

# COMMITMENTS TO TJJD STATE INSTITUTIONS

---

Regional Data Coordinators Training  
2012

# All Things Commitment

- Characteristics of state commitments
  - Trends
  - Characteristics of juveniles committed
- Commitment goals
  - What they are
  - How they are calculated
- Committing a youth

# Commitments to State Institutions

Fiscal Year	Commitments
2008	1,693
2009	1,589
2010	1,119
2011	991

- Commitments are down 41.5% since FY 2008
- Estimate that commitments for FY 2012 will be approximately 850

# State Institution End of Year and Average Daily Population

Fiscal Year	End of Year Population	% Change	ADP	% Change
2008	2,004		2,468	
2009	1,914	-4.5%	2,027	-17.9%
2010	1,544	-19.3%	1,695	-16.4%
2011	1,294	-16.2%	1,399	-17.5%

- Prior to system reforms, the 2006 end of year population in state institutions was 4,127; the average daily population was 4,059

# Current Offense of Juveniles Committed and Not, FY 2011

Total TJJD Eligible		TJJD Commitments		Eligible: Secure Placement		Eligible: Probation	
<i>Current Offense</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Current Offense</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Current Offense</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Current Offense</i>	<i>%</i>
Homicide	0.3	Homicide	0.9	Homicide	0.2	Homicide	0.2
Sexual Assault	6.7	Sexual Assault	4.2	Sexual Assault	5.7	Sexual Assault	7.6
Robbery	3.3	Robbery	9.4	Robbery	6.5	Robbery	3.7
Agg Assault	14.9	Agg Assault	11.4	Agg Assault	10.6	Agg Assault	14.5
Burglary	17.5	Burglary	8.8	Burglary	14.4	Burglary	23.0
Fel Theft	3.5	Fel Theft	2.7	Fel Theft	2.9	Fel Theft	4.2
MV Theft	3.3	MV Theft	2.2	MV Theft	3.6	MV Theft	3.1
Fel Drug	11.7	Fel Drug	3.7	Fel Drug	6.5	Fel Drug	11.8
Fel Weapon	3.4	Fel Weapon	1.0	Fel Weapon	1.3	Fel Weapon	2.8
Other Felony	16.4	Other Felony	4.3	Other Felony	7.1	Other Felony	14.1
Viol of Fel Prob	19.0	Viol of Fel Prob	51.4	Viol of Fel Prob	41.2	Viol of Fel Prob	15.2

# Characteristics of Juveniles Committed and Not, FY 2011

Total TJJD Eligible		TJJD Commitments		Eligible: Secure Placement		Eligible: Probation	
<i>Characteristics</i>	%	<i>Characteristics</i>	%	<i>Characteristics</i>	%	<i>Characteristics</i>	%
Mental Health Needs	27.0	Mental Health Needs	47.8	Mental Health Needs	48.5	Mental Health Needs	28.3
Gang Affiliation (y/s)	15.0	Gang Affiliation (y/s)	31.6	Gang Affiliation (y/s)	31.2	Gang Affiliation (y/s)	16.3
Not at Grade Level	33.1	Not at Grade Level	46.3	Not at Grade Level	40.0	Not at Grade Level	30.7
In Regular School	83.2	In Regular School	69.1	In Regular School	75.2	In Regular School	83.5
Substance abuse (y/t/s)	26.5	Substance abuse (y/t/s)	36.7	Substance abuse (y/t/s)	44.2	Substance abuse (y/t/s)	30.2
Prior violent felony adj	6.7	Prior violent felony adj	28.4	Prior violent felony adj	12.3	Prior violent felony adj	5.5
Prior violent felony referral	10.6	Prior violent felony referral	39.5	Prior violent felony referral	19.4	Prior violent felony referral	9.6
Prior Non-secure Placement	5.7	Prior Non-secure Placement	30.8	Prior Non-secure Placement	14.8	Prior Non-secure Placement	3.0
Prior Secure Placement	5.8	Prior Secure Placement	43.0	Prior Secure Placement	17.0	Prior Secure Placement	3.0
Average # Programs	1.14	Average # Programs	2.77	Average # Programs	2.59	Average # Programs	1.11
Average # Prior Adj	0.56	Average # Prior Adj	2.09	Average # Prior Adj	1.24	Average # Prior Adj	0.46
Average # Prior Referrals	1.80	Average # Prior Referrals	5.43	Average # Prior Referrals	3.50	Average # Prior Referrals	1.67
Average Age at Disposition	15.68	Average Age at Disposition	16.32	Average Age at Disposition	15.85	Average Age at Disposition	15.59

