

# Youth Justice and Juvenile Corrections in Wisconsin

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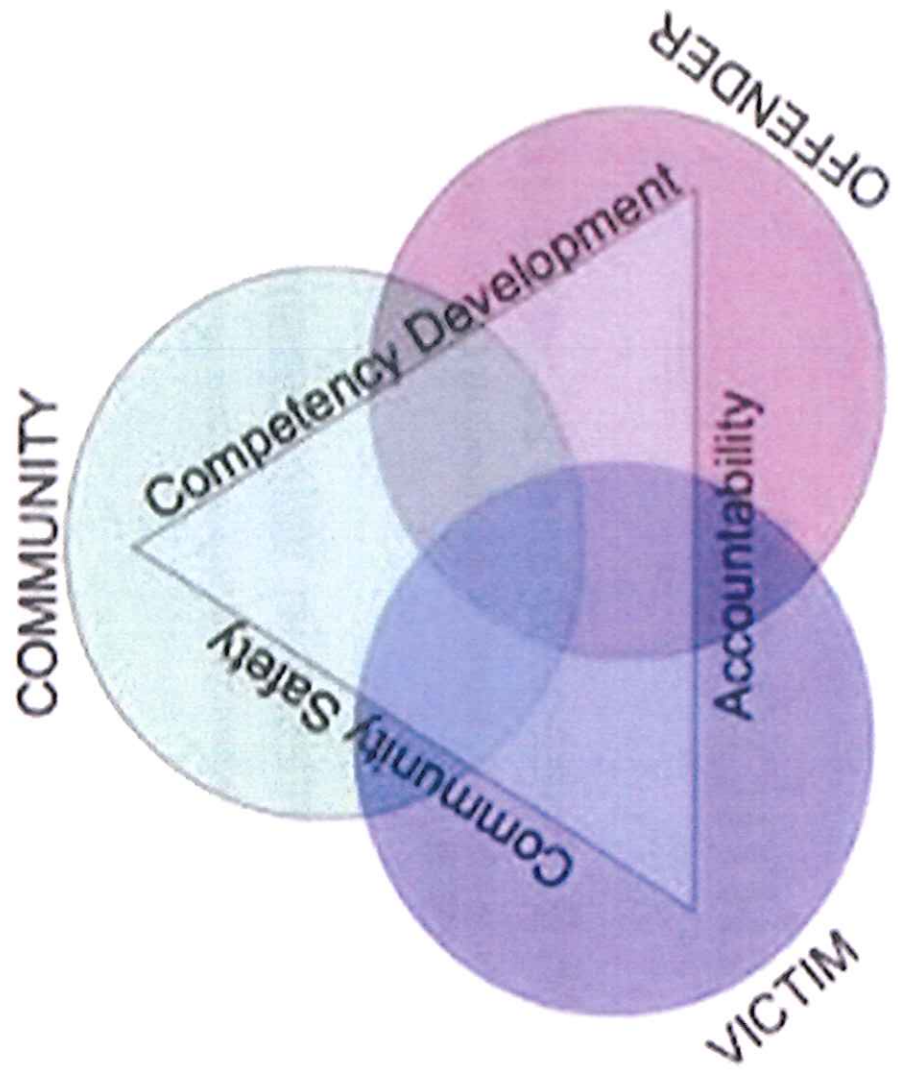
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# Purpose of the Youth Justice and Juvenile Corrections System

“LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature to promote a juvenile justice system capable of dealing with the problem of juvenile delinquency, a system which will protect the community, impose accountability for violations of law and equip juvenile offenders with competencies to live responsibly and productively.”

