Restoring Jurisdiction to the Juvenile Court: The Importance in Policy and Practice

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The New York City Administration for Children’s Services (ACS) protects and promotes the safety and well-being of New York City’s children, young people, families, and communities by providing the following services:

- **Child Welfare**
  - Each year, we investigate over 60,000 reports of maltreatment and provide preventive services to over 25,000 families
  - Oversees approximately 11,000 children in foster care
  - Have over 3,000 dedicated frontline staff

- **Early Care and Education**
  - Administers one of the largest publicly-funded childcare systems in the country
  - Serves over 100,000 infants, toddlers, preschool, and school-aged children
  - Provides services that enhance child development

- **Juvenile Justice**
  - Oversees a continuum of services for over 11,000 youth and families at every stage of the juvenile justice process
  - Mission to improve outcomes for young people who come into our care
  - Provides services and support for youth in secure and non-secure detention facilities, non-secure placement residences, and community-based alternative programs
Division of Youth and Family Justice (DYFJ)

- DYFJ oversees a wide range of juvenile justice programs and services:
  - Community-based preventive and diversion programs for at-risk and court-involved youth
  - Family Assessment Program (FAP)
  - Juvenile Justice Initiative (JJI)
  - Respite services
  - Crossover Youth/Confirm Unit
Detention services for juvenile delinquents and juvenile offenders whose court cases are pending

- DYFJ directly operates two Secure Detention facilities:
  - Horizon
  - Crossroads
- DYFJ directly operates one Non-Secure Detention facility and oversees eleven provider agency-operated group homes across the City

Placement and aftercare services for adjudicated juvenile delinquents through the Close to Home Initiative

- Non-Secure Placement
- Limited Secure Placement
Average Daily Population in Juvenile Detention by Fiscal Year

- 2009: 430 (down 10%)
- 2010: 388 (down 13%)
- 2011: 337 (down 3%)
- 2012: 326 (down 18%)
- 2013: 266 (down 12%)
- 2014: 234 (down 27%)
- 2015: 170
New York City Juvenile Delinquents and Juvenile Offenders in Placement

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Number in Placement
Older youth are increasingly becoming a larger segment of our youth in care.

In 2014, over 70% of our youth in care were 16 years old or older.
Correctional Approach to Juvenile Justice
Development Approach to Juvenile Justice

Welcoming Spaces to Promote Hope
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