

Youth Disciplinary Practices

Between 2006-2009, the number of confinement beds were reduced by 43% and all beds are single bunked. There have been reductions in the number of confinement every year for the past three years. This was accomplished by putting limitations on offenses considered appropriate reasons for confinement. Access to Medicaid money for alternative placements for youth was also made available, reducing incidences by certain youth with serious mental illness.

Number of youth in confinement by year

Year	2007	2008	2009
Total Number in Confinement	56	52	22
Total Population	1,427	1,364	1,223

Since 2007, DJJ has reduced the days youth spend in confinement by 60% per disciplinary infraction:

Date	Incidents	Total Days	Average Days Per Youth
September 2007	457	4,037	8.83
June 2008	402	1,648	4.1
June 2009	380	1,071	2.82