# Possibility of Additional Diversions?

- Looked at FY 2011 commitments to identify “divertible” groups

- No prior secure placement
- Assessed as low risk
- No prior violent adjudications

**20 commitments**

- No prior placement
- No prior program
- No prior violent adjudications

**127 commitments**

- No prior violent adjudications
- Current offense not violent
- LT 3 prior referrals

**90 commitments**

# COMMITMENT GOALS

## 2012-2013

---

# Commitment Goals

- Statewide commitment goals set by the LBB
  - Goals set for the biennium
  - Statewide goal for FY 2012 - 2013 = 1,111
- FY 2012- 2013 goals are based on an Average Commitment Rate by department size
- Goals were calculated using:
  - Actual FY 2010 commitments
  - Actual FY 2010 felony referrals
  - Juvenile age population

# FY 2012-13 Commitment Goals by Department

Department	2012-2013 Commitment Goals	Department	2012-2013 Commitment Goals	Department	2012-2013 Commitment Goals
ANDERSON	2	GARZA	1	NACOGDOCHES	3
ANDREWS	1	GOLIAD	1	NAVARRO	3
ANGELINA	4	GRAY	2	NOLAN	2
ATASCOSA	2	GRAYSON	6	NUECES	11
AUSTIN	1	GREGG	9	OCHILTREE	1
BAILEY	1	GRIMES	1	ORANGE	4
BANDERA	1	GUADALUPE	5	PALO PINTO	1
BASTROP	4	HALE	2	PANOLA	1
BAYLOR	1	HARDIN	3	PARKER	3
BELL	10	HARRIS	161	PECOS	1
BEXAR	89	HARRISON	2	POLK	4
BOWIE	4	HASKELL	1	POTTER	10
BRAZORIA	15	HAYS	8	RANDALL	6
BRAZOS	7	HENDERSON	2	RED RIVER	1
BREWSTER	1	HIDALGO	30	REEVES	1
BROOKS	1	HILL	3	REFUGIO	1
BROWN	3	HOCKLEY	2	ROCKWALL	1
BURNET	2	HOOD	2	RUSK	1
CALDWELL	4	HOPKINS	2	SAN PATRICIO	5
CALHOUN	1	HOUSTON	2	SCURRY	1
CALLAHAN	1	HOWARD	5	SHELBY	1
CAMERON	24	HUNT	6	SMITH	10
CASS	1	HUTCHINSON	2	SOMERVELL	1
CHAMBERS	1	JACKSON	1	STARR	5
CHEROKEE	2	JASPER	2	SUTTON	1
CHILDRESS	1	JEFFERSON	14	SWISHER	1
COCHRAN	1	JIM WELLS	2	TARRANT	72
COKE	1	JOHNSON	6	TAYLOR	7
COLEMAN	1	JONES	1	TERRY	1
COLLIN	17	KARNES	2	TITUS	2
COMAL	3	KAUFMAN	4	TOM GREEN	3
COMANCHE	2	KENDALL	1	TRAVIS	25
COOKE	1	KERR	4	TYLER	1
CORYELL	2	KLEBERG	1	UPSHUR	2
CRANE	1	LAMAR	2	UPTON	1
CROSBY	1	LAMB	1	UVALDE	2
CULBERSON	1	LAMPASAS	1	VAL VERDE	3
DALLAM	1	LASALLE	1	VAN ZANDT	2
DALLAS	91	LAVACA	3	VICTORIA	11
DAWSON	1	LEON	1	WALKER	3
DEAF SMITH	3	LIBERTY	2	WALLER	1
DENTON	15	LIMESTONE	1	WARD	1
DEWITT	2	LUBBOCK	16	WEBB	22
EASTLAND	1	LYNN	1	WHARTON	3
ECTOR	8	MC CULLOCH	1	WHEELER	1
ELLIS	4	MC LENNAN	13	WICHITA	11
EL PASO	36	MADISON	1	WILBARGER	1
ERATH	1	MATAGORDA	2	WILLACY	2
FANNIN	1	MAVERICK	5	WILLIAMSON	12
FAYETTE	1	MEDINA	2	WINKLER	1
FLOYD	1	MIDLAND	8	WISE	2
FORT BEND	19	MILAM	4	WOOD	2
FRIO	1	MONTAGUE	1	YOAKUM	1
GAINES	1	MONTGOMERY	15	YOUNG	1
GALVESTON	20	MOORE	1	ZAPATA	1
<b>FY 2012-2013 COMMITMENT GOALS TOTAL</b>					<b>1075</b>

