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- Goals
  - Increase public safety by improving outcomes of youth and families and reducing juvenile recidivism.
  - Effectively hold juvenile offenders more accountable.
  - Reduce juvenile justice costs by investing in proven community based practices, preserving our residential facilities for serious offenders.
- The Work Group will not address:
  - Issues having to do with youth, or offenses, that result in a charge or transfer to the adult criminal justice system
  - The root causes of juvenile delinquency and federal legislation concerning the juvenile system, including the Indian Child Welfare Act.

# Bipartisan, Inter-branch Process Goal Setting Data Analysis/System Assessment Policy Development Consensus Building

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Work Group Meetings					9/2							7/24				8/21				9/16		10/2						11/13	
Stakeholder Engagement																													
System Assessment and Statutory Review																													
Drivers Analysis																													
Policy Development																													
Model Impact of Policy Options																													
Draft Public Report																													

## Review of Key Juvenile Justice Terms

#### Detention

 Defined by SDCL 26-7A-1 as the temporary custody of a child in secured physically restricting facilities for children, sight and sound separated from adult prisoners.

#### · Children in Need of Supervision (CHINS)

Defined by SDCL 26-8B-2 as any child of compulsory school age who is a habitual truant from school; who has run away from home or is otherwise beyond the control of a parent, guardian, or other custodian; or whose behavior or condition is such as to endanger his or her own welfare or the welfare of others; any child who has violated any federal, state, or local law or regulation for which there is not a penalty of a criminal nature for an adult, except unlawful actions related to tobacco and alcohol, or petty offenses.

#### Delinquent

Defined by SDCL 26-8C-2 as any child ten years of age or older who, regardless
of where the violation occurred, has violated any federal, state, or local law or
regulation for which there is a penalty of a criminal nature for an adult, except
state or municipal hunting, fishing, boating, park, or traffic laws that are
classified as misdemeanors, or petty offenses.

## Review of Key Juvenile Justice Terms

#### Adjudication

Defined by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) as the court
process that determines if the juvenile committed the act for which he or she is charged. In
juvenile cases, judges make this determination. The term "adjudicated" is analogous to
"convicted" and indicates that the court concluded the juvenile committed the act.

#### · Dispositional decree

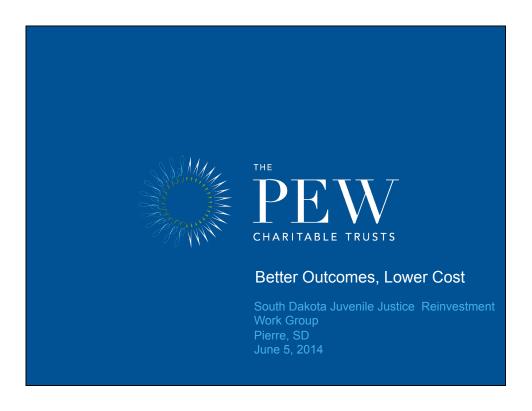
Defined by SDCL 26-8C-7: If a child has been adjudicated delinquent, the court shall enter a
decree of disposition according to the least restrictive alternative available in keeping with the
best interests of the child.

#### Commitment

Defined by SDCL 26-7A-1 as the transfer of custody of a person. When a juvenile is committed
to the Department of Corrections, the Secretary of Corrections becomes that juvenile's legal
guardian according to SDCL 26-7A-92.

#### Aftercare

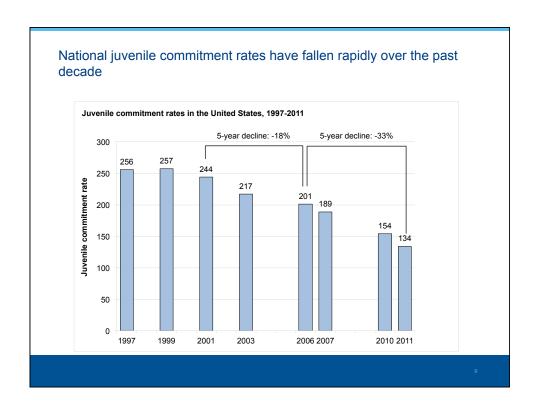
Defined by SDCL 26-11A-12 , the Department of Corrections may establish an aftercare supervision program to supervise juveniles in the community, if they have been conditionally released from a department facility or program, the Human Services Center, detention, shelter, group home, group care center or residential treatment center. On aftercare, the juvenile is required to sign an aftercare contract that establishes a number of conditions designed to assist the juvenile in reintegrating into the community that will help the juvenile to live productively and crime free.

