Delaware Children’s Department

Jennifer B. Ranji, Cabinet Secretary
Division of Management Support Services (DMSS)

Highlights:
- Education Opportunities for Youth in Care
- MIS Unit and FACTS II
MIS Unit

FACTS II Funding Request

DTI Consolidation
Division of Prevention & Behavioral Health Services

Highlights:

- Behavioral Health Consultants
- Summer and After School Programming
Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services (YRS)

Highlights:
- YAP – Youth Aftercare Re-entry Program
- Program re-structuring and improvements
Division of Family Services (DFS)

Highlights:

- Continued Systems Reforms
  - Improving Practice
  - Differential Response
- Federal Performance Measures and Review
- Continued Funding for *Ready by 21*
Office of Early Learning

ELC Key Performance Measures:
- Exceeded target for the number of programs in Delaware Stars
- Increased children with high needs in Stars top tiers
- CORE Awards

Governance:
- OEL and DOE’s ELDR workgroup now report to DSCYF

Next Steps:
- Apply for 6 month extension
- Focus groups in Spring
Office of Early Learning

The opportunity gap is evident in the first few weeks of kindergarten.

Percentages of Students Who Demonstrate Characteristics of Entering Kindergartners, by Race and Ethnicity

- American Indian or Alaska Native (695–722 students)
- Asian (1,658–1,743 students)
- Black/African American (2,005–2,074 students)
- Hispanic (12,401–12,919 students)
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (454–464 students)
- Two or More Races (2,739–2,806 students)
- White (15,724–16,082 students)

WaKIDS | Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills

- Fall 2015 Full implementation of kindergarten assessment
Task Forces

- Executive Order 42 - Delaware Background Check Task Force
- Executive Order 45 – Youth Reentry Education Task Force
QUESTIONS?

Student Art Work From Youth Rehabilitative Services
Division of Management and Support Services

Karryl H. McManus
Division Director
DMSS Mission

“To Support Those Helping Children and Families”

- Human Resources/Training
- Facilities
- Telecom/MIS
- Fiscal Services
- Cost Recovery
- Education
Key Educational Accomplishments

- Partnering With James H. Groves Adult Ed
- Additional Transition Specialist for Return To School/Work, Teacher Professional Development
- Improvements In SAT Readiness And Achievement
- Adding More SMARTboards And Enhanced Tech
- Increase in BASI Scores Unit Wide
FY2016 Budget Request

FACTS II Ongoing Support

$1.8m for Ongoing Support For FACTS II
- Software Licensing & Infrastructure Supports
- Reporting Capabilities
- Contracted Resources
Questions?
Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services

Susan A. Cycyk
Division Director

Resilient Children and Families
Living in Supportive Communities
SAMHSA Grants

- Project CORE
- Project SAFETY
- Project LAUNCH
- System of Care Expansion Grant
Prevention and Early Intervention Services

- After-School/Summer Prevention Programs
  21 Locations statewide

- Extended Hours Prevention Program
  10 Locations in Wilmington

- Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants
  Currently 10 Consultants—Children 2-5 years of age

- Family Crisis Therapists (FCTs)
  53 Elementary Schools statewide

- Behavioral Health Consultants (BHCs)
  31 Middle Schools statewide
Treatment Services

- Numbers served – FY ‘14 – 5,535
- Residential Treatment Services
- Medicaid Requirements:
  - Reimbursement Rate Structure
  - Revise Medicaid State Plan
Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Services

- Substance Use Prevention Services
- Substance Use Treatment Services
  Detox – Three centers – Each averages approx. 1-2/mo.
  Community-Based Services:
  - Kent County – 111 Youth Served
  - New Castle – 407 Youth Served
  - Sussex County – 156 Youth Served
Questions?
Division Of Youth Rehabilitative Services

Nancy Dietz
Division Director
Our Mission

“To support public safety and positive change of children, families, and communities through guidance, education and empowerment.”
Program Assessment

- In partnership with:
  - The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University
  - The Peabody Research Institute at Vanderbilt University
  - The Justice Policy Center at the Urban Institute
Civil Citation

- Civil Citation - Three year pilot with CJC funding to divert youth from entering the justice system.

- 565 cases impacted in 2013.
Enhanced Re-entry Services

- YAP – Youth Advocate Programs
  - Community-based advocate
  - Family focused
  - Educational & vocational supports
Ferris School/Mowlds Cottage Restructuring

- Move transition programming into Ferris School, creating a transition unit, with Level IV privileges.
- Maximize in-state residential capacity.
- Mowlds Cottage will serve as a short-term Level IV placement for youth who require an aftercare sanction or are committed by the Courts.
  - 15-18 yr old males
  - Prior YRS placement/Aftercare Supervision
  - 1st time residential placement for older youth
Performance-based Standards - PbS

- Level V programs began in October 2014
- Level IV programs participate in Community-based Standards
- Measures
  - Safety, Order, Security, Health/Mental Health, Programming, Justice, Reintegration (Ferris only)
- Surveys and Reports
- Improvement Process
THANK YOU!
Division of Family Services

Dr. Vicky Kelly
Division Director
DFS Highlights

- Outcomes Matter Initiative: Structured Decision Making® and Safety Organized Practice - Fully Implemented

- Differential Response System – Safely serving teens and their families in the community

- Federal Performance Measures – Excellent Outcomes for DE
Challenges on the Front End
Improving Critical Decisions

Assessing Safety to Guide Action
Continued System Improvements

- Research Partnership with Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago
Foster Care

Percentage of Children in Care by Age, January 1, 2015

- 40.5% 13-18 yrs
- 34.6% 0-5 yrs
- 24.9% 6-12 yrs
FY16 Door Opener

- Ready by 21 Program
  - Request for $1,030.0 to fully fund Stipends
Thank you!