

LOUISIANA METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME
STATISTICAL REPORT OF SERVICES FOR 2003

REFERRAL STATISTICS

During 2003, Louisiana Methodist Children's Home received a total of 1,038 referrals for placement in our residential programs. Of these children referred for placement, 122 were referred by the Division of Youth Services, 420 were referred by the Office of Community Services and 383 were referred privately. 113 youth were referred by police or sheriff's offices.

During 2003, Louisiana Methodist Children's Home served a total of 385 individual youth in our residential programs. The average length of stay was 78.5 days, determined by dividing the days of care provided by the number of individuals served.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Our programs of residential care during 2003 included Alternate Care (AC), Emergency Shelter Care (ESC), Changing Attitudes & Behaviors (CAB) Program, and Residential Care (RC). These residential programs were licensed as three distinct levels of care; CAB is Intensive, ESC and AC is licensed as Controlled, and RC is licensed as Moderate.

The days of care provided by custody for the individual programs of care are provided in the chart below. The total potential days of care during the year were 35,040. Of these potential 35,040 days of residential care, we provided 30,253 actual days of care, operating at 86.3% of potential capacity. The 30,253 actual days of care provided in 2003 represents a decrease of 3.7% compared to the year 2002 when we provided 31,416 actual days of residential care.

Residential Program (Level of Care)	Custody				Total Days by Program
	AC	DOC	OCS	Private	
Alternate Care (Controlled)	962	0	0	0	962
Emergency Shelter Care (Controlled)	0	440	3,876	992	5,308
Changing Aggressive Behaviors (Intensive)	0	0	8,691	0	8,691
Residential Care (Moderate)	0	2,687	10,376	2,229	15,292
Total by Custody	962	3,127	22,943	3,221	30,253

Relationship of Actual Days of Care Provided to Potential Days and Actual Days in Previous Year

Actual Days 2002	Residential Program (Level of Care)	Potential Days (Capacity)	Actual Days 2003	Percentage of Capacity	Percentage Over 2002
838	Alternate Care (Controlled)	1,460	962	65.9%	14.7%
5,320	Emergency Shelter Care (Controlled)	7,300	5,308	72.7%	-0.2%
8,694	Changing Aggressive Behaviors (Intensive)	8,760	8,691	99.2%	0%
16,564	Residential Care (Moderate)	17,520	15,292	87.3%	-7.6%
31,416	Totals by Custody	35,040	30,253	86.3%	-3.7%

Days of Residential Care Provided by Contract

Residential Services Contracts	Contractual Days of Care	Actual Days of Care	Number Over Contract	Percentage Over Contract	Percentage of Capacity
OCS - Emergency Shelter Care	4680	3,876	-804	-17.1%	82.8%
OCS - Changing Aggressive Behaviors	8,760	8,691	- 69	-0.8%	99.2%
OCS - Residential Care	8,760	10,376	1,616	18.4%	118.4%
DOC - Residential Care	3,650	3,127	-523	-14.3%	85.7%

Statistics related to the custody, race and gender of our residents are 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	67	34	33	46	26	20	0	0	0	113	60	53
DOC	9	0	9	10	0	10	0	0	0	19	0	19
OCS	60	31	29	51	26	25	5	3	2	116	60	56
PRI	3	1	2	19	10	9	0	0	0	22	11	11
TOTALS	139	66	73	126	62	64	5	3	2	270	131	139

Custody by Race

Race	AC	DOC	OCS	PRI
Black	59.3%	47.4%	51.7%	13.6%
White	40.7%	52.6%	44.0%	86.4%
Hispanic	0	0	4.3%	0
TOTALS	100%	100%	100%	100%

Percent Private/State by Race

Race	PRI	ST
Black	13.6%	54.8%
White	86.4%	43.1%
Hispanic	0	2.1%

Racial Distribution

Race	%
Black	51.5%
White	46.6%
Hispanic	1.9%
TOTAL	100%

Gender Distribution

Gender	%
Male	48.5%
Female	51.5%
TOTAL	100%

ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND LENGTH OF STAY STATISTICS

Statistics related to the admission and discharges 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.

Residential Program	Custody	Continued from 2002	Admitted in 2003	Discharged In 2003	Continued To 2004	Participants	Days Of Care	Average LOS (days)
CAB	OCS	24	11	11	24	35	8,691	248.31
AC	AC	2	113	111	2	115	962	8.36
ESC	DOC	2	19	18	3	21	440	20.95
	OCS	6	66	70	9	72	3,876	53.83
	PRI	3	22	21	2	25	992	39.68
	TOTAL	11	107	109	14	118	5,308	44.98
RGC	DOC	7	17	18	6	24	2,687	111.96
	OCS	31	39	35	29	70	10,376	148.23
	PRI	5	18	17	9	23	2,229	96.91
	TOTAL	43	74	70	44	117	15,292	130.70
GRAND TOTALS		80	305	301	84	385	30,253	78.58

INDEPENDENT LIVING

During 2003, 540 structured classes and seminars were presented to 16-21 year olds. This is an increase of 31.7% from the 410 classes and seminars taught in 2002. A total of 220 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 provided services to a catchment area that 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 2003 the average score on pre-tests was 67% with the average on post-tests being 80% for a pre-test/post-test average improvement of 19.4%.

FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER

During 2003, a total of 730 individuals were served through the Family Counseling Center. This is an increase of 34% over the previous year's total of 544. There were 112 outpatient client cases (non-CVA) yielding a total of 187 individual family members seen in outpatient therapy. There were 78 residential clients yielding a total of 219 individual family members seen in family therapy. The Crime Victims Assistance (CVA) grant served an additional 57 residential youth and 35 outpatient cases comprised of 84 individuals, serving a total of 141 individuals. 17 of the residential youth served by CVA were also seen in family therapy. The Family Counseling Center served a total of 171 individuals through educational and informative services.

HOWARD SCHOOL

During 2003, Howard Educational Center provided educational services to a total of 244 different youth. All of these youth were residents of Methodist Children's Home. Howard Educational Center served 124 different youth in regular Residential classes. 41 youth moved through the regular classroom and on to either public school or Vo-Tech. 120 youth participated in short-term educational services. 20 youth participated in the Howard School GED program and 11 of these graduated after earning their GED yielding an average of 56%.