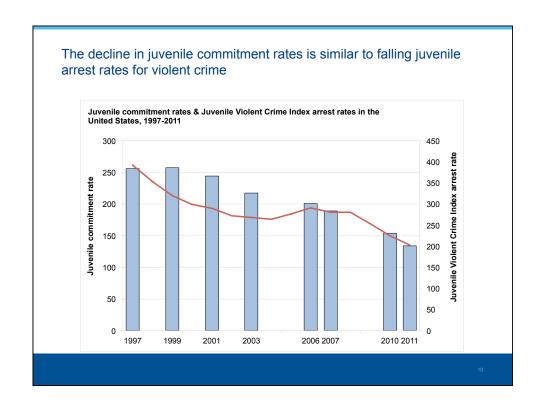


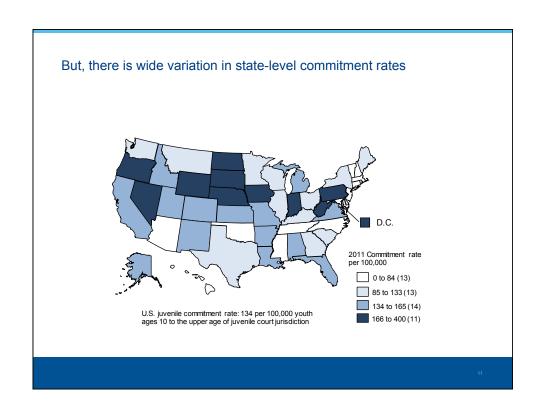
# NATIONAL LANDSCAPE: Commitment rates and trends

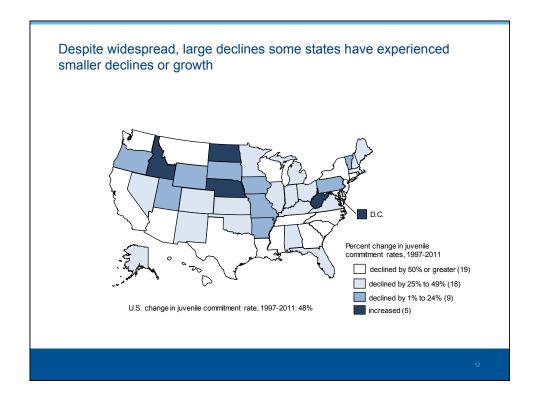
42,000 committed juvenile offenders in residential placement in 2011; 44% fewer than in 1997

	1997	2011	%-change
Committed	75,406	41,934	-44%
Detained	28,040	19,014	-32%
Total Custody*	105,055	61,423	-42%









# JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM: State examples

Challe	nges		
	Georgia	Kentucky	Hawaii
High costs, poor outcomes	Out-of-home facilities cost \$90,000 per bed per year; over half return to the juvenile or criminal justice system	Out-of-home facilities cost an average of \$100,000 per bed per year; status offenders placements costing \$6.9 million	HYCF costs \$199,000 per bed per year; 75% are re-adjudicated or re- convicted within 3 years of release
Population drivers	•Relaxed definition of designated felons (DF) contributed to the growth of this population in residential facilities •Increased LOS for DFs •53% of juveniles in non- secure residential adjudicated for misdemeanors and status offenses	Misdemeanants and probation violators make up the majority of all placement types     LOS increased across all offense types	•61% of youth admitted to HYCF for a new offense were misdemeanants •41% of all admissions to HYCF were for probation violation or revocation •LOS in HYCF increased 188%

#### Policies to increase public safety, reduce recidivism

<ul> <li>Requires evidence based practices in the continuum of services</li> <li>Requires use of screening and assessment tools to guide treatment, supervision and placement decisions to achieve better results</li> <li>Increases engagement of the family in case planning</li> <li>Requires juvenile justice agencies to increase training and education of workers to improve quality</li> <li>Requires use of suspension of delinquency proceedings for up to 1 year to provide opportunity for treatment</li> <li>Requires advance notice of discharge from placement to prepare the family and get services in place.</li> <li>Requires validated assessment tools to guide treatment, supervision and placement decisions</li> <li>Requires advance notice of discharge from placement to prepare the family and get services in place.</li> <li>Requires validated assessment tools for decision making.</li> </ul>	Georgia	Kentucky	Hawaii
outcomes du improve decision making	based practices in the continuum of services •Requires performance based contracting to motivate service providers	screening and assessment tools to guide treatment, supervision and placement decisions •Increases engagement of the family in case planning •Requires juvenile justice agencies to increase training and education of workers to improve quality of services and improve	suspension of delinquency proceedings for up to 1 year to provide opportunity for treatment •Requires advance notice of discharge from placement to prepare the family and get services in place. •Requires validated

#### Policies to hold juveniles more accountable

Georgia	Kentucky	Hawaii
•Allows probation officers to spend more time with youth who require more supervision by authorizing the use of administrative caseloads	•Requires the use of graduated sanctions to encourage compliance	•Requires the use of a sanctions system based on seriousness of the violation and risk to reoffend •Allows youth to earn time off probation to free up probation officer time to spend on those requiring more supervision

# Policies to reduce commitments and invest in proven practices

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	Georgia	Kentucky	Hawaii
Reduce commitments	Creates 2 classes for designated felons, with maximum periods of confinement     Prohibits residential commitment for status offenders and certain misdemeanants	•Restricts misdemeanor and Class D felony offenders from being committed •Limits the length of placement based on seriousness of the offense and risk to reoffend	Prohibits     misdemeanants from     commitment
Invest in proven practices	•Establishes a voluntary fiscal incentive program, with an upfront investment, to support communities to develop proven programs	•Establishes a fiscal incentive program to increase funding for services in local communities	•Provides an upfront investment for mental health and substance abuse services and other proven programs