# Balanced and Restorative Justice

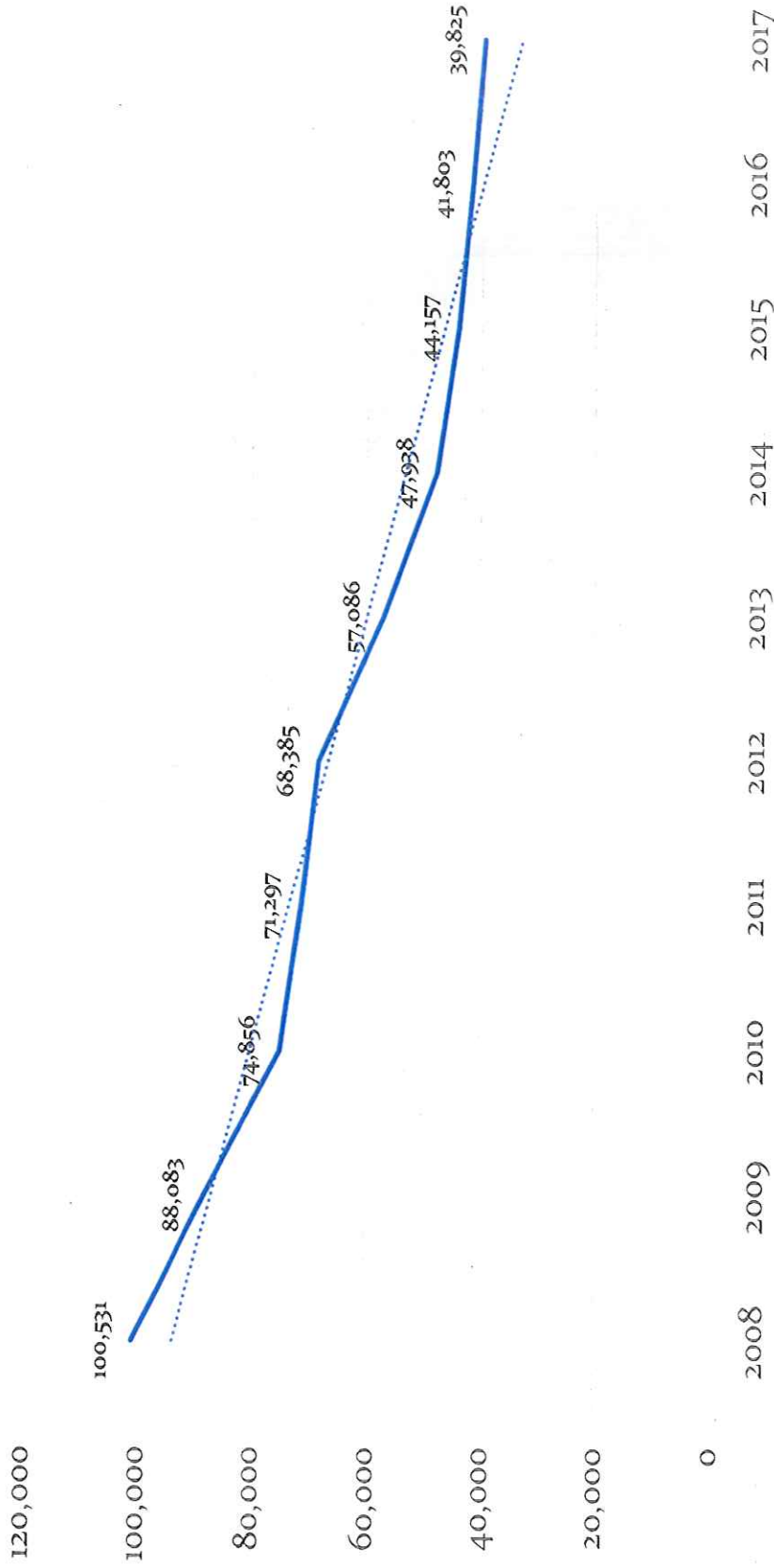




## By the numbers:

- 518,263 Youth Between 10 and 16 years old in Wisconsin
  - 2016 Data. *Puzzanchera, C., Sladky, A., and Kang, W. (2017). :Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: 1990-2016.*
- 39,825 Juvenile Arrests in Wisconsin
  - 2017 Data. *Wisconsin Uniform Crime Reporting data, as reported in the 2018 KidsCount data book.*
- 3,829 Delinquency Adjudications
  - 2017 Data from *Wisconsin Circuit Court Access.*
- 162 New Youth Committed to Juvenile Corrections
  - 2017 Data from *WI DOC.*

