

Division of Youth Services

Overview



COLORADO
Department of Human Services



“Achieving Youth Success and Safer Colorado Communities”



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DYS Mission

To protect, restore, and improve public safety utilizing a continuum of care that provides:

- Effective supervision,
- Promotes accountability to victims and communities, and
- Helps youth lead constructive lives through positive youth development.





DYS Service Continuums

Detention Continuum

- Colorado Youth Detention Continuum (Community Detention)
- Secure and Staff Secure Detention

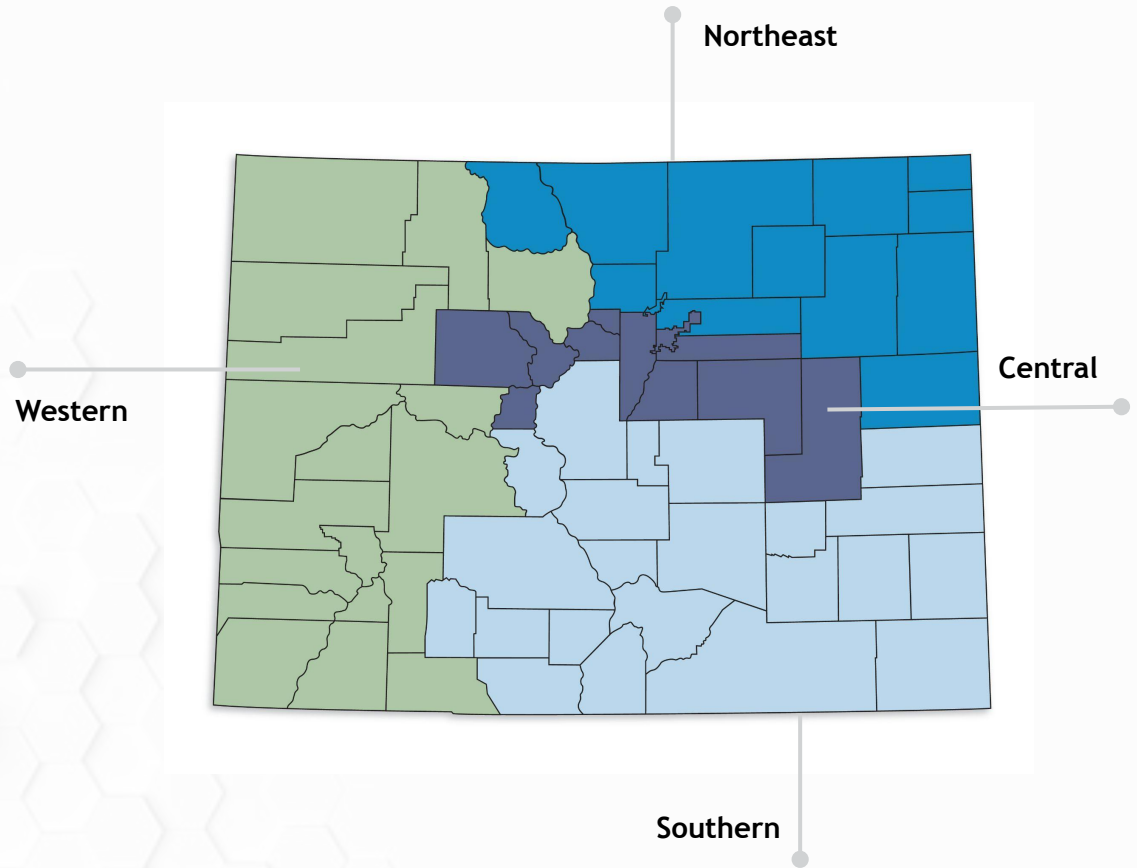
Commitment Continuum

- Assessment
- Residential Treatment Services
- Parole Supervision



DYS Detention Operations

- State operated since 1973
- DYS Regions formed around location of detention centers



