adult population.
- Compulsory cost shifting due to increased service costs associated with the rebid and award of a new crisis and assessment services contract, with a reduction of \$600K in regionally based intensive intervention services to sustain these essential services.
- The section requests an appropriation to support remediation services required under S.L. 2023-114.

⁸ In support of footnote #7, this line meets the minimum requirements of reporting on the full amount of funds transferred to JCPC funds.