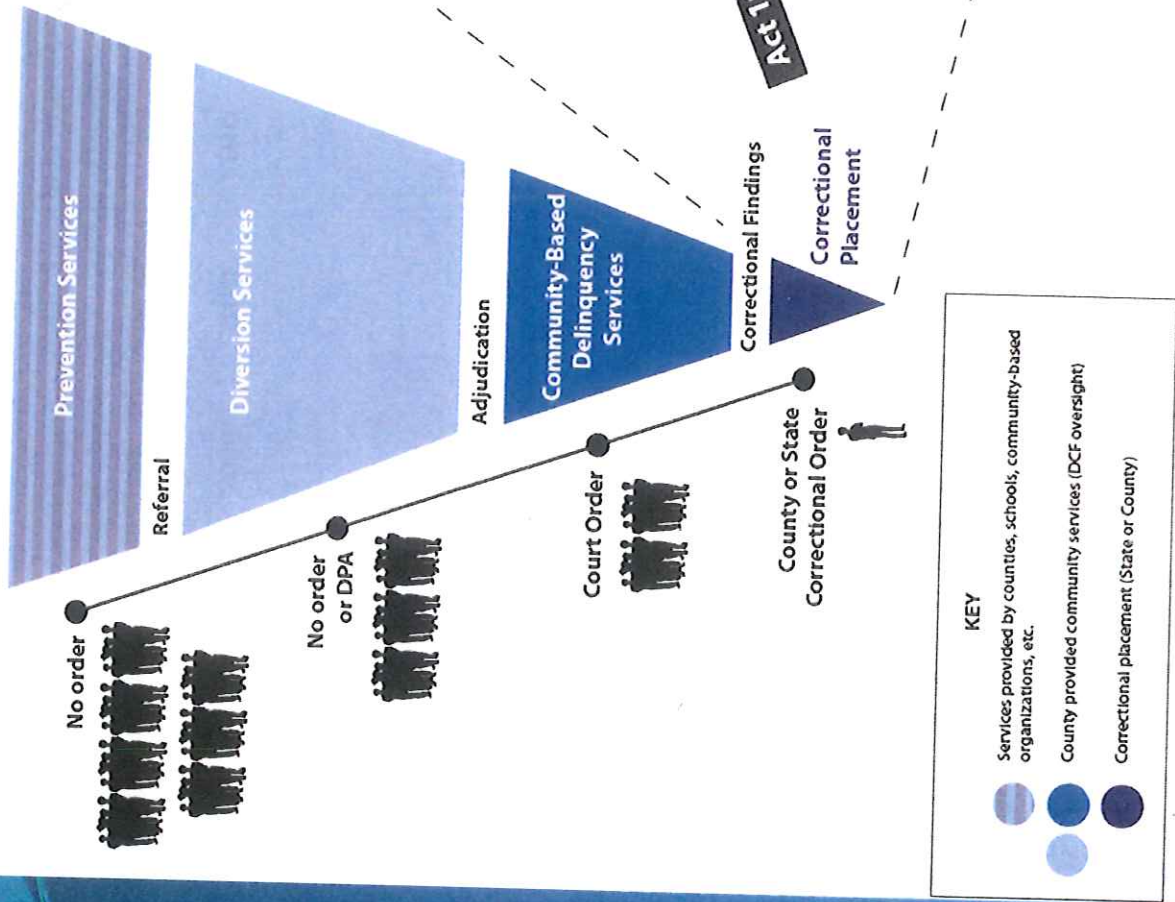
## Juvenile Arrests in Wisconsin by Year



**Definitions:** Juvenile arrest data includes the arrests of 17 year olds, who in Wisconsin are considered adults for purposes of prosecution. For crime reporting purposes, Wisconsin includes arrests of 17 year olds with juvenile arrests, to comply with federal requirements that require uniform crime reporting policies across states.