Detention Services

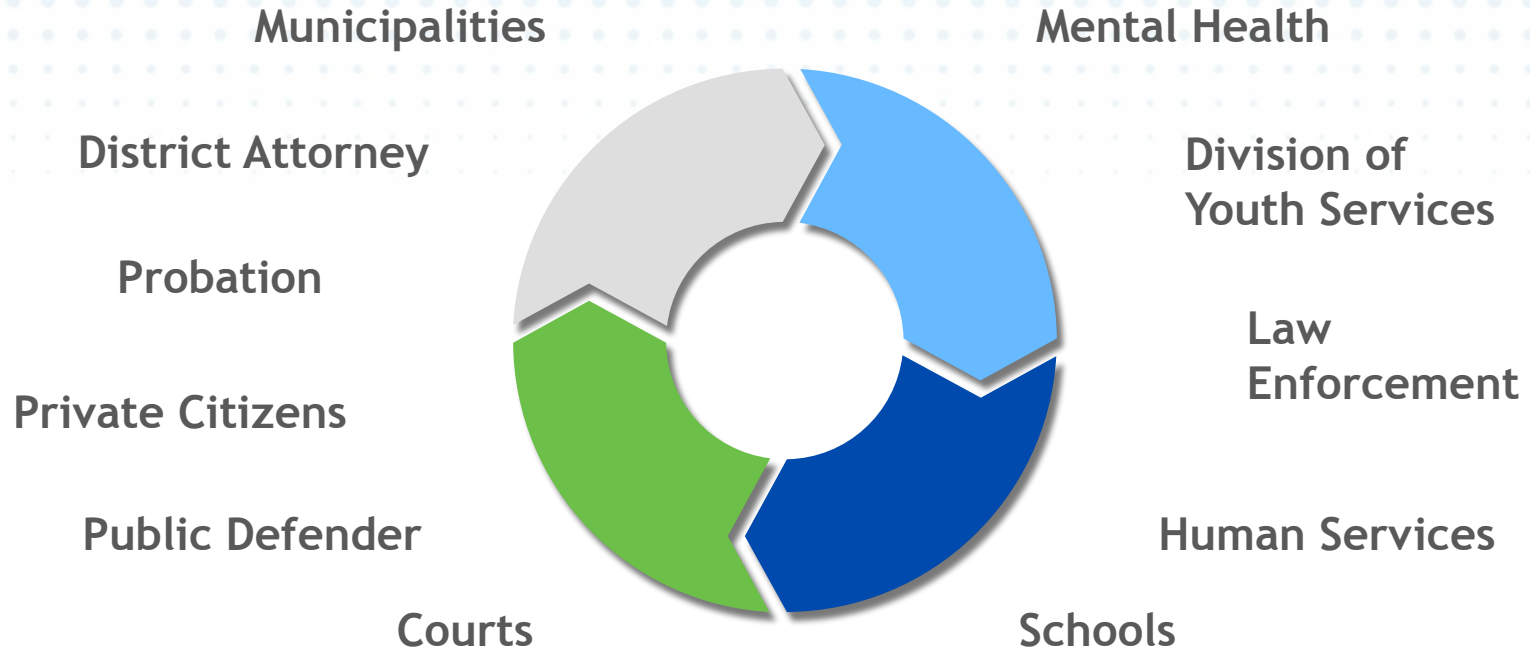
Physical Custody

- Juveniles awaiting Court hearings
- Juveniles awaiting disposition
- Juveniles who receive short-term sentences
- Valid Court Orders

Appropriate Use

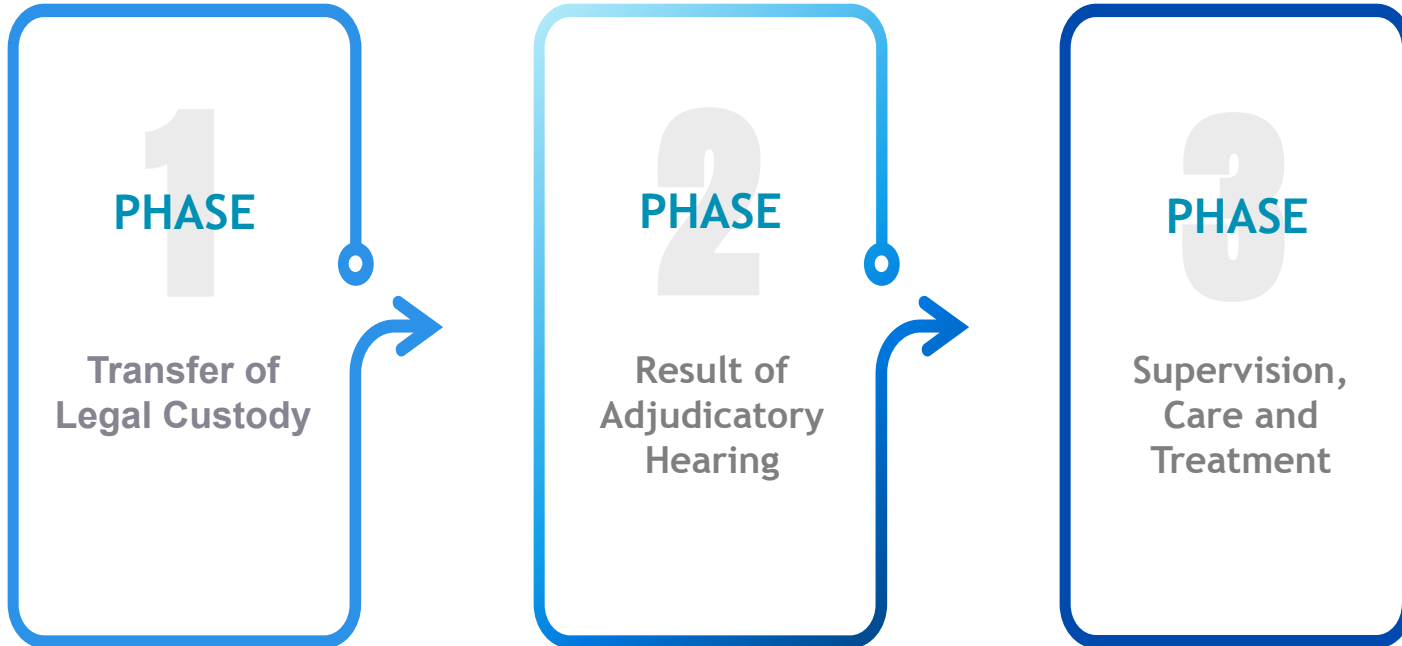
- Youth who pose a substantial risk of serious harm to others, or
- Youth who are a flight risk from prosecution.

