

LEHIGH COUNTY
OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND
YOUTH SERVICES

AND

THE JUVENILE PROBATION
OFFICE

NEEDS BASED BUDGET

2009 – 10

and 2010-11

STATE BUDGET ALLOCATION

- Consists of 4 Major Service Categories
 - In Home Services
 - Community Based Placements
 - Institutional Placements
 - Administration



In Home

- Services designed to keep children within their homes or supportive services provided to the child or child's family while the child is in substitute care.
- Types of services include:
 - Adoption Services/Adoption Assistance
 - Counseling and Intervention
 - Day Care
 - Day Treatment
 - Homemaker/Caretaker Services
 - Life Skills
 - High Fidelity Wrap around

Community Based Placement

- Substitute care services in a facility that serves no more than 25 children and uses community resources in its program of service.
- Types of care include:
 - Kinship care
 - Foster care
 - Group Home care
 - Supervised Independent Living
 - Shelter care

Institutional Placements

- Substitute care service in a secure or non-secure facility that is not community based.
- Types of care include:
 - Juvenile Detention Services
 - Residential treatment facilities
 - Secure facilities
 - Youth Development Centers
 - Youth Forestry Camps

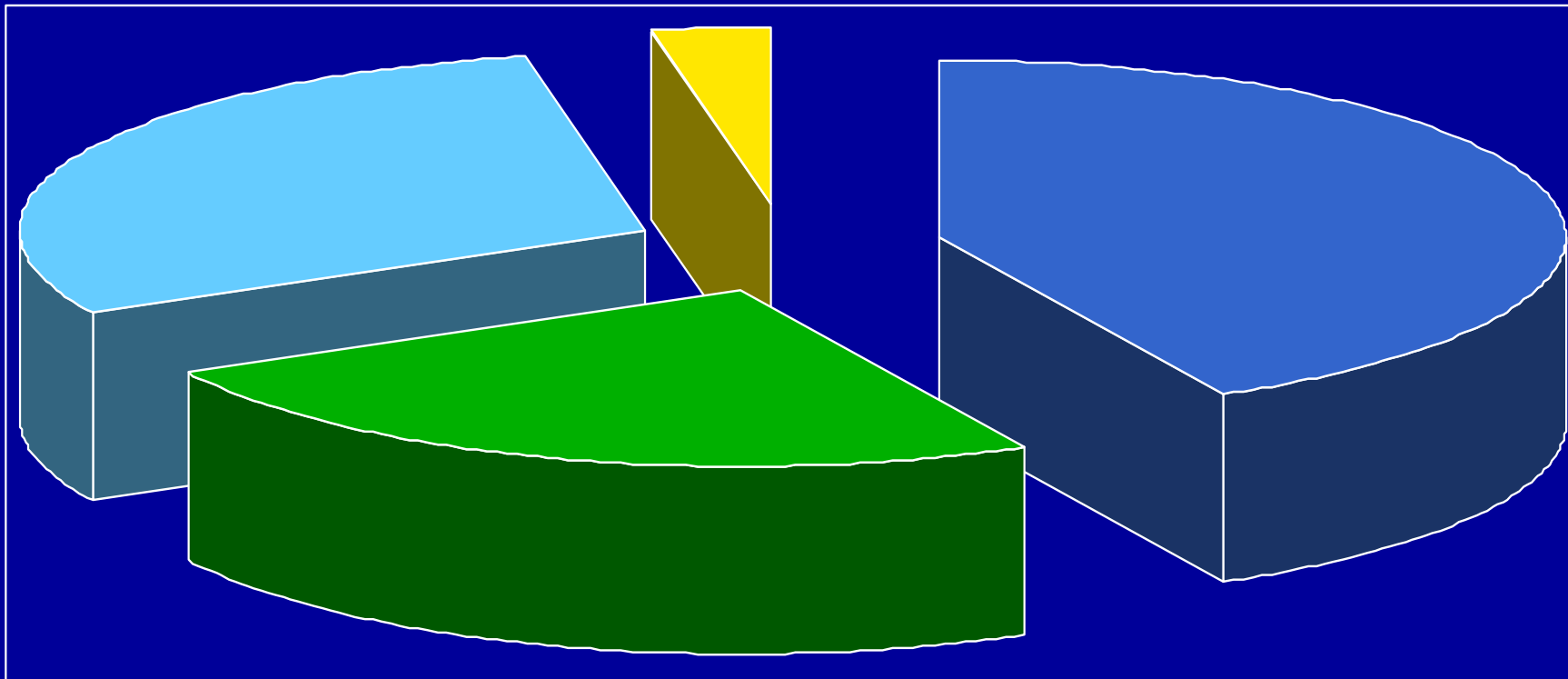
Administration

- Expenses associated with the agency operational costs including activities to manage a county children and youth social service agency.
- Operational costs include:
 - Rent and Utility costs
 - Communication expenses
 - Transportation expenses
 - Supplies



