

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

**Department: Social Services**

**HB Section(s): 11.400**

**Program Name: Division of Youth Services (DYS)**

**Program is found in the following core budget(s): Youth Services Administration**

### 1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Effective and efficient DYS operations

### 1b. What does this program do?

The Division of Youth Services (DYS) administration provides funding for Central Office and five regional offices located across the state. DYS is charged by Section 219.011, RSMo, to provide reception, classification, care, activities, education and rehabilitation of youth committed by the Juvenile Courts and the court of general jurisdiction.

- Central Office performs the following functions:
  - Program Development
  - Human Resources - While human resource staff remain assigned to the division, management and direction is provided to these staff by the Human Resource Center within the DSS Director's Office
  - Fiscal and Budget Administration
  - Professional Development
  - Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ)
  - Oversight of the Juvenile Court Diversion (JCD) program
  - Oversight of the requirements for the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)
  - Oversight of the five Regional Offices
- Regional Offices – provide support for DYS programs to ensure statutory mandates are met and program services fit the needs of the youth in care. Each region is responsible for the supervision, planning, evaluation, and staff training that is necessary for effective and efficient delivery of services to DYS youth. In addition, regional office staff work directly with the local courts, juvenile authorities and local contractual residential providers.
  - Northeast Region – Jefferson City
    - Moderate (2) – Fulton Treatment Center and Camp Avery Park Camp
  - Northwest Region – Kansas City
    - Group Home (1) – Langsford House
    - Moderate (2) – Watkins Mill Park Camp and Waverly Regional Youth Center
    - Secure (2) – Northwest Regional Youth Center and Riverbend Treatment Center
    - Day Treatment (1) – Alternative Resource Center

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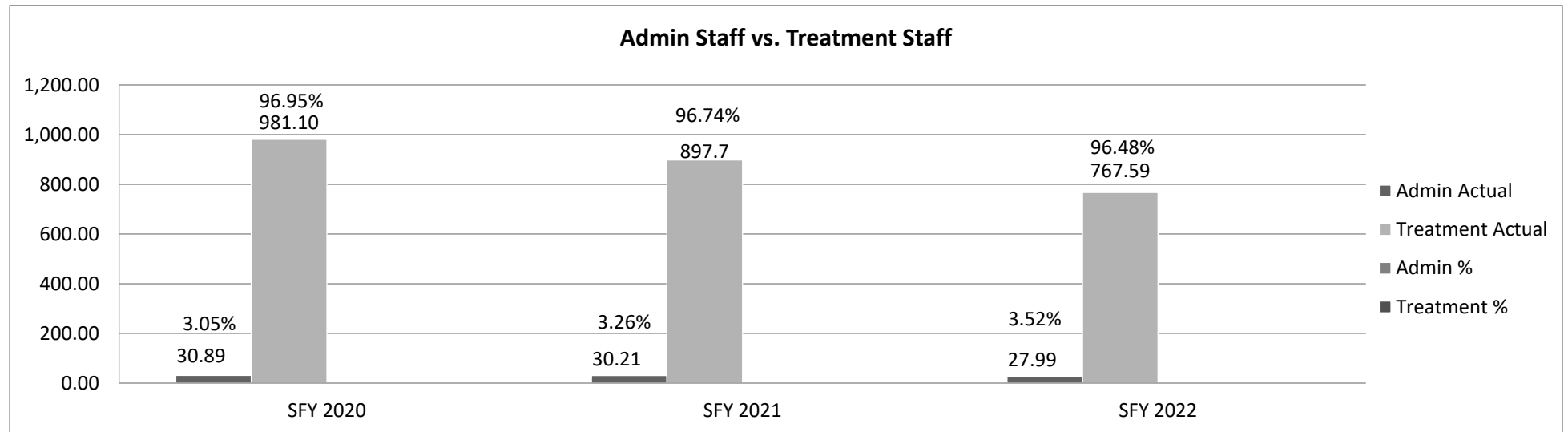
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- Southeast Region – Poplar Bluff
  - Moderate (3) – Girardot Center, Sierra Osage Treatment Center and WE Sears Youth Center
  - Day Treatment (1) – Hope Life Learning Center
- Southwest Region – Springfield
  - Group Home (1) – Datema House
  - Moderate (4) – Community Learning Center, Gentry Residential Treatment Center, Mount Vernon Treatment Center and Wilson Creek
  - Day Treatment (2) – Excel School and Gateway School
- St. Louis Region – St. Louis
  - Moderate (4) – MO Hills (Bissell Hall, Fort Bellefontaine Campus, Lewis & Clark Hall and Twin Rivers Campus)
  - Secure (2) – Hillsboro Treatment Center and Hogan Street Regional Youth Center
  - Day Treatment (2) – MET Day Treatment and New Day Day Treatment Center

2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.



