

Meeting Summary

Agency: DJS

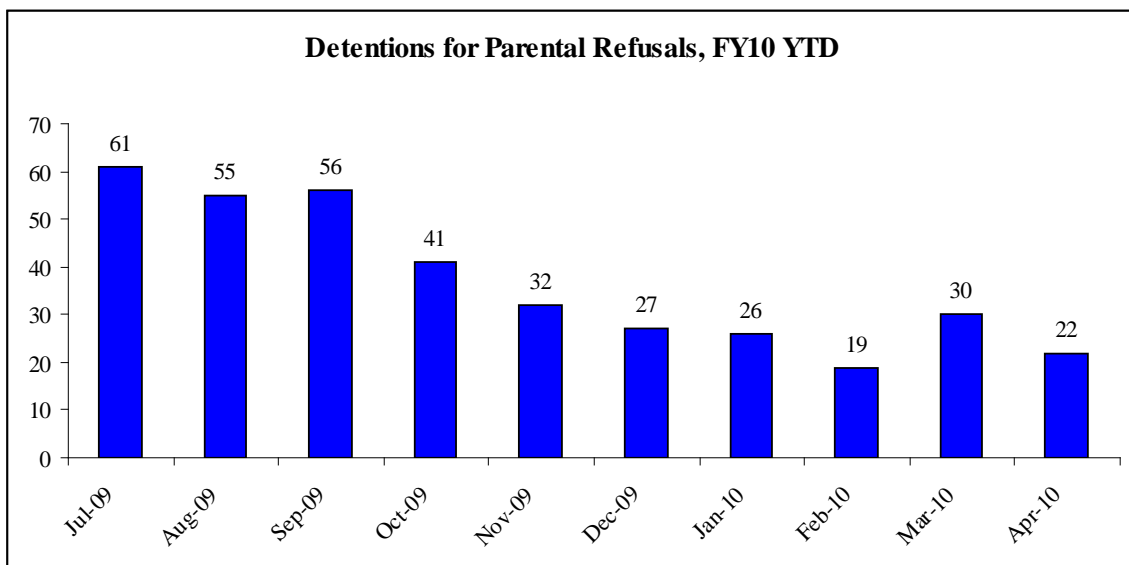
Following is a summary of issues discussed at the DJS Stat on May 21, 2010. Analysis is provided by StateStat and the Governor's Delivery Unit (GDU).

General Discussion

- **DJS Opening Comments.** DJS began the meeting by providing an update on the creation of a Girls Task Force. The task force will focus on services for girls who are under DJS supervision and the task force consists of DJS, OPD, the State's Attorney's Office, the ACLU, the Women's Legislative Caucus, the University of Maryland, providers of girls' services, and various community advocates.

DJS also discussed a Curfew Center in Baltimore which will run from June 3rd through August 21st. The center will provide services for youths who are found out of their homes on Thursday evenings between 11pm-6am and Friday and Saturday evenings between 12am-6am.

- **Parental Refusals.** DJS was asked to comment on the declining rates of detentions due to parental refusals. DJS stated that many overrides were a function of this decline meaning that alternative means of shelter were found for those youth whose parents/guardians refused to pick them up after arrest.

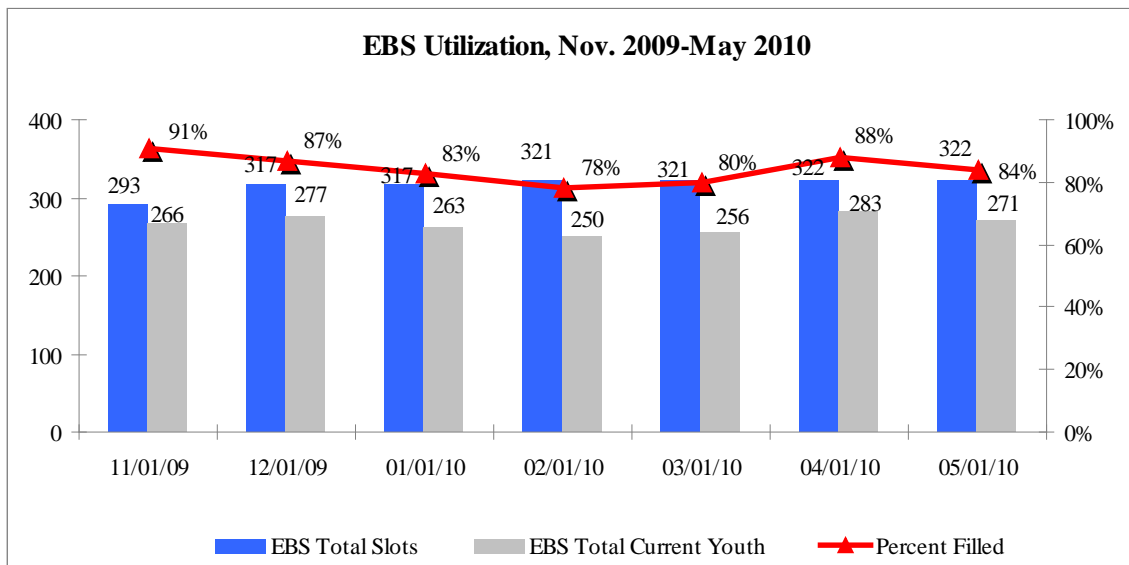


- **Truancy Feed.** DJS was asked to provide data as to how often case managers are looking at the Truancy Feed. DJS reports that the automatic alerts in ASSIST are not operational at this time due to a change in the Baltimore City Public Schools'

database. DJS needs to do new development to ASSIST to activate that feature. In the interim, the IT unit at DJS has setup up a web address where Baltimore City workers can access data directly from the truancy feed by looking up their youth.

- Evidence Based Services.** DJS was asked to comment on the following chart detailing utilization of Evidence Based Services by DJS through May 1, 2010. The utilization of EBS slots *decreased* in May (daily snapshot for May 1), to **84%** (including 20 currently “offline” slots being transferred from Baltimore City to Prince George’s County). DJS stated that the decrease was due to therapist vacancies and the expected the rates for June to increase once new therapists were hired and completed training.

DJS also stated that they are working with the Innovations Institute to develop an outcomes report showing how effectively clients are functioning post treatment.



- Out-of-State Placements.** DJS, in August of 2009, was below 100 out-of-state placements for the first time since September of 2006. Although they maintained an average below 100 for several months, in March of this year, the rate went over 100 once again in March. DJS stated that this rise was due to the fact that many of their clients needed more intensive services and these services were only available through specific out-of-state programs. DJS also reported that they expected a number of successful discharges in June and that the rates would decline at that time.

Out-Of-State Placements Apr.09-Apr.10

