



# NC Department of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention

## Quick Facts

### The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention:

- was established as a Department in 2000 after the State went through juvenile justice reform in 1998
- has responsibility for enhancing public safety with regard to juvenile crime and preventing the delinquency and further delinquency of youth; evidence exists that juvenile crime is decreasing and delinquency prevention efforts are working
- is building a community-based statewide comprehensive continuum of services which includes services directed at all of North Carolina's youth in schools and communities to services provided to those who are involved in juvenile court to services provided to those who are confined in facilities
- provides services and programs in each of North Carolina's 100 counties and emphasizes the importance of community leadership with Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils (JCPCs)
- interacts with over 100,000 of North Carolina's youth annually with an emphasis on working with youth and their families within their communities
- operates thirty-nine field units which provide juvenile court services
- provides treatment and education services to youth confined in its facilities
- operates five youth development centers whose average age is 63 years
- has reduced the number of youth confined in its youth development centers each year since reform
- is working with more violent offenders in its youth development centers over longer periods of confinement in comparison to the pre-reform era
- has 1699 youth-serving employees with 3/4s of these employees providing direct care to youth
- is moving toward systemic data-driven decision making through the development of assessment, data collection, and data tracking tools
- works with a current state appropriation of \$128 million; 2002 state appropriation was \$140.9 million; 2001 state appropriation was \$147.2 million
- expects an increase in youth who will need its services based upon Sentencing Commission projections
- maintains a web site for the citizens of North Carolina: [www.ncdjdp.org](http://www.ncdjdp.org)