



CONNECTICUT YOUTH SERVICE BUREAUS **FACT SHEET**

Mandated by Connecticut General Statute section 10-19m, a Youth Service Bureau (YSB) is an agency operated directly by one or more municipalities that is designed for **planning, evaluation, coordination, and implementation of a network of resources and opportunities for children, youth, and their families.** In addition, YSBs are responsible for the **provision of services and programs for all youth** to develop positively and to function as responsible members of their communities.

FACTS:

- There are currently **100 Youth Service Bureaus serving 134 communities** across Connecticut. YSBs are a partnership between State and local government, and local towns must match every dollar the State provides.
- **YSBs received \$2.9 million through the State Department of Education during FY06.** In addition, YSBs receive income from local tax dollars, federal funding, other State of Connecticut funding, in-kind, foundations, and fees for services. **Total funding from all sources supporting YSBs was \$21,776,911 in FY06.**
- YSBs provide **juvenile justice, mental health, youth development, community outreach, family involvement, teen pregnancy prevention, and child welfare services.** More than **70,016 (does not include large group educational events) children, youth, and families received services** from YSBs during FY06.
- YSBs **diverted 27,120 youth from the juvenile justice system** during FY06. With a cost of \$346,534 per year to maintain one youth at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School, these diversions represent a significant cost savings to Connecticut taxpayers.

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CONNECTICUT YOUTH SERVICES ASSOCIATION,
the professional organization that serves as the collective voice of the Connecticut Youth Service Bureau system, is dedicated to promoting quality services for Connecticut's children, youth, and families.

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