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### **2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.**

One third of DYS facilities are audited each year by an external audit group. The audit group inspects facilities to ensure compliance with the standards set forth in the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).

#### **PREA COMPLIANCE**

- FY 2019 – Missouri DYS was one of nineteen states to be PREA compliant.
- FY 2020 – Missouri DYS was one of twenty-one states to be PREA compliant.
- FY 2021 – Missouri DYS was one of twenty-one states to be PREA compliant.
- FY 2022 – Missouri DYS was one of twenty-two states to be PREA compliant.

#### **DYS INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC SITE VISITS**

The Missouri Approach for juvenile justice has gained attention for many years, both nationally and internationally. The charts below show the site visits that DYS conducted pre-COVID. As operations are beginning to normalize, Australia has reached out to DYS to begin some collaboration, as well as Louisiana and Washington DC.

The collaboration with Guatemala has demonstrated that Missouri has significantly influenced reform efforts in Guatemala. They have mirrored the Missouri Approach in many of their country's reform efforts.

<b>SFY 2018</b>	
<i>Dates</i>	
September 27-30, 2017	Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice and Casey Foundation
March 15, 2018	National Public Radio (NPR) Interview
May 22-25, 2018	US Department of State - Delegations from El Salvador, Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica & Colombia

<b>SFY 2019</b>	
<i>Dates</i>	
November 26-28, 2018	Guatemala Delegation Visit
April 11, 2019	Guatemala Delegation Visit
April 25-25, 2019	Mexico Delegation, Staff from Vera Institute of Justice, Casey Foundation and New Jersey Institute for Social Justice
June 12-13, 2019	Guatemala Delegation Visit

<b>SFY 2020</b>	
<i>Dates</i>	
March 19 – April 3, 2020	Australia Delegation Visit (site visit was cancelled due to COVID-19)

