

LOUISIANA METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME
STATISTICAL REPORT OF SERVICES FOR 1998

REFERRAL STATISTICS

During 1998, Louisiana Methodist Children's Home received a total of 1331 referrals for placement in our residential programs. Of these children referred for placement, 356 were referred by the Division of Youth Services, 319 were referred by the Office of Community Services and 537 were referred privately. 119 youth were referred by police or sheriff's offices.

During 1998, Louisiana Methodist Children's Home served a total of 286 individual youth in our residential programs.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

The Levels of Care currently include Alternate Care, Emergency Shelter Care, Changing Aggressive Behavior Program, Structured Residential Care, Intermediate Residential Care, and Group Residential Care. The days of care provided by custody for the individual levels of care are provided in the chart below. Of a possible 34,310 days of care, the agency provided 31,178 days operating at 91% of capacity.

Level of Care	Custody				Total Days by Level of Care
	AC	DOC	OCS	Private	
Alternate Care	196	0	0	0	196
Emergency Shelter Care	0	2033	1520	517	4070
Changing Aggressive Behaviors	0	0	2455	0	2455
Intermediate Residential Care	0	7290	5559	3581	16430
Structured Residential Care	0	191	702	135	1028
Group Residential care	0	2314	3204	1481	6999
Total by Custody	196	11828	13440	5714	31178

Statistics related to the custody, race and gender of our residents is provided below:

INDIVIDUALS BY RACE, GENDER AND CUSTODY

Custody	Black			White			Other			TOTAL		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
AC	9	4	5	10	4	6	0	0	0	19	8	11
DOC	29	15	14	39	21	18	1	0	1	69	36	33
OCS	36	14	22	31	16	15	1	1	0	68	31	37
PRI	3	1	2	34	14	20	0	0	0	37	15	22
TOTALS	77	34	43	114	55	59	2	1	1	193	90	103

LEVEL OF CARE PLACEMENTS BY RACE, GENDER AND CUSTODY

Custody	Black			White			Other			TOTAL		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
AC	18	6	12	19	7	12	0	0	0	37	13	24
DOC	79	40	39	82	42	40	1	0	1	162	82	80
OCS	90	31	59	72	32	40	1	1	0	163	64	99
PRI	6	2	4	79	23	56	0	0	0	85	25	60
TOTALS	193	79	114	252	104	148	2	1	1	447	184	263

Custody by Race

Race	AC	DOC	OCS	PRI
Black	49%	49%	55%	7%
White	51%	51%	44%	93%
Hispanic	0%	1%	1%	0%
TOTALS	100%	100%	100%	100%

Percent Private/State by Race

Race	PRI	ST
Black	7%	52%
White	93%	48%
Hispanic	0%	1%
TOTALS	100%	100%

Racial Distribution

Race	%
Black	43%
White	56%
Hispanic	<1%
TOTAL	100%

ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND LENGTH OF STAY STATISTICS

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

Level of Care	Custody	Continued From 1997	New	Continued To 1998	Total Participants	Average LOS	Range
CAB	OCS	6	8	12	14	396.09	16 to 801
AC	AC	0	37	0	37	5.27	1 to 45
ESC	DOC	5	54	5	59	38.48	3 to 160
	OCS	5	53	7	58	32.22	1 to 136
	PRI	3	24	0	27	25.46	1 to 87
INTM	DOC	18	47	19	65	156.91	2 to 617
	OCS	17	38	17	55	142.02	1 to 657
	PRI	13	24	9	37	149.31	4 to 541
STRC	DOC	0	15	0	15	12.72	1 to 30
	OCS	3	18	0	21	42.71	1 to 232
	PRI	2	7	0	9	26.55	5 to 73
GRP	DOC	9	14	7	23	209.36	2 to 695
	OCS	8	10	10	18	346.64	22 to 1534
	PRI	3	9	3	12	161.08	10 to 367

INDEPENDENT LIVING

During 1998, 247 structured classes and seminars were presented to 16-21 year olds. A total of 210 individual youth received services from the Independent Living Program. Children in the care of our agency, other child care agencies and in foster care have attended classes in subjects such as apartment hunting, check writing, banking, nutrition and many other subjects related to living independently. Our staff provide services to a catchment area which covers all of northeast Louisiana, from Lincoln Parish to the Mississippi River.

Each participant in the Independent Living Program receives a pre-test and post-test for independent living skills assessment. During 1998 the average score on pre-tests was 57.8% with the average on post-tests being 73% for a pre-test/post-test average improvement of 8%.

FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

During 1998, a total of 1,253 individuals were served through the Family Development Center. This is an increase of 24% over the previous year's total of 1010. There were 98 out-patient families yielding a total of 267 individual family members seen in therapy. There were 172 residential clients yielding a total of 336 individual family members seen in therapy. The Family Development Center taught 38 individuals the course *Helping Children Cope with Divorce* and 501 children participated in the psycho-educational component of the Violence Prevention Grant taught in Lincoln Parish schools. 28 families involving 111 individuals participated in court-ordered family evaluation services. Family Development Center staff made 2 presentations, *Family Evaluations: An Alternative to Hired Guns* and *Therapists and the Courts: A Proactive*

Systems Model, at the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists' national conference.

HOWARD SCHOOL

During 1998, Howard Educational Center provided educational services to a total of 198 different youth. 193 of these youth were residents of Methodist Children's Home. Howard Educational Center served 162 different youth in regular Residential classes. 64 youth moved through the regular classroom and on to either public school or Vo-Tech. 181 youth participated in short-term educational services. 24 youth participated in the GED program and 8 of these graduated after earning their GED.