

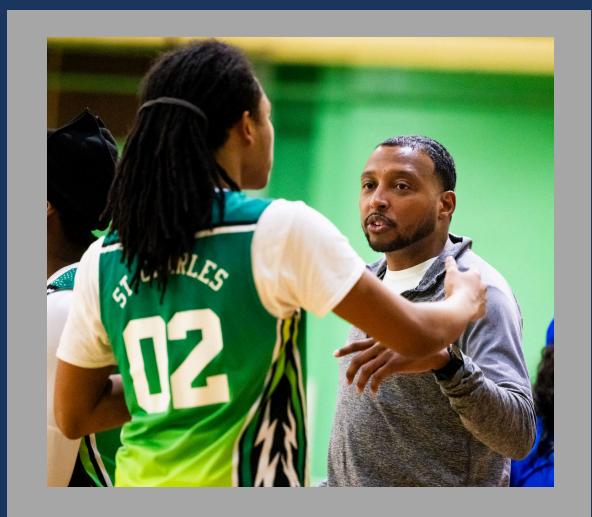


ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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LETTER FROM ACTING DIRECTOR ROBERT VICKERY: IDJJ VALUES

Dear Colleagues and Partners,



It has been a milestone year for the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice. This fall we opened a new secure youth facility, Monarch Youth Center in Lincoln. The opening of Monarch embodies the goals of the 21st Century Transformation announced by Governor Pritzker and Lt. Governor Stratton in 2020: Monarch is small – designed to serve no more than 30 youth from surrounding Central Illinois communities – and includes lots of natural light, bright colors, and indoor and outdoor programming spaces. We are implementing a new model of trauma-informed care at Monarch, and we will spread these services for kids to our other locations as well. More information about Monarch is on pages 5 and 24 of this report.

This Annual Report includes a lot of important data and exciting updates, but I want to take time to note that 2025 was our first full year focusing on IDJJ's newly stated values. In 2024, IDJJ staff members were invited to provide input on identifying the values, or the most important beliefs and principles, that define our collective work as a department. Five values were selected through this process:

Safety- We are all responsible for working to create a physically and emotionally safe environment for everyone.

Integrity- We strive to do what is right in every situation; we act with fairness and professionalism, & we are accountable for our actions.

Change- We support everyone's capacity for growth and believe in opportunities for individual and systemic transformation.

Dignity- We believe that all people have intrinsic value and should be treated with kindness and respect, recognizing differences in culture, background, and trauma experiences.

Teamwork- We only succeed as a team and communication is the key to our success.

We have strived to keep these values central to our decisions and conversations this year, and trust that as we continue to unpack their importance in our day to day work, they will benefit youth, families, and staff. I hope you will take the time to carefully read through the following pages, noting the significance of the Department's work and the many individuals inside and outside the agency that contribute to that work.

Sincerely,
Robert Vickery
Acting Director

ABOUT IDJJ

IDJJ provides comprehensive rehabilitative services to youth who are committed to the custody of IDJJ and for those young people transitioning back into the community through Aftercare. IDJJ does not serve youth who are in temporary detention awaiting adjudication, as those are managed at the county level through [**Juvenile Detention Centers**](#).

Formerly part of the Illinois Department of Corrections (DOC), IDJJ was created by statute in 2006 as an independent agency with the understanding that youth are physically, emotionally, and cognitively different from adults and should be treated in a developmentally appropriate manner. IDJJ provides comprehensive rehabilitative services to youth who are committed to the custody of IDJJ and in transitioning young people back into the community through Aftercare.

Fiscal Year 2025 statistics:

- Average age of youth in IDJJ facilities: 17.7 years
- Average age of youth under Aftercare supervision in the community: 18.0 years.
- The average length of stay for youth IDJJ custody: 6.2 months

In mid-December 2025, 211 youth were in IDJJ secure custody and 297 youth were being monitored and supported on Aftercare in communities throughout the state.

POPULATION

IDJJ serves and houses youth who are committed to state custody through juvenile court proceedings, and also houses a smaller number of individuals who are convicted as adults in criminal court who are also under age 18 when sentenced to DOC. A young person may be committed to IDJJ under the Illinois Juvenile Court Act if they are at least 13 years of age and under 20 years of age if adjudicated for a felony offense or first degree murder. Most youth are committed to IDJJ for an indeterminate sentence until the age of 21, which means that they do not have a required minimum sentence to complete, rather release is contingent on program completion and established reentry plans. Since the early 2000s, there has been a national downward trend in juvenile justice system populations. IDJJ's population has declined similarly, with more significant decreases in recent years due to a focused statewide effort to reduce the use of secure confinement for youth. **From a peak of 2174 youth in 1999, the daily number of youth in custody has decreased by over 90%.**

TRANSFORMATION UPDATE: OPENING MONARCH YOUTH CENTER

In partnership with Lt. Governor Stratton's Justice, Equity, and Opportunity Initiative (JEO), IDJJ utilized decades of evidence from across the country, and within its own system, to create a plan with the goal of achieving meaningful transformation, better youth outcomes, and increased community safety. The 21st Century Illinois Transformation Plan launched in July 2020, and IDJJ has worked diligently to fulfill its commitment to reduce the harm of incarceration and to implement best practices in juvenile justice.

