



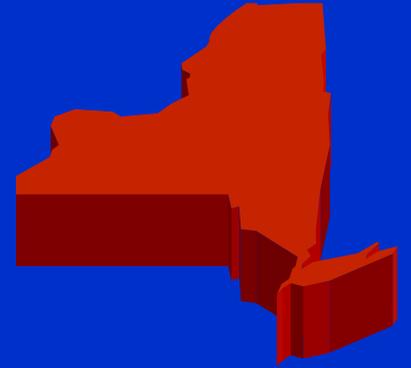
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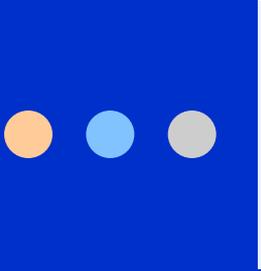
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New York State PINS Assistance

- Prompted by:
 - New PINS Legislation
 - Vera State-wide PINS Report
- OCFS contracted with Vera to help the state and its counties prepare for the influx of youth entering the system under the new law.

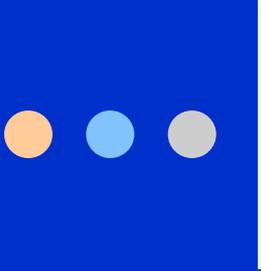




New York State PINS Reforms

Two Central Trends:

- Front end – Strategies to improve intake and diversion;
 - Back end – Development of community-based alternatives to detention and placement.
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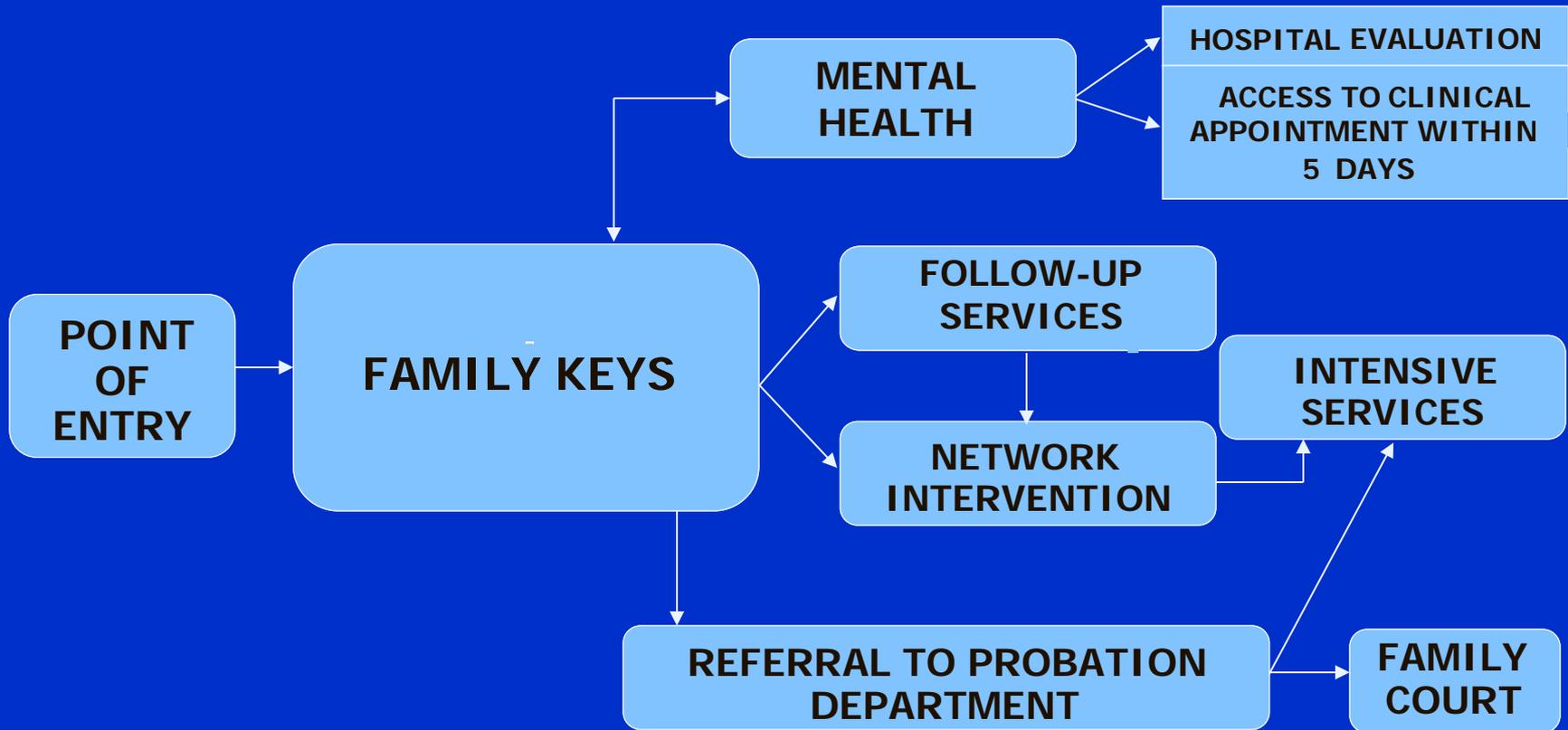