Broa	ad support				
	Georgia	Kentucky	Hawaii		
Votes	Approved 47-0 in the Senate and 173-0 in the House	Approved 32-6 in the Senate and 84-15 in the House	Approved 24-0 in the Senate and 50-0 in the House		
Endorse- ments	•Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of GA	•County Attorney's Association	•Offices of Prosecuting Attorneys – Maui, Kauai,		
State Bar of GA  Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers  Council of Juvenile Court Judges  JUSTGeorgia		•KY Association of School Superintendents •KY Council of Churches	+ Offices of Mayors - Kauai and Hawaii		
		•Children's Law Center •KY Jailers Association	Office of Public Defender     Office of Hawaiian Affairs		
	•KY Equal Justice Center	<ul> <li>State Council on Mental Health</li> </ul>			
	•National Alliance on Mental Illness Kentucky	•HI Substance Abuse Coalition			
		•Bluegrass Institute for Public Policy Solutions	•HI Youth Services Network		

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#### Broad support: Georgia poll **KEEP MINOR OFFENDERS OUT OF SECURE FACILITIES** "In 2011, half of juveniles in state facilities that are like 67% Strongly Acceptable group homes were placed there for lower-level offenses that are not felonies, or for an offense such as underage drinking or violating curfew. Experts estimate it costs Georgia taxpayers \$30,000 to \$50,000 per year to Total Acceptable by Party Affiliation house a juvenile in such a facility. "It has been proposed that Georgia only sentence juvenile offenders who have committed felonies to state facilities, and reinvest a portion of the budget savings in community-based options. These options would hold juvenile offenders accountable for their offenses, but keep them at home with their families under strict supervision by a probation officer, and require them to participate in appropriate treatment programs."

#### Projected impact

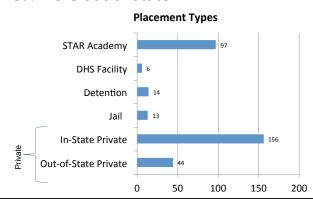
Georgia	Kentucky	Hawaii
Save nearly \$85 million through 2018, averting the need to open two additional juvenile residential facilities	Save up to \$24 million over 5 years through population reductions and the possible closure of two facilities	Save \$11 million over 5 years by closing two housing units at the state juvenile corrections facility

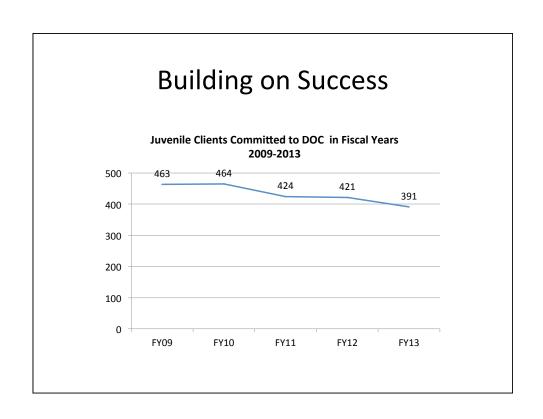
# SNAPSHOT OF SOUTH DAKOTA'S JUVENILE POPULATIONS

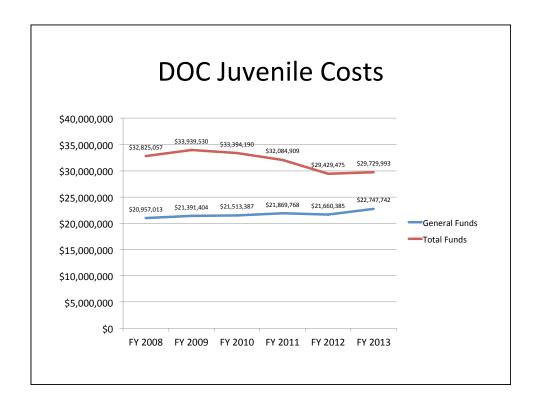
#### **DOC** Juvenile Population on April 30, 2014 • DOC had 620 committed youth - 330 in placement - 290 in aftercare **DOC Juvenile Population by Gender** 250 223 200 150 Male 100 ■ Female 50 0 Placement Aftercare

# DOC Placements on April 30, 2014

- Of the 330 youth in placements,
  - 61% were in private placements
  - 13% were out of state







# UPCOMING STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

# Stakeholder Groups

- Court Services Officers Native American & Parole Agents
  - Representatives
- County Commissioners Prosecutors
- Defense Attorneys
   Service Providers
- Educators
- Victim Advocates
- Judges
- Youth Offenders
- Law Enforcement

## **TIMELINE AND NEXT STEPS**

# **Future Meetings**

July 24: System Assessment and Drivers Presentation

• August 21: Data Follow-up and Policy Options

• September 16: Policy Development

• October 2: Policy Development cont.

• October 16: Policy Development cont., as needed

• November 13: Consensus Report

# **Next Steps**

- Stakeholder outreach
- System assessment
- Drivers analysis

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