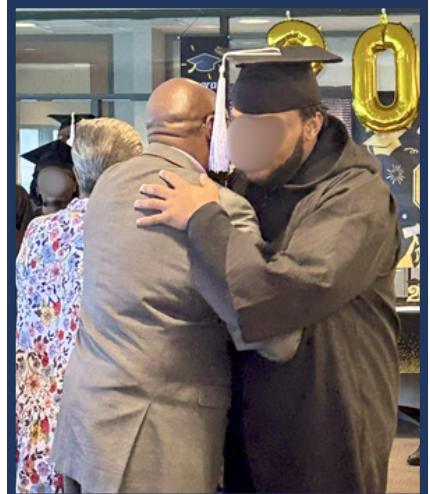
In September, IDJJ celebrated the grand opening of the new Monarch Youth Center in Lincoln, which is an important component of the Transformation Plan. Monarch will allow youth from central Illinois who are in secure custody of the state to remain closer to their communities and families. This youth center is designed to be trauma-informed, therapeutic, rehabilitative, and dorm-like in order to reduce the harm of incarceration and implement best practices in juvenile justice.



MISSION: BUILD YOUTH SKILLS

School District #428

IDJJ provides education to students through schools within our facilities, which operate under Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) School District #428. Youth are able to work toward and complete the requirements for high school graduation, and also have various Career & Technical Education opportunities. For youth who have completed high school graduation requirements, higher education courses and trade programs are available through partnerships with colleges and community partners. In 2025, SD #428 also expanded a new program to serve young adults ages 18-22 in Department of Corrections custody who qualify for educational services and want to earn a high school diploma.



School District #428	Completed 2024-25 school year
High School	57
GED	8
8th grade	6

Afterschool Programs

IDJJ School District 428 also offers afterschool programming at several youth centers that helps to build youth skills outside of regular school hours. These enrichment programs are based on the qualifications of available staff as well as the interests and requests of students. Some examples of Afterschool programs include:

- Fundamentals of Drawing
- Weight Room and Wellness
- Statistics in the NBA
- History of Rap Music
- A Study of Plot Development through Cinema
- Music Production & Recording
- Healing Through Art

MISSION: BUILD YOUTH SKILLS

Career & Technical Education (CTE)

In 2025, IDJJ added a solar installation program for IYC Harrisburg through US Vocational (D&D Electric). The program not only provides a nationally recognized certification, but also assists youth with bank accounts and job opportunities. Five students have already graduated from this exciting program.

Ten youth from IYC Chicago have graduated from Greater West Town Project programming with OSHA 10 and forklift operation certifications. These youth also receive job readiness training through the program.

At IDJJ's PEACE Center in St. Charles, 7 youth received CPR certifications, 15 youth have earned personal trainer certifications, 7 youth have earned OSHA 10 certifications, 8 youth have completed Intro to Construction certifications, and 5 youth have earned basic carpentry certifications.

Higher Education

IDJJ has partnerships with various colleges and universities throughout Illinois. Youth who have completed high school are encouraged to enroll in higher education courses that fulfill general education requirements for most associates or bachelors degree programs or vocational programs at local colleges. Student enrollment in many online courses while in secure custody can be continued upon release.

CTE PROGRAMS

Career Exploration
Financial Literacy
Manufacturing
Virtual Reality Training
Forklift Simulator Training
Drivers Education
Barber College
Core Learning Exchange
Solar Installation
Shipping & Receiving
Construction
Culinary
Google Classroom



IDJJ Higher Ed. Partnerships

- City Colleges of Chicago
- Elgin Community College
- Lakeland College
- Lewis & Clark Community College
- Northern Illinois University
- Northwestern University
- Principia College
- University of Chicago

MISSION: STRENGTHEN FAMILIES & PROMOTE COMMUNITY SAFETY

Community Services Division

IDJJ understands that the mission of “building youth skills and strengthening families” is best achieved in the youth’s community, relying upon a comprehensive array of services and supports delivered by a team comprised of IDJJ staff, community partners, and the youth’s support system.

Aftercare

IDJJ's [Aftercare program](#), which is part of the Community Services Division, provides vital case management, support, and supervision as youth transition back into their communities. Aftercare Specialists receive training to work with youth, family, and community partners to help develop a continuum of service.

The primary goal of Aftercare is to provide comprehensive and individualized services to youth committed to IDJJ in order for them to successfully reintegrate back into their communities and reduce recidivism.

The Aftercare model creates a youth-focused intervention of rehabilitation and therapeutic services. These services may include the identification of substance abuse and mental health treatment and services, education and vocational programs, workforce development and job training, mentoring, and anger management counseling.



In 2025, Aftercare hosted family engagement events to distribute clothing & toiletries to families in need.

2024-2025 Aftercare Highlights

- 89 youth enrolled in high school and/or earning GED or high school diploma
- 27 youth who completed HS or GED during their Aftercare term
- 22 youth enrolled in higher education or vocational certification programs
- 48 youth employed upon discharge from Aftercare

MISSION: STRENGTHEN FAMILIES & PROMOTE COMMUNITY SAFETY

Restorative Interventions, Services, Supports & Engagement (RISSE)

IDJJ's new Restorative Interventions, Services, Supports & Engagement (RISSE) is a collaborative council dedicated to cultivating a restorative justice culture across juvenile justice facilities.



Situated within the IDJJ Community Services Division, RISSE's work centers youth voice, promotes staff-youth collaboration, and supports the creation of safer, stronger communities. RISSE strives to heal harm, not just manage behavior. RISSE also works to restore accountability through dialogue, mediation, and proactive skill-building. The goal of the council is to shift institutional responses from punitive to restorative, equipping both youth and staff with tools for empathy, conflict resolution, and sustainable change.

Project Dignity

The Community Services Division of IDJJ also recently announced Project Dignity. Project Dignity is a new support program that will utilize donations from staff and the community to support youth on IDJJ Aftercare and their families.