**Data Source:** Some information on juvenile arrests is available on the [Wisconsin Department of Justice's website](#). Arrest figures change slightly over time as local agencies update or correct their information

# Wisconsin's Youth Justice and Juvenile Corrections System

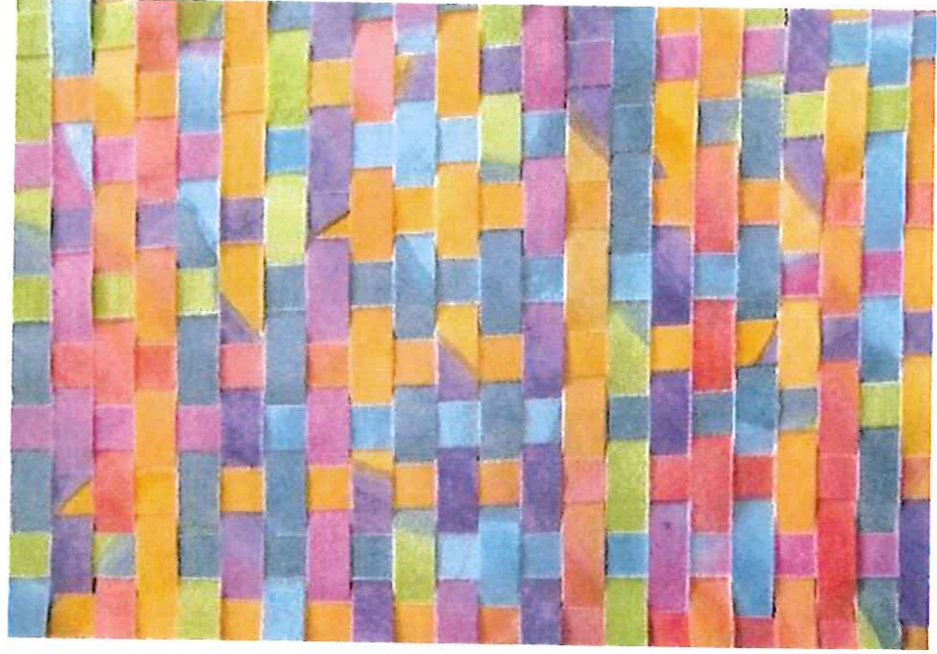


# Where are the youth placed?

	Prior to Act 185	Post Act 185
Community-Based Delinquency Orders	At home or in out of home placement (i.e. foster homes (relative or non-relative), shelter care, unlicensed, detention, residential care centers, group homes)	Same as before
Correctional Orders	Type I Facility (Lincoln Hills, Copper Lake or Mendota)	Secured Residential Care Center for Children and Youth or Type I Facility (smaller Juvenile Correctional Facility or Mendota)



# How it fits together




- Counties provide direct service to all youth in the justice system, except those in Type I facilities and Mendota.
- DCF is the state supervisor of the counties' work and administers the base funding for the system.
- DOC regulates SRCCYs, and runs and staffs Type I facilities.
- DHS continues to operate and staff Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center.





# DCF's Role

- The majority of youth are served through community-based (non-correctional) services and placements.
- DCF responsibilities include:
  - Standards of practice
  - Training
  - Data collection and analysis
  - Program monitoring
  - Technical assistance to counties
  - Fiscal administration