Find goals at:

<http://www.tjtd.texas.gov/publications/forms/2010/TJPCFIS1010.pdf>

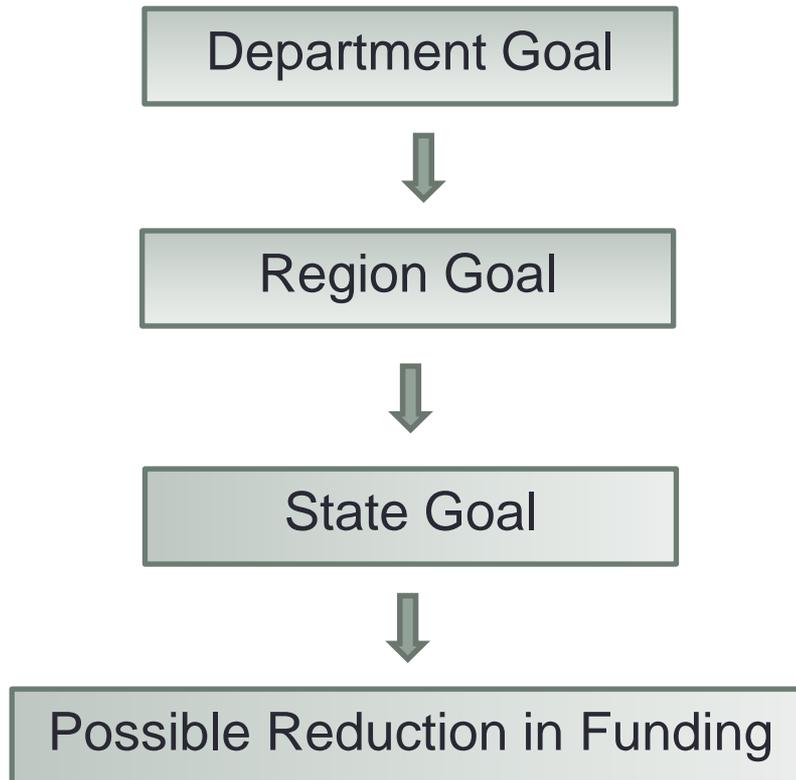
# Regions Also Allocated Commitments

## FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 COMMITMENT GOALS BY REGION

Region	FY 2012-2013 Average Commitment Goal	FY 2012-2013 Regional Commitment Distribution	FY 2012-2013 Total Commitment Goal
CENTRAL	216	4	220
NORTH	243	6	249
NORTHEAST	62	1	63
PANHANDLE	61	1	62
SOUTH	113	2	115
SOUTHEAST	287	6	293
WEST	93	1	94
STATE (TJJD)	0	15	15
TOTAL	1,075	36	1,111