Initially, clothing donations are being accepted from IDJJ staff in all offices and distributed out of the Springfield and Chicago Aftercare area offices. IDJJ staff can donate new or gently worn clothing items for use by IDJJ youth or their families.

Aftercare specialists will work with youth and their families to determine what they may need and the best way to utilize the donations to help families. The Community Services Division hopes to expand the program to receive donations from the broader community soon. Keep an eye out for information on this new initiative to help strengthen families connected to IDJJ.

MISSION: POSITIVE YOUTH OUTCOMES

Positive outcomes for youth in both the short term and long term are an important part of the mission of IDJJ. Substance use treatment programs, individualized mental and behavioral health treatment, family therapy, educational services, and recreational programs are all vital components of accomplishing positive outcomes for youth in the custody of IDJJ. Below are a few examples of positive youth outcomes in 2025.

A youth on Aftercare enrolled in Illinois State University.



Six youth at PEACE Center completed a public speaking course through New Life Center.



A youth on Aftercare graduated from high school and was then accepted to Jackson State University.

A youth on Aftercare was accepted to the HVAC program at Illinois Valley Community College.

A youth on Aftercare was awarded a scholarship to attend the 2025 Transformation of Youth Justice Symposium.

Two PEACE Center youth & one youth at Warrenville participated in an eight week Director's Office internship.

Three youth at IYC Chicago spoke on a virtual panel for Columbia University.

A youth at IYC Warrenville completed 10 credits at Elgin Community College.

DATA & DEMOGRAPHICS 2025

AVERAGE AGE FISCAL YEAR 2025:

17.7 YEARS

FACILITIES

18 YEARS

AFTERCARE

POPULATION MID NOVEMBER 2025 :

215 YOUTH

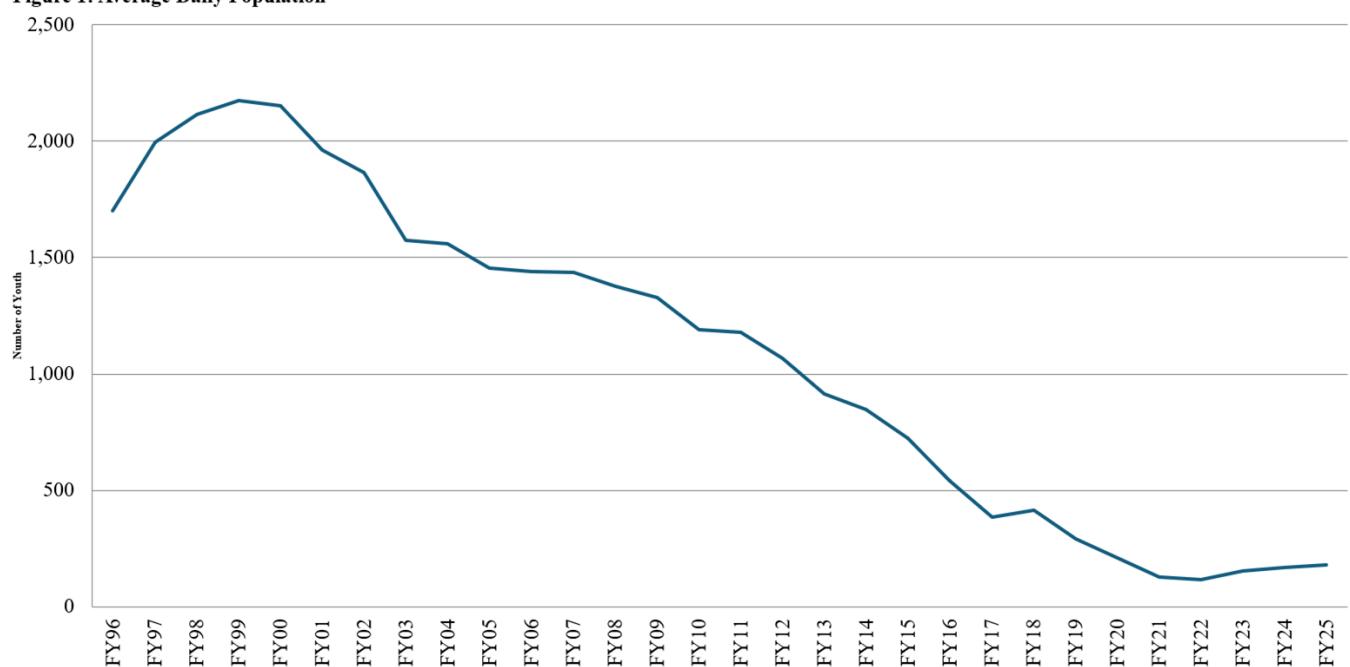
FACILITIES

289 YOUTH

AFTERCARE

AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION FISCAL YEAR 2025:

Figure 1: Average Daily Population



181.9	46.4	56.2	15.5	33.4	32.1
YOUTH IN IDJJ FACILITIES	CHI	HRB	PM	PEACE	WRV

CHI=CHICAGO, HRB=HARRISBURG, PM=PERE MARQUETTE, STC=ST. CHARLES, WRV=WARRENVILLE

DATA & DEMOGRAPHICS 2025

SEX*	FACILITIES #	FACILITIES %	AFTERCARE #	AFTERCARE %
MALE	181	94.8%	275	95.5%
FEMALE	10	5.2%	13	4.5%

AGE*	FACILITIES #	FACILITIES %	AFTERCARE #	AFTERCARE %
16 & UNDER	66	29.3%	67	23.3%
17-20	133	69.6%	211	73.5%
20.5 & OVER	2	1.0%	9	3.1%
AVERAGE AGE	17.7 YRS		18.0 YRS	