Budget Detail

2009-2010



In-Home 42%

Community Based 25%

Institutional 30%

Administration 3%

BUDGET DETAIL

• Service Area	2008-09	2009-2010	2010-2011 (tentative request)
• In-Home	18,783,993	19,647,270	19,863,844
• Community Based	11,002,009	10,502,986	10,759,330
• Institutional Placement	13,156,893	13,162,239	13,744,094
• Administration	1,319,967	1,318,863	1,448,872
• Total	44,262,862	44,631,358	45,816,140

Court Improvement Project Permanency Practice Initiative

Initiatives

- Pennsylvania Permanency Practice Initiative
 - Fall 2008
 - o Family Group Decision Making
 - o Family Development Credentialing
 - o Family Finding
 - o Three month Reviews

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PA Permanency Practice Initiative

Family Group Decision Making

- Strengths-based initiative
- Family members are active participants
- Implemented in 2005 by Lehigh County
- Additional training in progress for staff in order to expand the process

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First Tier Participant: Roll Out of PA Permanency Practice Initiative

Family Credentialing

- Train the trainer initiative
 - Provides OCYS line staff and provider staff with additional skills to facilitate relationships with clients
- Engaged in expanding OCYS staff participation

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First Tier Participant: Roll Out of PA Permanency Practice Initiative

Family Finding

- Engaged in staff training to find and gather family members.
- Designated a staff member to serve as the Diligent Search Person.

National Governor's Association Out of Home Placement Reduction one of 14 Counties in PA.

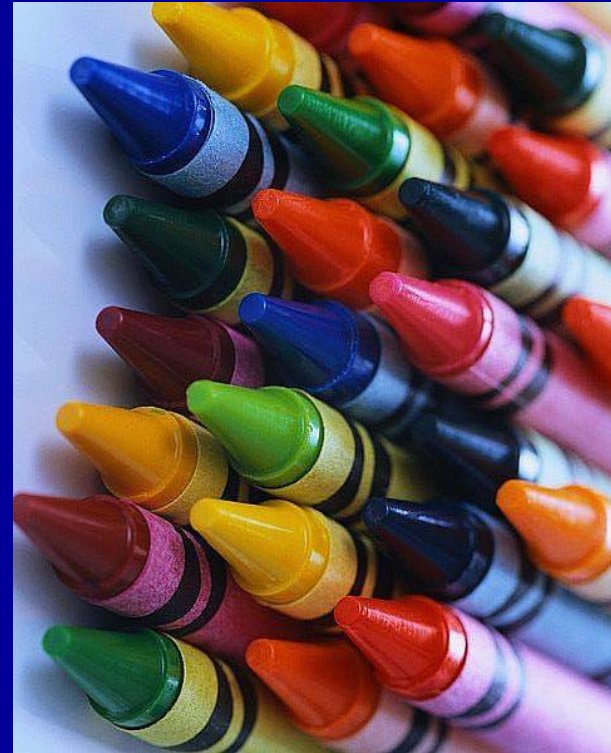
- Safely reducing out of home placement by 20% before the end of 2010.
- Decrease utilization of institutional placement
- Decrease utilization of secure institutional
 - Liberty-Lehigh Secure Treatment for Adolescents

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Shared Case Initiative Between OCYS and Juvenile Probation

- Collaborative efforts recently initiated
- Shared cases
- Shared Court hearings
- Shared planning meetings



Juvenile Probation Initiatives

- ❖ Youth Level of Service- Risk Need Assessment- Internal tool to help better identify risks and needs in offenders so as to appropriately funnel them into the best services.
- ❖ Case Management Essentials – development of case specific supervision plan based on risk and need.
- ❖ Expansion and improvement of Aftercare services for youth returning from placement.

School Justice Panels

- ❖ Expansion of our successful Community Justice Panel
- ❖ Funded by MacArthur Foundation
- ❖ Pre-adjudication diversion program for youth with special needs
- ❖ Middle Schools In Allentown School District
- ❖ Summary and low level misdemeanors

Additional Goals

- ❖ Continuation of Victim Awareness Classes
- ❖ Increase use of Victim Offender Mediation
- ❖ Increase use of Family Group Decision Making
- ❖ Utilization of High Fidelity Wraparound
- ❖ Decrease use of secure institutional placement for male mental juveniles by utilization of Liberty-Lehigh Secure Treatment for Adolescence.
- ❖ Decrease use of institutional placements as part of an NGA County