

## Georgia's Juvenile Justice Programs Reducing Recidivism; Increasing Public Safety



Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice

The goal of the **Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant (JJIG)** and the **Community Services Grant (CSG)** programs is to reduce the unnecessary out-of-home placements of youth while mitigating the risk of future offending.<sup>1</sup> These programs fund both group and individual evidence-based therapies for youth in their home communities. Over **8,000** youth have received these therapies since 2014.<sup>2</sup>



**49%** fewer out–of-home placements in the JJIG and CSG counties occurred in FY17 (1,949) than in FY12 (3,801).

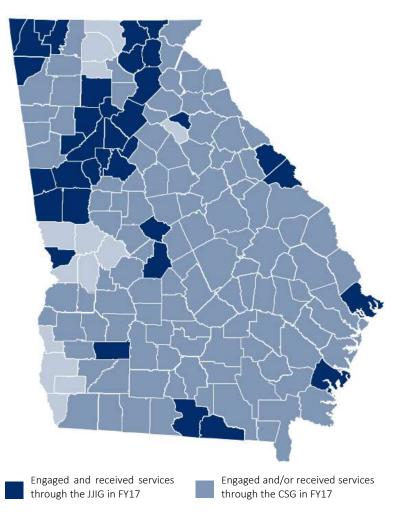


**93%** of youth served in FY17 (2,181 of 2,353) were actively enrolled in or had completed school.



**98%** of GA's FY16 at - risk youth population (2,324,288 of 2,368,405) reside in the JJIG and CSG recipient counties.<sup>3</sup>

**75%** of youth served in FY17 (1,757 of 2,353) were minority youth.



Eligible to receive services through the CSG in FY17

<sup>1</sup>The JJIG Funding Committee, appointed by Governor Nathan Deal, in conjunction with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, administers the JJIG. Georgia's Department of Juvenile Justice administers the CSG. Youth served through the JJIG or CSG must have a delinquent adjudication, medium to high score on the Pre-Dispositional Risk Assessment, and be appropriate for programming.

<sup>2</sup> The Survey Research and Evaluation Unit. (2017, November). Georgia Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Year Four Evaluation Report 2016-2017. Georgia: Carl Vinson Institute of Government. The Survey Research and Evaluation Unit. (2017, December). Georgia Community Services Grant Year Three 2016-2017. Georgia: Carl Vinson Institute of Government.

<sup>3</sup> While all 159 counties in Georgia are eligible to receive evidence-based programs through the JJIG or CSG, 146 counties, which encompasses 98% of GA's at-risk youth, are active in programing.