RACE/ETHNICITY*	FACILITIES #	FACILITIES %	AFTERCARE #	AFTERCARE %
BLACK	133	69.6%	191	66.3%
WHITE	31	16.2%	51	17.7%
HISPANIC	18	9.4%	33	11.5%
MULTI-RACIAL	8	4.2%	13	4.5%
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	1	0.5%	0	0%

*AS OF JUNE 30TH, 2025

DATA & DEMOGRAPHICS 2025

COMMITTING COUNTIES*	FACILITIES #	FACILITIES %	AFTERCARE #	AFTERCARE %
COOK	66	34.6%	103	35.8%
COLLAR COUNTIES	11	5.8%	20	6.9%
METRO-EAST	20	10.5%	15	5.2%
CENTRAL	64	33.5%	78	27.1%
SOUTHERN	12	6.3%	16	5.6%
NORTHERN	18	9.4%	46	16%
OUT OF STATE	0	0%	10	3.5%

*COMMITTING COUNTIES: COOK = COOK; COLLAR COUNTIES = DUPAGE, KANE, LAKE, MCHENRY, WILL; METRO EAST COUNTIES = MADISON, ST. CLAIR; CENTRAL IL COUNTIES = ADAMS, BOND, BROWN, CALHOUN, CASS, CHAMPAIGN, CHRISTIAN, CLARK, COLES, CRAWFORD, CUMBERLAND, DEWITT, DOUGLAS, EDGAR, EFFINGHAM, FAYETTE, FORD, FULTON, GREENE, HANCOCK, HENDERSON, IROQUOIS, JASPER, JERSEY, KNOX, LIVINGSTON, LOGAN, MCDONOUGH, MCLEAN, MACON, MACOUPIN, MARSHALL, MASON, MENARD, MONTGOMERY, MORGAN, MOULTRIE, PEORIA, PIATT, PIKE, SANGAMON, SCHUYLER, SCOTT, SHELBY, STARK, TAZEWELL, VERMILLION WARREN, WOODFORD; SOUTH IL COUNTIES = ALEXANDER, CLAY, CLINTON, EDWARDS, FRANKLIN, GALLATIN, HAMILTON, HARDIN, JACKSON, JEFFERSON, JOHNSON, LAWRENCE, MARION, MASSAC, MONROE, PERRY, POPE, PULASKI, RANDOLPH, RICHLAND, SALINE, UNION, WABASH, WASHINGTON, WAYNE, WHITE, WILLIAMSON; NORTH, IL COUNTIES = BOONE, BUREAU, CARROLL, DEKALB, GRUNDY, HENRY, JO-DAVIESS, KANKAKEE, KENDALL, LASALLE, LEE, MERCER, OGLE, PUTNAM, ROCK ISLAND, STEPHENSON, WHITESIDE, WINNEBAGO; OTHER = OUT OF STATE

*AS OF JUNE 30TH, 2025

DATA & DEMOGRAPHICS 2025

PREFIX	FACILITIES #	FACILITIES %	AFTERCARE #	AFTERCARE %
COURT EVALUATION	6	3.1%	0	0%
DELINQUENT	76	39.8%	231	80.2%
EXTENDED JURISDICTION	10	5.2%	11	3.8%
FELON	70	36.6%	10	3.5%
FIRST DEGREE MURDER	14	7.3%	2	0.7%
HABITUAL JUVENILE	4	2.1%	3	1.0%
VIOLENT JUVENILE	11	5.8%	21	7.3%
FROM OTHER STATE	0	0%	10	3.5%

OFFENSE CLASS	FACILITIES #	FACILITIES %	AFTERCARE #	AFTERCARE %
MURDER	29	15.2%	3	1.0%
CLASS X FELONY	63	33%	84	29.2%
CLASS 1 FELONY	38	19.9%	55	19.1%
CLASS 2 FELONY	41	21.5%	99	34.4%
CLASS 3 FELONY	12	6.3%	22	7.6%
CLASS 4 FELONY	8	4.2%	15	5.2%