- TJJD is allocated 15 commitments to be used statewide as needed

# What Happens When You Exceed Your Goal?



- Any reduction in funding would occur in the following fiscal year

# Commitments versus Admissions

- For probation, the focus is on the disposition of the youth to state custody
  - Juveniles “committed” are adjudicated and disposed to state custody
- For state institutions, the focus is on admission to state facilities
  - A juvenile that physically arrives at TJJD intake is admitted to the facility
  - Admissions are identified by type: new, recommits, parole revocations, negative movements

# Commitments versus Admissions

- “Commitments” = New admissions and Recommitments
- The number of commitments often differs from the number of admissions
  - Timing
  - Juveniles disposed to TJJD who are not admitted
  - Recommitments for state institutions may include youth probation departments have disposed as “concurrent sentence to TJJD”

# Commitments versus Admissions

- Rider language concerning commitment goals will likely be changed from “commitments” to “admissions”
  - Count only those youth who are actually admitted to the facility
  - Have real time data
  - Less likely to have errors

# COMMITTING A YOUTH TO TJJD

---

# Legal Requirements for Admission

- TAC §380.8502 establishes the documentation required for each youth committed to the state
- Documents required include:
  - Certified copy of the Order of Commitment
  - Immunization records
  - Interagency Application for Placement
    - Referral and case history
    - Contact information for parent or guardian
    - Name, address and phone number of court administrator
    - Title IV-E eligibility screening information

# Legal Requirements for Admission

- Detention orders
- All petition, adjudication and disposition orders for youth
- Copy of the conditions of probation for violations
- Law enforcement incident reports concerning commitment offense
- Sex offender registration documentation
- Birth certificate
- Social security number or card
- Social history
- Education records

# Legal Requirements for Admission

- Medical and dental records, including all medications
- Existing psychological and psychiatric reports
- Pretrial detention time creditable to youth's sentence
- Victim impact statement, if available

# TJJD Intake Verifies Documents

- TJJD intake staff verify documentation prior to accepting the juvenile for admission
  - If key documents are missing, the juvenile will not be accepted and the officer transporting the juvenile can not leave the youth at the facility
- Intake staff will contact the department to clarify information and/or have additional documents faxed to the facility so they can process the youth

# Minimum Needed to Process

- “No youth under any circumstances will be admitted to the Departments without...”
  - Certified copy of order of commitment
  - Immunization record with dates (DPT, Polio, MMR)
  - Complete IAP with complete referral page
  - Copy of ALL prior petitions, modifications, adjudications and dispositions
  - Conditions of probation on revocation commitments
  - Birth certificate

# Court Documents are Extremely Important

- Intake staff match up the cause numbers on the court documents to the referral and disposition information provided on the IAP
  - Staff verify the time frame for probation for each adjudication/disposition
- Staff also verify the penal code as well as the wording of the offense on the court orders to determine the correct classification of the offense
  - Offense level and degree is very important in the determination of length of stay

# Review for Detail to Identify Offense

**Sec. 22.01. ASSAULT.** (a) A person commits an offense if the person:

(1) intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causes bodily injury to another, including the person's spouse;

(2) intentionally or knowingly threatens another with imminent bodily injury, including the person's spouse; or

(3) intentionally or knowingly causes physical contact with another when the person knows or should reasonably believe that the other will regard the contact as offensive or provocative.

