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Media Fact Sheet

- OJA operates two secure treatment facilities: Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center (COJC) and Southwest Oklahoma Juvenile Center (SWOJC).
- OJA contracts with 11 group homes for a total of 167 beds across the state. The length of stay can be up to seven months. These group homes provide a highly structured environment where OJA custody youth receive treatment, education, medical care, recreation, independent living and social skills. Crisis intervention is available 24 hours a day in these staff secure-group homes. Several group homes specialize in different areas such as CareerTech programming, problematic sexual behavior treatment and mental health issues.
- OJA contracts with county commissioners for secure detention services and adheres to the State Plan for the Establishment of Juvenile Detention Services. Juvenile detention centers can house youth upon initial arrest, pre-adjudicatory youth awaiting court and those youth pending OJA placement outside the home. There are 12 detention centers across the state that provide beds for both males and females.
- The age of residents can range from 13-19.
- OJA provides program, administrative staff, field and supervisory staff in all 77 counties, known as the Juvenile Services Unit (JSU). JSU provides intake, assessment, treatment planning, probation and parole services, supervision as well as reintegration to juveniles in all 77 counties, except for those with duly constituted juvenile bureaus. The juvenile bureaus are in Canadian, Comanche, Oklahoma and Tulsa counties. In those four counties, JSU provides parole and reintegration services.
- JSU services provided to youth are balanced with prevention, education, treatment and accountability to ensure public safety. A full continuum of services is provided to encourage and enhance positive, law-abiding behavior. Youth are provided a thorough risk and needs assessment, individualized treatment plan or rehabilitation plan along with services and programs designed to meet their needs and build upon their strengths.

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