*AS OF JUNE 30TH, 2025

DATA & DEMOGRAPHICS 2025

RECIDIVISM RATE

FISCAL YEAR 2022 EXITS- 32.1%

Fiscal Year 2021 exits- 31.7%

Fiscal Year 2020 exits- 29.8%

Fiscal Year 2019 exits- 35.7%

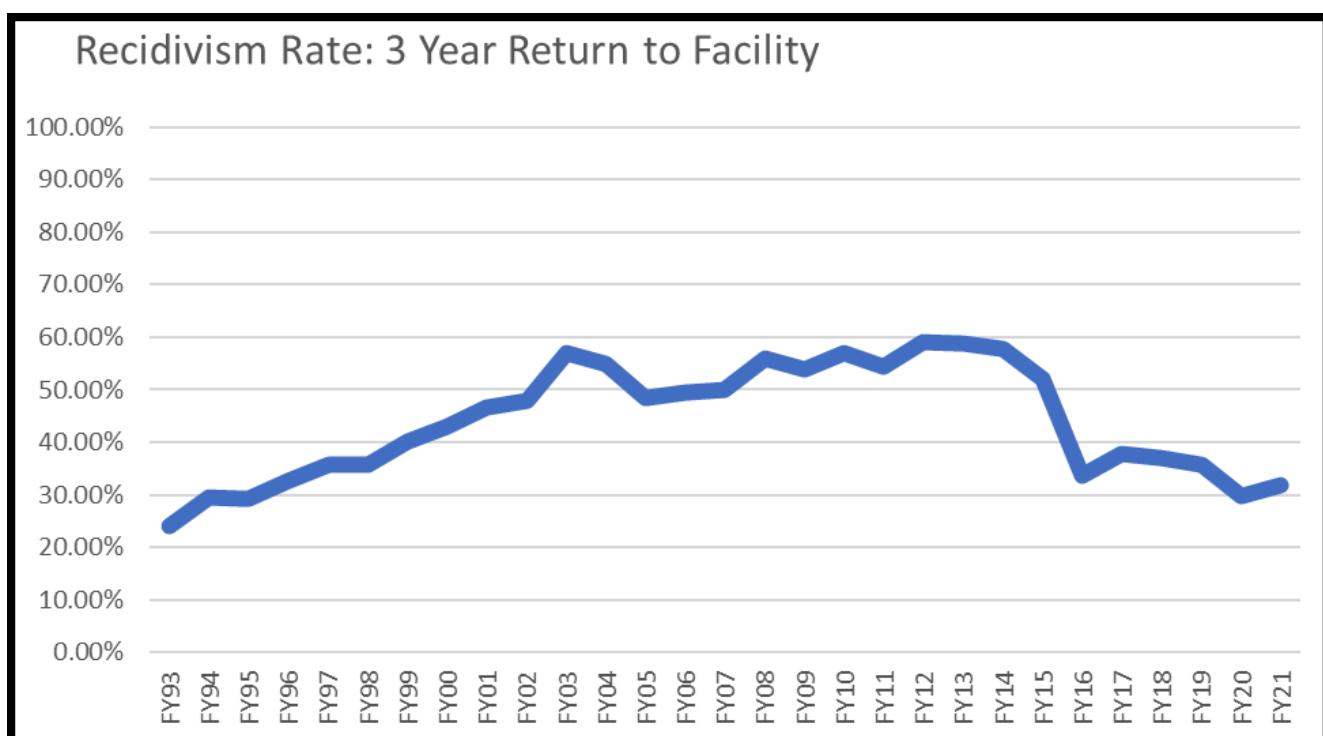
Fiscal Year 2018 exits- 36.9%

Fiscal Year 2017 exits- 37.7%

Fiscal Year 2016 exits- 33.7%

Fiscal Year 2015 exits- 52.1%

At IDJJ, we measure recidivism as the percent of youth who return to IDJJ custody in the 3 years after their release. Rates are calculated for the fiscal year. For exits from facility in the 2022 fiscal year, 32.1% returned to custody in three years.



FACILITIES UPDATE 2025

IYC Chicago

This year IYC Chicago added the EDDR culinary program to career & technical education opportunities, with a cohort of three youth graduating with food safety certifications. The gymnasium at the facility has been under construction, making recreational time at IYC Chicago more challenging.

IYC Harrisburg

IYC Harrisburg added a solar installation certification program this year with D&D Electric and the first two cohorts of graduates of the program have full time job offers upon release. IDJJ is beginning to plan for the transition of this facility to serve young adults from DOC who desire to earn a high school diploma.

IYC Pere Marquette

This fall, IYC Pere Marquette celebrated the reopening of the long awaited renovated school, Glencliffe Academy Alternative High School.



IYC Warrenville

Good progress is being made on the renovations and construction at the Warrenville campus following the fire that occurred the summer of 2024. IDJJ is hopeful the youth and staff can move back to the campus in the spring of 2026.

Monarch Youth Center (Lincoln)

The new Monarch Youth Center grand opening celebration was held in September. Monarch is almost fully staffed and welcomed youth for the first time in mid November.

PEACE Center (St. Charles)

The PEACE Center has been sharing a campus with IYC Warrenville for over a year and has worked hard to accommodate youth and staff from Warrenville. In April, youth from the PEACE Center proudly brought home the trophy from the first annual IDJJ basketball tournament that was hosted at Northern Illinois University.

PROGRAMS & PARTNERS UPDATE 2025

IDJJ works with many amazing community partners that provide therapeutic & recreational programs for youth. Highlighted below are a few of the many noteworthy partners & programs from 2025.

Project Flex

Northern Illinois University's Department of Kinesiology continues to expand recreational and life skills programming at several IDJJ facilities through Project Flex. In the spring, they hosted teams from all five IDJJ facilities for an amazing first annual basketball tournament held on the NIU campus.



New Life Centers

New Life Centers is a long time partner who provides restorative justice programming facilitated by a variety of community partners, along with conflict mediation, and reentry services. This year New Life offered public speaking and podcast production classes for the first time.

SkyART

SkyART serves youth in IDJJ with a variety of art related programming and therapy, including a paid internship for select youth at IDJJ that provides mentorship, professional development, and leadership skills.

Stomping Grounds Literary Arts Initiative

Stomping Grounds provides creative opportunities to help incarcerated youth build resilience, cultivate self-determination, and develop practical skills essential for a successful reentry into society. The program includes creative writing, visual arts, and audio engineering.

Young Music Giants

Young Music Giants programming is a creative music production experience that allows youth to express themselves freely as well as heal from any impact from trauma. The program also includes violence prevention.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2025

Recent legislation that impacts the work of IDJJ is highlighted below.

Bill Number: HB3492

Description: This legislation creates a youth nonviolent crime resource program at IDJJ, providing resources to youth under the age of 18 who are adjudicated for a nonviolent crime beginning on January 1, 2028. It also creates the Child First Task Force and gradually raises the minimal age of detention from 10 to 13.