(b) An offense under Subsection (a)(1) is a Class A misdemeanor, except that the offense is a felony of the third degree if the offense is committed against:

(1) a person the actor knows is a public servant while the public servant is lawfully discharging an official duty, or in retaliation or on account of an exercise of official power or performance of an official duty as a public servant;

(2) a person whose relationship to or association with the defendant is described by Section 71.0021(b), 71.003, or 71.005, Family Code, if:

(A) it is shown on the trial of the offense that the defendant has been previously convicted of an offense under this chapter, Chapter 19, or Section 20.03, 20.04, 21.11, or 25.11 against a person whose relationship to or association with the defendant is described by Section 71.0021(b), 71.003, or 71.005, Family Code; or

(B) the offense is committed by intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly impeding the normal breathing or circulation of the blood of the person by applying pressure to the person's throat or neck or by blocking the person's nose or mouth;

- If court order indicates assault, staff will read through the order and match to the penal code to determine level and degree of the offense

# Complete Family Information is Also Essential

- Staff must begin the notification of commitment on the day the youth is admitted to a state facility
  - Complete and accurate information on the youth's guardian – parent, grandparent, CPS – is essential
- It is also important for intake to be able to identify youth involved with CPS and those receiving Medicaid benefits

# “Best Practice” for Commitment Paperwork

- Send the commitment paperwork to Intake (Mart or Ron Jackson) prior to sending the youth
  - Allows staff to review packet for completeness prior to youth’s arrival and notify department if anything is missing
- Ensure that the referral/disposition history clearly “lines up” with the court papers
  - Easy to identify offense and referral date, referral number, offense description, penal code, GOC code, cause number, originating referral number, disposition and disposition date

# Why Commitment Documents Are Important

- The documentation required for intake to state facilities is used to:
  - Determine the youth's minimum length of stay
  - Determine the placement of the youth in the facility
  - Assist in the identification of medical, mental health and/or educational needs
  - Assist in the identification of gang affiliation and sex offender status
- Information is also used to better understand the characteristics of youth committed to the state

# How You Can Help

- Standard reports available in CW and JCMS provide valuable information to intake staff
  - Case History Report
  - Referral History Report
- Most helpful to intake is the referral detail within the Case History Report
  - Go to Case History Report
  - Select “yes” to include referral
  - Select “yes” to include referral detail
  - Select “All” for the referral detail

# Referral Detail Report

Tue 24-Jul-2012 3:22pm  
 User: LCASEWORKE

COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
 Case History for SMITH, (PID #: . . . )  
 African American Male 08/16/1995

Page 5 of 8

03/30/2011	1	RESIST ARREST SEARCH OR TRANSPORT (MA)					Secondary	Dismissed
15 years old	School Status : IN REGULAR SCHOOL		Education Standing : PASSING AND IN APPROPRIATE GRADE					
Disposition Date	Disposition	Cause No	Prior AL	GL	AL	Deviation ?		
07/07/2011	ADJUDICATED - PLACED ON PROBATION	J11-11	3	3	3	N		
Court: WACC		Judge: MR						

Referral Date : 01/05/2011 Ref NO : 5003733 Intake Officer :  
 Referral Type : PAPER FORMALIZED

11/22/2010	1	RUNAWAY (CI)					Primary	Primary
15 years old	School Status : IN REGULAR SCHOOL		Education Standing : PASSING AND IN APPROPRIATE GRADE					
Disposition Date	Disposition	Cause No	Prior AL	GL	AL	Deviation ?		
01/25/2011	DISMISSED OR WITHDRAWN BY DEPARTMENT		0	0	0	N		
Court:		Judge:						

# Revising Referral Detail in CW Update

- In order to provide more accurate offense information, TJJJD intake have asked that elements be added to the Case History Referral Detail report
- Elements are:
  - Penal code citation
  - GOC code
  - Originating referral number

# Providing Referral Detail with Commitment Documentation

- Including the Case History report with the referral detail will greatly assist intake in the processing, classification and placement of committed youth
  - Makes “lining up” the referral/disposition history with the court orders much more straightforward, ensuring more accurate classification of the youth
- Report can be easily run and included in the packet for youth committed