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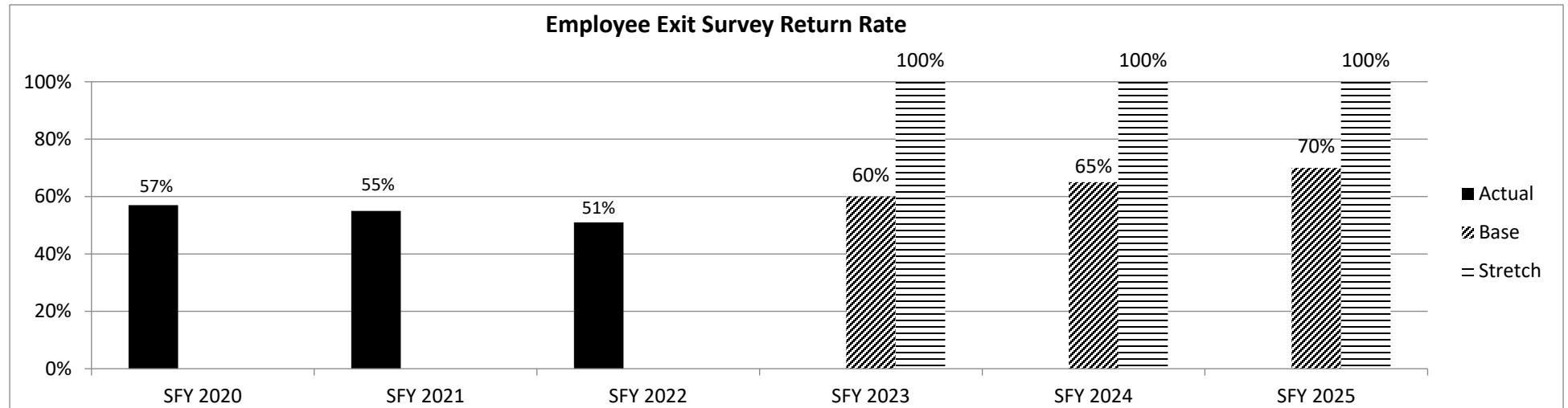
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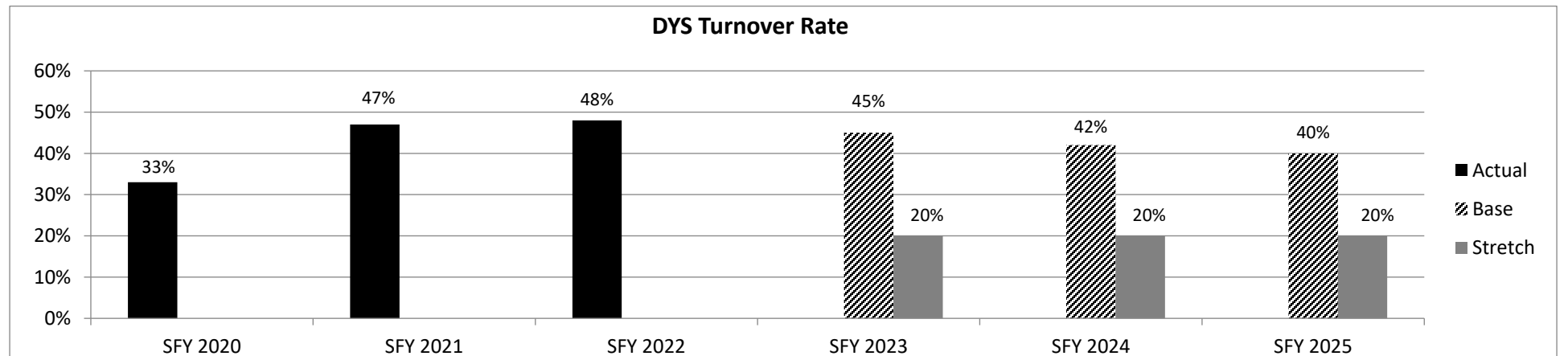
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### 2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.



### 2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.



Our front line staff, Youth Specialists, have the highest turnover rate for the Division.

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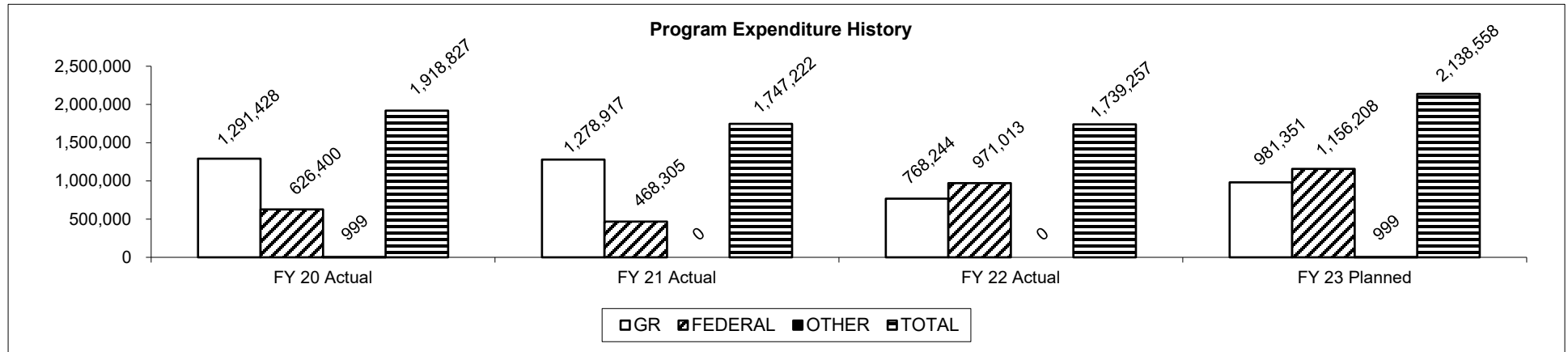
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**3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)**



**4. What are the sources of the "Other" funds?**

Youth Services Treatment Fund (0843)

**5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)**

State Statute: Sections 219.011 – 219.096, RSMo

**6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.**

Expenditures are allocated in accordance with the methodology outlined in the department's cost allocation plan and charged to corresponding grants or used as maintenance of effort as appropriate.

**7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.**

No