- Programming will include mentoring, parental supports, access to educational resources, employment training, and behavioral health, as well as any other resources IDJJ deems helpful for youth.
- This bill creates the Child First Reform Taskforce, which is tasked to study the current state of juvenile temporary detention standards, identify the resources necessary to consistently meet the standards set by the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Administrative Office of the Illinois Court, as well as identifying best practices for detention and community-based alternatives. The taskforce will also make recommendations for policy changes at the Department of Juvenile Justice to support child-first directives aligned with the policies and practices established in the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- This legislation gradually raises the minimal age of pretrial detention of youths from 10 to 13 by July 1, 2027.

Bill Number: SB2323

Description: This law is known as the Illinois Statewide Trauma-Informed Response to Human Trafficking Act. It directs state agencies to develop a strategic plan to create a network of services for survivors of human trafficking.

- This legislation expands the screening of children and youth in state care, juveniles in IDJJ custody, and individuals under the jurisdiction of DOC. Individuals will be screened for indicators of human trafficking or high-risk of trafficking in order to provide specialized services and placements.
- The bill includes expansion of training for staff in DCFS, DHS, DJJ and DOC on screening tools and appropriate protocols for children, youth and adults in state care and custody who are victims or at-risk of becoming victims of human trafficking.
- This legislation mandates the creation of training for state inspectors, investigators and regulators on signs of human trafficking in industries at high risk for trafficking and educational materials on the rights of youth workers for regional offices of education which issue underage work permits.

STAFFING UPDATE 2025



The Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ) continues to refine its recruitment strategies, with particular emphasis on filling critical positions in security and education. Efforts include enhancing the Juvenile Justice Specialist Intern screening process and expanding participation in career fairs.

In addition, the Human Resources (HR) team remains focused on modernizing outdated processes, leveraging technology to improve efficiency, and advancing initiatives that strengthen employee engagement and retention. Additionally, the HR team continues to strengthen partnerships with state universities with the goal of reinvigorating the agency's internship program.

In 2025, the IDJJ HR team achieved full staffing levels, resulting in more efficient hiring and onboarding processes, as well as improved support for employees regarding leave and benefits administration.

Like many peer agencies in Illinois and across the nation, IDJJ anticipates that workforce shortages will continue to pose challenges in 2026 and beyond. However, the agency's strong HR department and leadership position IDJJ to effectively navigate and adapt to the evolving workforce landscape.

STAFF TRAINING UPDATE- 2025

The Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice training department focuses on onboarding training for new employees, annual training for existing employees, and specialty trainings. Onboarding training for new non-security staff occurs quarterly in the form of a week-long training. For new security staff there were five six-week academy sessions that took place during the year. This year IDJJ graduated 76 Juvenile Justice Specialists Interns and 8 Juvenile Justice Specialist Supervisor Interns, with 32 interns in the final class of the year. Academy sessions this year also included an academy session specific for Monarch Youth Center staff, which included both Juvenile Justice Specialist and Juvenile Justice Special Supervisors and had an increased emphasis on restorative justice and trauma informed care practices.



Inaugural class of Juvenile Justice Specialist Intern Academy Graduates at Monarch Youth Center- August 2025

Through annual training, IDJJ provides all requisite trainings, but it also offers opportunities to introduce new topics, such as training on family engagement and restorative justice. Annual training topics, which are skill-focused, are updated yearly with new trainings added to keep the training relevant and the staff engaged. The quality training has also resulted the exemption from the state's required online cultural competency and LGBTQIA+ training, instead allowing the Department to utilize its own cultural responsiveness and LGBTQI+ trainings to meet the requirement. Training remains an active partner in the Department's efforts towards becoming trauma-informed, including the implementation of Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI). Comprehensive and ongoing training at all levels of IDJJ continues to be vital to the success of staff and youth.

CONSENT DECREE PROGRESS 2025

HISTORY

In 2012, a lawsuit was filed alleging that certain IDJJ conditions and services violated the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution and the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Specifically, the complaint addressed various aspects of IDJJ's mental health services, general and special education services, and other practices affecting the general safety and welfare of the youth in IDJJ custody.

To address the allegations of the lawsuit, the court approved a consent decree that required IDJJ to improve conditions and services. A consent decree is an agreement between parties of a case that establishes a detailed plan of action that is enforceable by the court. In the case of the RJ Consent Decree, a Remedial Plan was created which required sustainable reforms to the Department's policies, practices, and services to youth. The court also appointed independent experts to monitor IDJJ's efforts to comply with the requirements of the Remedial Plan. Each year, the monitors file reports with their compliance findings and recommendations.

In 2022, IDJJ achieved substantial compliance in all areas of the remedial plans for mental health and general welfare and safety. Monitoring only continued for education-related areas. In 2023, IDJJ continued to make progress on the remedial plan for education by addressing staffing shortages and setting up and providing the compensatory education services that were ordered in 2022. Last year, compensatory educational services were expanded to include tutoring for high school graduates at multiple facilities. High school graduates who are enrolled in financial literacy, career exploration, or construction courses have access to Literary Volunteers of Illinois (LVI) tutors. Additionally, qualified high school students at IYC Chicago have access to tutors for multiple subjects four days per week.

In 2025, IDJJ hired a full time Compensatory Education Coordinator to facilitate more compensatory education opportunities for committed youth. Two new education positions, Behavior Specialist and Literarily Specialist, were also added to assist the school district. IDJJ looks forward to fully meeting all consent decree requirements needed for exit in the near future.

