

Association of State Correctional Administrators Resolutions

Resolution #2 - Evaluating the Effects of Incarceration in Adult Facilities on Youthful Offenders

WHEREAS, the number of "juveniles" adjudicated as adults and housed in adult correctional facilities has increased over the last decade;

WHEREAS, these persons have diverse psychological profiles, criminal histories, and behavior styles;

WHEREAS, this population presents unique and costly challenges to correctional administrators with regard to housing, programming, and mandated services such as education, welfare services etc.;

WHEREAS, there are limited resources available to correctional agencies for the care and custody of both juveniles and adults; and the allocation of resources to this population as opposed to others must be entered into judiciously.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

By virtue of their unique needs and legal circumstances, it is appropriate to qualify "juveniles," or youthful offenders, as a "special needs" population when they are admitted to adult corrections agencies, and to house and treat them accordingly.

It is appropriate to classify objectively "juveniles," or youthful offenders according to criminal history, psychological profile, and any prior institutional behavior.

It is appropriate to provide special programs for these populations based on statutory requirements and individual needs assessments.

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