Multi-Agency Approaches



Commitment Services

The steps of the juvenile commitment process

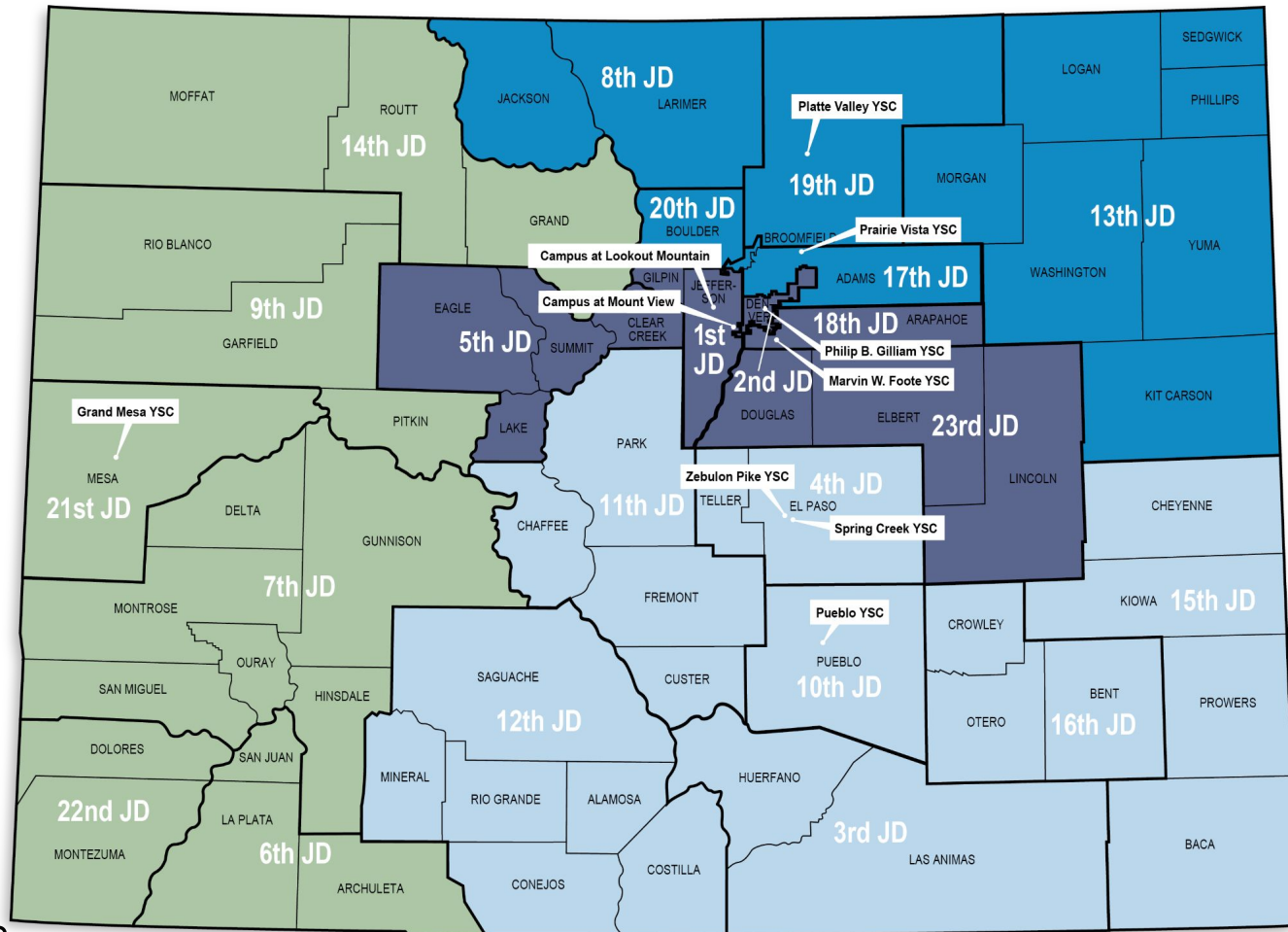


Commitment Jurisdiction

- Ages 10-20, for acts committed prior to a youth's 18th birthday (19-2.5-1117, C.R.S.)
- Ages 10-12, for Class 1, 2 or 3 felonies only
- Majority of sentences are for a determinate period of up to two years
- All DYS commitments discharged at maximum age of 21



Colorado Department of Human Services—Division of Youth Services Judicial Districts, Regions and Youth Center Locations





Juvenile Parole Services

- Individualized parole plans
- Parole plan is consistent with Discrete Case Plan
- Parole Officers provide direct supervision and liaison with community resources and families
- Contract Parole Program Services
 - Treatment Services; e.g., Multisystemic Therapy; Functional Family Therapy; Offense Specific; Drug/Alcohol
 - Tracking and Mentoring
 - Day Treatment and Day Reporting Programs