BUDGET 2025

Fiscal Year 2025 Department of Juvenile Justice Final Appropriations and Expenditures				
Organization	Fund Name	Appropriation Description	Appropriation	Expenditure
General Office	General Revenue	Deposit into DJJ Reimbursement Fund	\$4,000,000.00	\$4,000,000.00
General Office	General Revenue	Regular Positions/Payroll	\$5,448,400.00	\$5,149,842.43
General Office	General Revenue	Social Security/Medicare	\$514,900.00	\$423,840.72
General Office	General Revenue	Contractual Services	\$3,378,200.00	\$2,932,208.07
General Office	General Revenue	Travel	\$47,500.00	\$46,021.85
General Office	General Revenue	Commodities	\$54,400.00	\$52,010.14
General Office	General Revenue	Printing	\$10,800.00	\$7,408.87
General Office	General Revenue	Equipment	\$513,100.00	\$43,252.03
General Office	General Revenue	Electronic Data Processing	\$1,850,200.00	\$1,776,638.85
General Office	General Revenue	Telecommunications	\$265,600.00	\$213,303.53
General Office	General Revenue	Operation of Auto	\$28,200.00	\$26,560.31
General Office	General Revenue	Refunds	\$600.00	\$0.00
General Office	General Revenue	Tort Claims	\$180,000.00	\$975.31
General Office	General Revenue	Repair and Maintenance	\$1,100,000.00	\$774,724.11
General Office	General Revenue	Sheriffs' Fees	\$2,600.00	\$1,151.00
General Office	DOC Reimbursement	School District Programs	\$2,500,000.00	\$1,549,384.04
General Office	DOC Reimbursement	Federal Programs	\$1,500,000.00	\$22,084.34
General Office	DOC Reimbursement	Miscellaneous Programs	\$2,500,000.00	\$2,126.18
General Office	DJJ Reimbursement	School District Programs	\$2,500,000.00	\$141,113.07
General Office	DJJ Reimbursement	Federal Programs	\$1,500,000.00	\$661,788.15
General Office	DJJ Reimbursement	Miscellaneous Programs	\$2,500,000.00	\$101,649.10
General Office	General Revenue	Statewide Hospitalization	\$7,200.00	\$6,906.20
General Office	General Revenue	Independent Office of the Ombudsperson	\$810,800.00	\$289,792.08
General Office	General Revenue	Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports	\$75,800.00	\$41,521.89
School District	General Revenue	Regular Positions/Payroll	\$5,787,400.00	\$5,452,429.19
School District	General Revenue	Social Security/Medicare	\$421,300.00	\$399,071.49
School District	General Revenue	Contractual Services	\$823,600.00	\$607,304.27
School District	General Revenue	Travel	\$4,300.00	\$510.00
School District	General Revenue	Commodities	\$20,700.00	\$8,021.75
School District	General Revenue	Printing	\$1,500.00	\$102.04
School District	General Revenue	Equipment	\$5,300.00	\$1,691.56
School District	General Revenue	Telecommunications	\$33,200.00	\$31,128.73
School District	General Revenue	High School Education Services (DOC Extended Education)	\$1,858,900.00	\$470,852.84
Community Services	General Revenue	Regular Positions/Payroll	\$7,037,400.00	\$6,679,670.90
Community Services	General Revenue	Social Security/Medicare	\$556,900.00	\$490,401.07
Community Services	General Revenue	Contractual Services	\$14,258,000.00	\$12,911,043.50
Community Services	General Revenue	Travel	\$17,500.00	\$14,994.21
Community Services	General Revenue	Travel and Allowances	\$2,650.00	\$2,126.18
Community Services	General Revenue	Commodities	\$5,300.00	\$4,311.10
Community Services	General Revenue	Printing	\$4,400.00	\$4,291.88
Community Services	General Revenue	Telecommunications	\$190,100.00	\$130,142.31
Community Services	General Revenue	Operation of Auto	\$106,100.00	\$84,349.36
IYC Chicago	General Revenue	Regular Positions/Payroll	\$11,022,400.00	\$10,952,300.00
IYC Chicago	General Revenue	Youth Payroll	\$31,600.00	\$28,692.00
IYC Chicago	General Revenue	Social Security/Medicare	\$812,000.00	\$805,680.66
IYC Chicago	General Revenue	Contractual Services	\$3,584,600.00	\$3,510,384.24
IYC Chicago	General Revenue	Travel	\$3,700.00	\$1,303.70
IYC Chicago	General Revenue	Commodities	\$495,500.00	\$458,245.99
IYC Chicago	General Revenue	Printing	\$5,200.00	\$4,370.77
IYC Chicago	General Revenue	Equipment	\$28,700.00	\$6,280.81
IYC Chicago	General Revenue	Telecommunications	\$220,600.00	\$176,514.43
IYC Chicago	General Revenue	Operation of Auto	\$12,700.00	\$12,000.12
IYC Harrisburg	General Revenue	Regular Positions/Payroll	\$18,488,300.00	\$18,274,727.55
IYC Harrisburg	General Revenue	Youth Payroll	\$31,900.00	\$30,005.25
IYC Harrisburg	General Revenue	Social Security/Medicare	\$1,360,900.00	\$1,333,191.46
IYC Harrisburg	General Revenue	Contractual Services	\$3,588,400.00	\$3,473,756.72
IYC Harrisburg	General Revenue	Travel	\$32,800.00	\$31,274.20
IYC Harrisburg	General Revenue	Travel and Allowances	\$1,400.00	\$0.00
IYC Harrisburg	General Revenue	Commodities	\$341,600.00	\$325,671.75
IYC Harrisburg	General Revenue	Printing	\$7,400.00	\$7,163.70
IYC Harrisburg	General Revenue	Equipment	\$48,700.00	\$47,793.57
IYC Harrisburg	General Revenue	Telecommunications	\$111,900.00	\$63,903.18
IYC Harrisburg	General Revenue	Operation of Auto	\$29,900.00	\$28,069.31

BUDGET 2025 CONT.

