



Georgia's Fiscal Incentive Program Implementation Successes

LEGISLATIVE CHANGE

REINVEST SPENDING ON STATE CUSTODY

- Reinvest savings from reduction in detention centers and Youth Development Campuses (YDC) into services at the local level
- Limit state custody for lower level offenses and remove mandatory disposition requirements for more serious offenses

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Evaluated grantees implementing Aggression Replacement Training (ART) and Thinking for a Change (T4C) to ensure quality programs are funded
- Implemented Principles of Effective Intervention train-the-trainer process for community programs and residential facilities

OUTCOMES*

- Invested **\$37 million** in grant programs since FY 2014
- **Closed 2 detention centers and 1 YDC**, total reduction of **269 beds**

Fewer Youth Out of Home



36%
YDCs



11%
Secure Detention



46%
Commitments

PROGRAM FIDELITY

- Expand Functional Family Therapy, Multisystemic Therapy, Thinking for a Change, Aggression Replacement Training, and other evidence-based programs
- Establish program oversight through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and Department of Juvenile Justice

- Trained staff to implement Aggression Replacement Training (ART)
- Trained staff to conduct evidence-based program assessments and monitor fidelity on ART and T4C
- State funded Functional Family Therapy externship to support program fidelity**

- Grant programs serve **98%** of Georgia's at-risk youth population
- Evidence-based community alternative now available to judges in every judicial district
- More than **7,200** youth served in program as of December 2016

*Outcome data show trends from FY 2014 (year of reform) to FY 2017

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