Department of Human Services
Division of Youth Services
Quarterly Performance Report
In Compliance with Act 1222 of 1995
Report Period January – March 2009
Executive Summary
January – March 2009

In the third quarter of FY 2009 the number of juvenile offenders in state custody decreased from 790 in the previous quarter to 775. This is attributed to the decreased number of juveniles on aftercare.

Basic demographic characteristics remain unchanged. The population of youth committed to custody is predominately male (87%). Under half (39%) were committed on misdemeanor offenses. Over half (55%) are sixteen years of age or older.

In the first quarter, twenty-one (21) incidents of suspected abuse or neglect were referred to the Arkansas State Police. Of the twenty-one (21) incidents, the Arkansas State Police determined fourteen (14) merited an investigation. The status of the investigation of eleven (11) is unknown and three (3) remain pending. If the incident reported by a youth in DYS custody for alleged abuse occurred prior to placement with DYS, DYS is not privy to the outcome of those investigations.
Demographics
January – March 2009

Chart 1: Commitments
All Juveniles Committed During the Quarter

Recommitments encompass all juveniles who were previously committed to DYS and received another order of commitment during the quarter.

Chart 2: Commitments by Month
Demographics
January – March 2009

Chart 3: Commitments by Age

- 18 yrs & older: 3%
- 17 yrs: 24%
- 16 yrs: 28%
- 15 yrs: 26%
- 14 yrs & under: 13%
- 13 yrs & under: 6%
- 18 yrs & older: 3%

Chart 4: Commitments by Gender

- Male: 87%
- Female: 13%
Chart 5: Commitments by Race

African-American: 56%
White: 35%
Other: 9%

Chart 6: Commitments by Offense

Misdemeanor: 39%
Felony: 61%
Demographics
January – March 2009

Chart 7: Commitments by Person Crimes

- All Other Felony Commitments: 39%
- Felony Person Commitments: 22%
- Misdemeanor Person Commitments: 16%
- All Other Misdemeanor Commitments: 23%

Chart 8: Violent* Vs. Non-Violent Offense Commitments

- Non-Violent Offense Commitments: 93%
- Violent Offense Commitments: 7%

*These are Part I UCR violent offenses.
Demographics
January – March 2009

Chart 9: Releases

![Chart 9: Releases]

- **January**: 56
- **February**: 56
- **March**: 67

Legend:
- Red: New Commitments
- Blue: Released to Aftercare
- Gray: Released from Custody

Chart 10: Total Population in Custody*

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- **January**: 798
- **February**: 792
- **March**: 775

* Populations reflected are a snapshot of the last day of the month.
Demographic Trends
January – March 2009

Chart 11: Population by Program Type*

![Bar chart showing population by program type for January, February, and March 2009.]

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Financial
January – March 2009

Chart 12: DYS Facility Expenditures to Date

![Bar chart showing financial expenditures for MJTC, MJTCG, HJTC, CJTC, LJT, DJTC, DJCF, and AJATC from January to March 2009.]
Financial
January – March 2009

Chart 13: Community Based Services
Dollars by Program Designation

Chart 14: Purchase of Service Placements
## Performance Measures
January – March 2009

### Incidents

**Chart 15: Incidents Accepted by the Child Abuse Hotline**

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* Since the Hotline and the Investigations unit are two separate sections within the Arkansas State Police, the Hotline may accept an incident called in, then later the incident will not be investigated by the Investigations Unit after review of the circumstances. The DYS IAU never receives a follow-up on these reports to know whether they were ever investigated. Some of these incidents occurred prior to the juvenile being committed to DYS. The IAU does not receive notification of the findings in these incidents. Some incidents that are reported in one quarter may not be finalized by the State Police until sometime within the next quarter.

**Chart 16:**
Category of Incidents Accepted by Child Abuse Hotline

**Chart 17:**
Status of Cases Accepted by Child Abuse Hotline
Performance Measures
January – March, 2009

Chart 18: Commitments by District

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**State Total**: 164 149 179

Commitments encompass all juveniles who were committed to DYS including juveniles currently in custody who have received another order of commitment during the quarter.