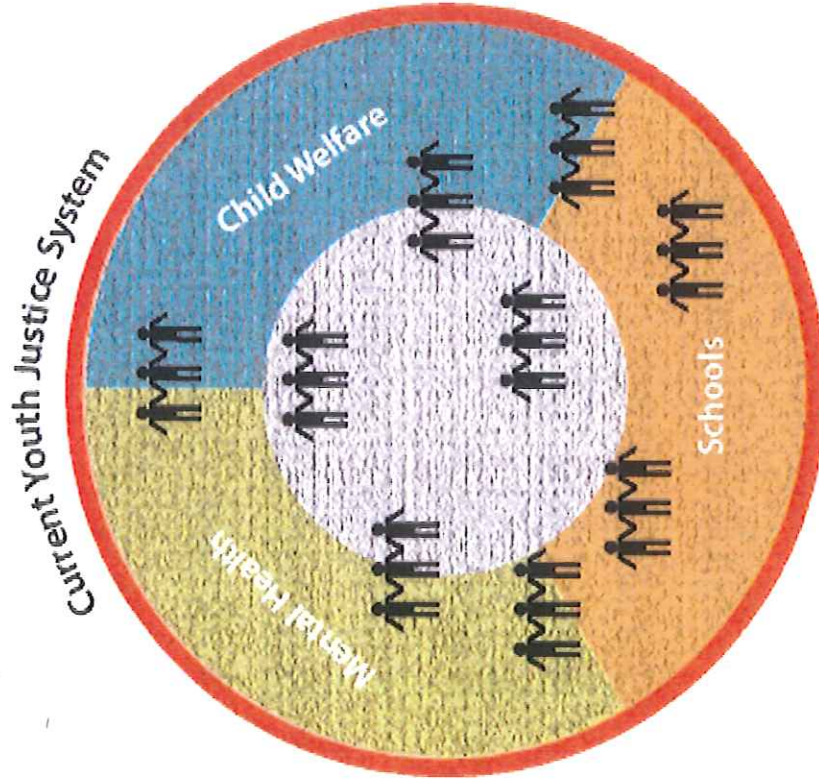


# Approach to assuming supervision of the YJ System

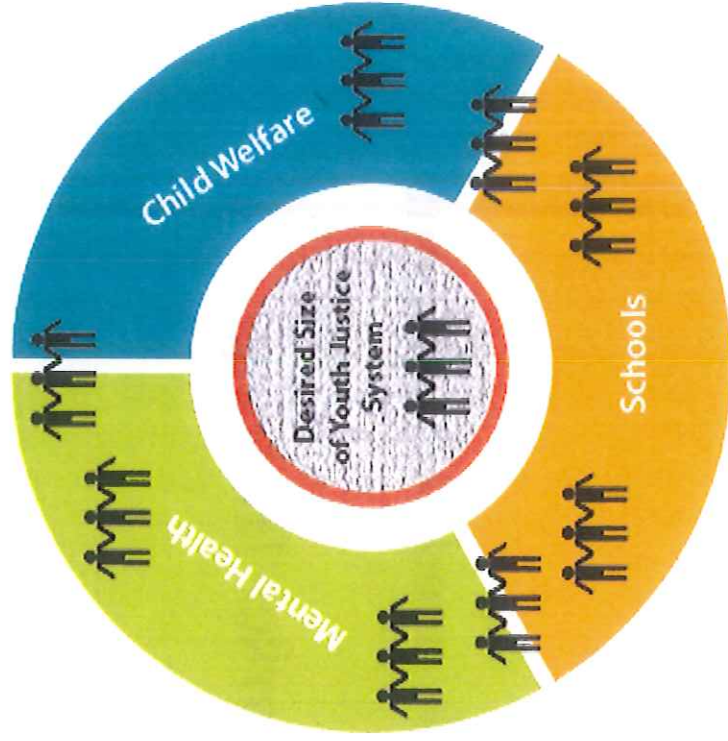
- Extensive information gathering over the course of a year (2016)
  - Hundreds of stakeholders reached through interviews, focus groups, larger input sessions and a field-wide survey
- Consistent and transparent stakeholder communication
  - Regular communication with stakeholders to preview any planned changes before they happen and gather input about potential changes
- Development of a short-term strategic plan, related to long-term goals
  - Prioritize the areas of greatest concern to the stakeholders first

# Strategic Plan: Reserve the Youth Justice System

System for those who need a Justice response



The youth justice system encompasses youth with a variety of primary needs other than delinquent behavior.



Youth are served in the appropriate system, and are not brought into the youth justice system in order to address other primary needs.

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# Initial Work (2017-2018)

- Human behavior change
  - Tailored and Effective Court Orders
- Assessment
  - Selection of unified statewide risk/needs assessment
- Training
  - Modernization of Basic Intake Worker Training
- System Innovations
  - Youth Justice Innovation Grants
- Data Collection
  - First eWiSACWIS additions for YJ



# Questions

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