

LOUISIANA METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME
STATISTICAL REPORT OF SERVICES FOR 1996

INTRODUCTION

1996 was the first full year the Methodist Children's Home operated with the new level of care system which is currently in place. This system is designed to quickly place a child in the specific treatment program which will most appropriately address the child's needs. Our level of care system also allows treatment staff to configure the most ideal treatment environment possible as a child's needs change during the therapeutic process.

A general result of fully implementing this new level of care system is that our average daily population rose to 93% of physical capacity, much closer to an optimum level of occupancy. Significant statistical changes are apparent if one compares this annual report with reports from previous years. The statistics related to specific programs will appear to be significantly distorted. For example, the days of care provided to youth in Evaluation Services in 1995 totaled 4,053. In 1996, this number was only 460; a difference of nearly a magnitude. When comparing this report to previous statistical reports, the most valid comparisons will be related to aggregate totals. (Note, too, the change in the structure of this report. By offering data in tabular format, it is now much easier to access numbers in their relationships with each other.)

The most telling numbers for purposes of drawing comparisons between this year and previous years are those numbers which indicate the total days of care provided and our overall percentage of occupancy. In 1995, the Methodist Children's Home provided 27,700 total days of care to residents. This was 76% of our total physical capacity. In 1996, we provided 32,635 total days of care at 93% of our physical capacity - an increase of 17%.

REFERRAL STATISTICS

During the year of 1996, the Methodist Children's Home had a total of 811 individual children referred to its programs. Of those children referred, 266 were referred by the Division of Youth Services, 177 were referred by the Office of Community Services, 292 were referred by private sources, and 76 were referred by police or sheriff's offices.

Of the 811 children referred, 413 were males, 398 were females. 275 were Black, 464 were White, and 5 were Hispanic, 2 were Indian, and we had 65 children who's race was not given when referred. The average age for youth referred was 14.3 for males and 14.1 for females.

During 1996, the Methodist Children's Home served a total of 247 individual youth in our residential programs.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

The eight levels of care currently offered by the Louisiana Methodist Children’s Home include Alternate Care, Emergency Shelter Care, Evaluation Services, Changing Aggressive Behavior Program, Structured, Intermediate, Residential and Group Care. The days of care provided by custody for the individual levels of care is provided in the chart below.

Level of Care	Custody				Total Days by Level of Care
	AC	DOC	OCS	Private	
Alternate Care	395	0	0	0	395
Emergency Shelter Care	0	895	880	675	2450
Changing Aggressive Behaviors	0	0	2033	0	2033
Evaluation Services	0	118	342	0	460
Intermediate Residential Care	0	6148	2906	2874	11928
Structured Residential Care	0	3510	4738	1624	9872
Group Residential Care	0	1573	776	843	3192
Arcadia Group Home	0	1319	870	116	2305
Total by Custody	395	13563	12545	6132	32635

DAYS OF CARE BY CUSTODY AND LEVEL OF CARE

The statistics related to the race and gender of our residents is provided below:

Custody	Black			White			Other			TOTAL		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
AC	34	21	13	15	6	9	0	0	0	49	27	22
DOC	29	9	20	45	20	25	1	1	0	75	30	45
OCS	40	18	22	34	19	15	1	1	0	75	38	37
PRI	4	0	4	43	13	30	1	0	1	48	13	35
TOTALS	107	48	59	137	58	79	3	2	1	247	108	139

ADMISSION BY RACE, GENDER AND CUSTODY

ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND LENGTH OF STAY STATISTICS

Statistics related to the admission and discharge of youth from the different levels of care are contained in the chart below. For purposes of utilization review, these statistics also provide detailed information regarding length of stay issues.

Level of Care	Custody	Continued From Last Year	New	Continued To Next Year	Total Participants	Average LOS	Mode LOS	Median LOS	Range
CAB	OCS	0	11	6	11	202	NA	172	53:329
AC	AC	2	47	0	49	5.9	1	3	1:34
ESC	DOC	1	37	0	38	23.5	31	24.5	1:39
	OCS	1	35	3	36	19.8	21	28	2:48
	PRI	0	27	4	27	23.4	31	27	9:34
EVAL	DOC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	OCS	2	0	0	2	44	NA	44	7:81
	PRI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
INTM	DOC	1	56	24	57	107.9	96	96	2:341
	OCS	3	27	17	29	98.8	69	82	3:337
	PRI	3	35	10	38	75.6	14	61	14:327
STRC	DOC	4	47	3	51	31.5	23	23	1:186
	OCS	3	27	3	30	25.9	3	20	1:96
	PRI	3	23	2	26	32.4	1	23	1:125
RGC	DOC	24	1	1	25	130.6	151	150	9:365
	OCS	24	0	4	24	177	365	154.5	4:365
	PRI	9	0	0	9	120.9	NA	144	11:231
GRP	DOC	0	19	1	19	82.3	132	81	1:177
	OCS	0	14	5	14	97	29	82	20:235
	PRI	0	11	4	11	57.3	55	55	9:116

INDEPENDENT LIVING

During this year, 184 structured classes and seminars were presented to 16- 21 year olds. During 1996, 217 individual youth were served. Children in the care of our agency, other child care agencies and in foster care have been given classes in subjects such as apartment hunting, insurance, check writing, banking, nutrition and many other subjects dealing with independent living. Our staff cover from Ruston to the Mississippi river. Each youth is given a pre-test for independent living skills and a post-test. The average improvement between pre- and post-testing was 6%.

FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

During 1996, a total of 793 individuals were served through the Family Development Center. There were 97 out-patient clients yielding a total of 235 individual family members seen in family therapy. There were 134 residential clients yielding a total of 386 individual family members seen in therapy. The Family Development Center staff taught 67 individuals the course *Helping Children Cope with Divorce*. During 1996, 26 families involving 172 individuals participated in court-ordered family evaluation services. 318 children in the Lincoln Parish schools were taught a violence prevention curriculum. Family Development staff delivered speeches to local community church groups totaling 67 individuals.

HOWARD SCHOOL

During 1996, the Howard Educational Center provided educational services to a total of 232 different youth. 231 of these youth were residents of the Methodist Children's Home. Howard Educational Center served 130 different youth in regular Residential classes. 73 youth moved through the regular classroom and on to either public school or Voc-Tech. 73 youth participated in short-term and evaluative educational services. 10 of these 73 met the criteria for attending school off campus and were quickly transferred into a public school.