Organization	Fund Name	Appropriation Name	Appropriation	Expenditure
Monarch (Lincoln)	General Revenue	Operational Expenses	\$2,860,810.00	\$618,410.35
IYC Pere Marquette	General Revenue	Regular Positions/Payroll	\$6,443,500.00	\$6,168,372.03
IYC Pere Marquette	General Revenue	Youth Payroll	\$29,000.00	\$28,481.27
IYC Pere Marquette	General Revenue	Social Security/Medicare	\$478,400.00	\$450,667.63
IYC Pere Marquette	General Revenue	Contractual Services	\$1,245,800.00	\$1,198,983.78
IYC Pere Marquette	General Revenue	Travel	\$8,800.00	\$8,121.58
IYC Pere Marquette	General Revenue	Travel and Allowances	\$500.00	\$0.00
IYC Pere Marquette	General Revenue	Commodities	\$235,400.00	\$225,844.58
IYC Pere Marquette	General Revenue	Printing	\$5,400.00	\$4,281.71
IYC Pere Marquette	General Revenue	Equipment	\$24,400.00	\$14,592.47
IYC Pere Marquette	General Revenue	Telecommunications	\$95,900.00	\$47,914.02
IYC Pere Marquette	General Revenue	Operation of Auto	\$16,200.00	\$12,235.84
PEACE Center (St. Charles)	General Revenue	Regular Positions/Payroll	\$14,687,800.00	\$14,210,742.46
PEACE Center (St. Charles)	General Revenue	Youth Payroll	\$41,000.00	\$38,137.25
PEACE Center (St. Charles)	General Revenue	Social Security/Medicare	\$1,262,000.00	\$1,041,935.92
PEACE Center (St. Charles)	General Revenue	Contractual Services	\$6,072,300.00	\$5,995,552.02
PEACE Center (St. Charles)	General Revenue	Travel	\$4,400.00	\$3,283.48
PEACE Center (St. Charles)	General Revenue	Travel and Allowances	\$100.00	\$0.00
PEACE Center (St. Charles)	General Revenue	Commodities	\$522,900.00	\$464,284.61
PEACE Center (St. Charles)	General Revenue	Printing	\$13,100.00	\$12,054.79
PEACE Center (St. Charles)	General Revenue	Equipment	\$92,000.00	\$23,718.93
PEACE Center (St. Charles)	General Revenue	Telecommunications	\$355,800.00	\$355,800.00
PEACE Center (St. Charles)	General Revenue	Operation of Auto	\$38,100.00	\$30,893.61
IYC Warrenville	General Revenue	Regular Positions/Payroll	\$10,095,700.00	\$9,799,309.23
IYC Warrenville	General Revenue	Youth Payroll	\$4,320.00	\$4,277.25
IYC Warrenville	General Revenue	Social Security/Medicare	\$745,100.00	\$722,306.16
IYC Warrenville	General Revenue	Contractual Services	\$2,750,100.00	\$2,382,071.67
IYC Warrenville	General Revenue	Travel	\$5,200.00	\$4,354.92
IYC Warrenville	General Revenue	Commodities	\$393,600.00	\$359,738.74
IYC Warrenville	General Revenue	Printing	\$8,220.00	\$8,204.31
IYC Warrenville	General Revenue	Equipment	\$43,400.00	\$12,072.54
IYC Warrenville	General Revenue	Telecommunications	\$112,300.00	\$73,628.23
IYC Warrenville	General Revenue	Operation of Auto	\$33,000.00	\$26,885.05

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

Monarch Youth Center in Lincoln

2026 will be IDJJ's first full year of serving youth and families from central Illinois at our new Monarch Youth Center. Monarch will allow youth from central Illinois who are in secure custody of the state to remain closer to their communities and families. This youth center was designed to be trauma-informed, therapeutic, rehabilitative, and dorm-like in order to reduce the harm of incarceration and implement best practices in juvenile justice. IDJJ looks forward to all the feedback from youth, families, and staff as Monarch gets in full swing.



Tyrie Fluker, Superintendent of Monarch Youth Center, welcomes guests to the facility's grand opening celebration.

Repurposing IYC Harrisburg for emerging adults

Senate Bill 426, passed in spring of 2024, allows 18-22 year-olds in IDOC custody to be transferred to IDJJ for the purpose of receiving high school educational services and emerging adult programming. In 2026, IDJJ will begin to repurpose and reprogram the Harrisburg facility to exclusively serve this new young adult population. The structure and programming of the facility will be modeled after IDJJ's PEACE Center at St. Charles, which opened as a repurposed IDJJ facility for emerging adults in early 2024.

Final Words

IDJJ is grateful to the staff, families, advocates, volunteers, and community partners that have contributed to the accomplishments of the Department in 2025. The work of building youth skills, strengthening families, and promoting safe communities and positive youth outcomes cannot be achieved without the dedication of our many faithful partners. IDJJ looks forward to continued partnerships in 2026 that serve the best interests of justice-involved youth and families in Illinois.