 - Community-based services; e.g., housing, employment, school, advocacy



Juvenile Competency

Competency is a legal construct that refers to a youth's current capacity to function meaningfully and knowingly in a legal proceeding.

Competency services are about due process in criminal cases, not holistic mental health treatment.

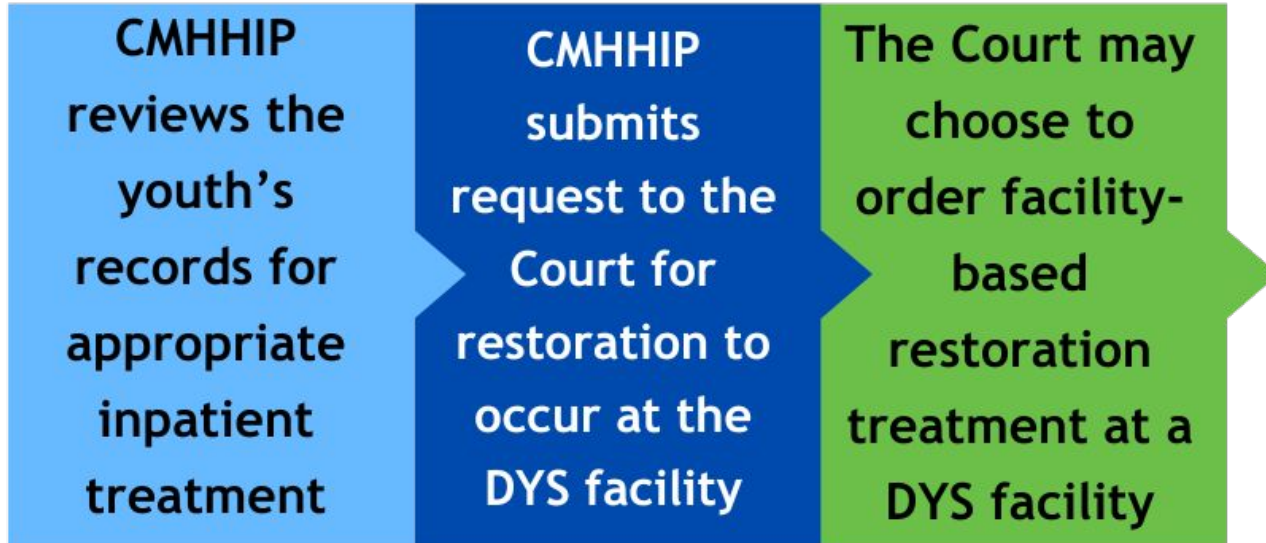
Youth competency services can take place at:

- Inpatient (Colorado Mental Health Hospital in Pueblo)
- Facility-based (Division of Youth Services)
- Outpatient (in the community)

Youth competency is not included in the consent decree. OCFMH is compliant in providing timely evaluations and treating youth patients.



Updated transfer process from CMHHIP



CMHHIP will only submit a request to the courts if the patient's records show the juvenile does not meet criteria for inpatient psychiatric care.

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