

LOUISIANA METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME
STATISTICAL REPORT OF SERVICES FOR 1999

REFERRAL STATISTICS

During 1999, Louisiana Methodist Children's Home received a total of 947 referrals for placement in our residential programs. Of these children referred for placement, 161 were referred by the Division of Youth Services, 321 were referred by the Office of Community Services and 388 were referred privately. 77 youth were referred by police or sheriff's offices.

During 1999, Louisiana Methodist Children's Home served a total of 215 individual youth in our residential programs. The average length of stay was 114 days, determined by dividing the days of care provided by the number of individuals served.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

The Levels of Care currently include Alternate Care, Emergency Shelter Care, Changing Aggressive Behavior Program, and Residential Care. The days of care provided by custody for the individual levels of care are provided in the chart below. Of a possible 28,760 days of care, the agency provided 24,608 days operating at 85% of capacity.

Level of Care	Custody				Total Days by Level of Care
	AC	DOC	OCS	Private	
Alternate Care	1148	0	0	0	1148
Emergency Shelter Care	0	675	1384	481	2540
Changing Aggressive Behaviors	0	0	5017	0	5017
Intermediate Residential Care	0	2797	7660	3426	13883
Group Residential care	0	284	1736	0	2020
Total by Custody	1148	3756	15797	3907	24608

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	50	40	10	27	15	12	0	0	0	77	55	22
DOC	21	6	15	20	10	10	0	0	0	41	16	25
OCS	37	13	24	31	18	13	1	0	1	69	31	38
PRI	6	2	4	21	9	12	1	0	1	28	11	17
TOTALS	114	61	53	99	52	47	2	0	2	215	113	102

Custody by Race

Race	AC	DOC	OCS	PRI
Black	65%	51%	54%	21%
White	35%	49%	45%	75%
Hispanic	0%	0%	1%	4%
TOTALS	100%	100%	100%	100%

Percent Private/State by Race

Race	PRI	ST
Black	21%	58%
White	75%	42%
Hispanic	4%	1%
TOTALS	100%	100%

Racial Distribution

Race	%
Black	53%
White	46%
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 1998	Admitted in 1999	Discharged in 1999	Continued to 2000	Participants	Days of Care	Average LOS (days)
CAB	OCS	12	16	10	18	28	5017	179.18
AC	AC	0	87	83	4	87	1148	13.20
ESC	DOC	5	27	32	0	32	675	21.09
	OCS	3	51	51	3	54	1384	25.63
	PRI	1	17	18	0	18	481	26.72
	TOTAL	9	95	101	3	104	2540	24.42
RGC	DOC	24	22	38	8	46	3081	66.98
	OCS	27	40	43	24	67	9396	140.24
	PRI	12	17	18	11	29	3426	118.14
	TOTAL	63	79	99	43	142	15903	111.99
GRAND TOTALS		84	277	293	68	361	24608	68.17

INDEPENDENT LIVING

During 1999, 256 structured classes and seminars were presented to 16-21 year olds. This is an increase of 4% from the 247 classes and seminars taught in 1998. A total of 188 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 62% with the average on post-tests being 79% for a pre-test/post-test average improvement of 17%.

FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

During 1999, a total of 1306 individuals were served through the Family Development Center. This is an increase of 10% over the previous year's total of 1253. There were 83 out-patient families yielding a total of 177 individual family members seen in therapy. There were 89 residential clients yielding a total of 237 individual family members seen in therapy. 580 children participated in the violence prevention psycho-educational course taught by Family Development Center staff in Lincoln Parish schools. 29 families involving 222 individuals participated in court-ordered family evaluation services. The Family Development Center staff also spoke to various groups off campus totalling 90 individuals.

HOWARD SCHOOL

During 1999, Howard Educational Center provided educational services to a total of 190 different youth. 189 of these youth were residents of Methodist Children's Home. Howard Educational Center served 125 different youth in regular Residential classes. 32 youth moved through the regular classroom and on to either public school or Vo-Tech. 64 youth participated in short-term educational services. 13 youth participated in the GED program and 4 of these graduated after earning their GED.