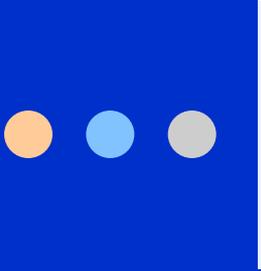
Intake and Diversion

Issues:

- Lack of immediate crisis response (delay in services)
 - High number of court referrals
 - Immediately
 - Upon termination of diversion services
 - High use of non-secure detention and placement
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Intake and Diversion: Orange County

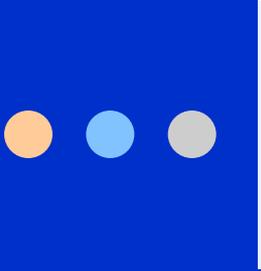




Intake and Diversion: New York City

Family Assessment Program (FAP)

- ACS point of entry
 - Immediate response
 - Reduction in in PINS intakes
 - Reduction in PINS court referrals
 - Reduction in PINS placements
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Intake and Diversion: Chemung County

New Agency: Children's Integrated Services

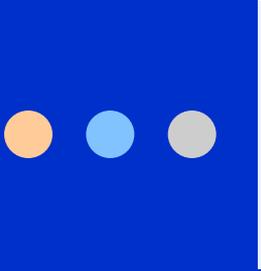
- First Response Team
 - Interdisciplinary Staffing
 - Not just PINS – Centralized and Streamlined Services for Youth and Families
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Alternatives to Detention and Placement

Issues:

- Cost
- Overcrowding
- Poor outcomes
- Focus on keeping youth and families together – at home and in the community

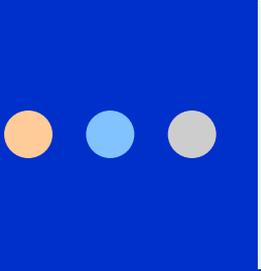




Alternatives to Detention and Placement: Albany County

Juvenile Release Under Supervision:

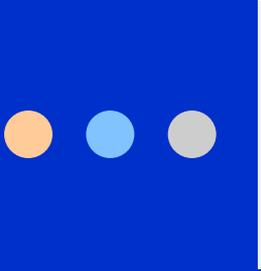
- DSS Funded
 - Daily contact with youth
 - Service referrals
 - PINS and JDs
 - Reduction in non-secure detention costs
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Alternatives to Detention and Placement: Erie County

Evening Reporting Centers

- Modeled after ERCs established in Chicago
 - Transport to location after school
 - Tutoring, counseling, group programming
 - PINS and JD populations
 - Probation violators and detention alternative
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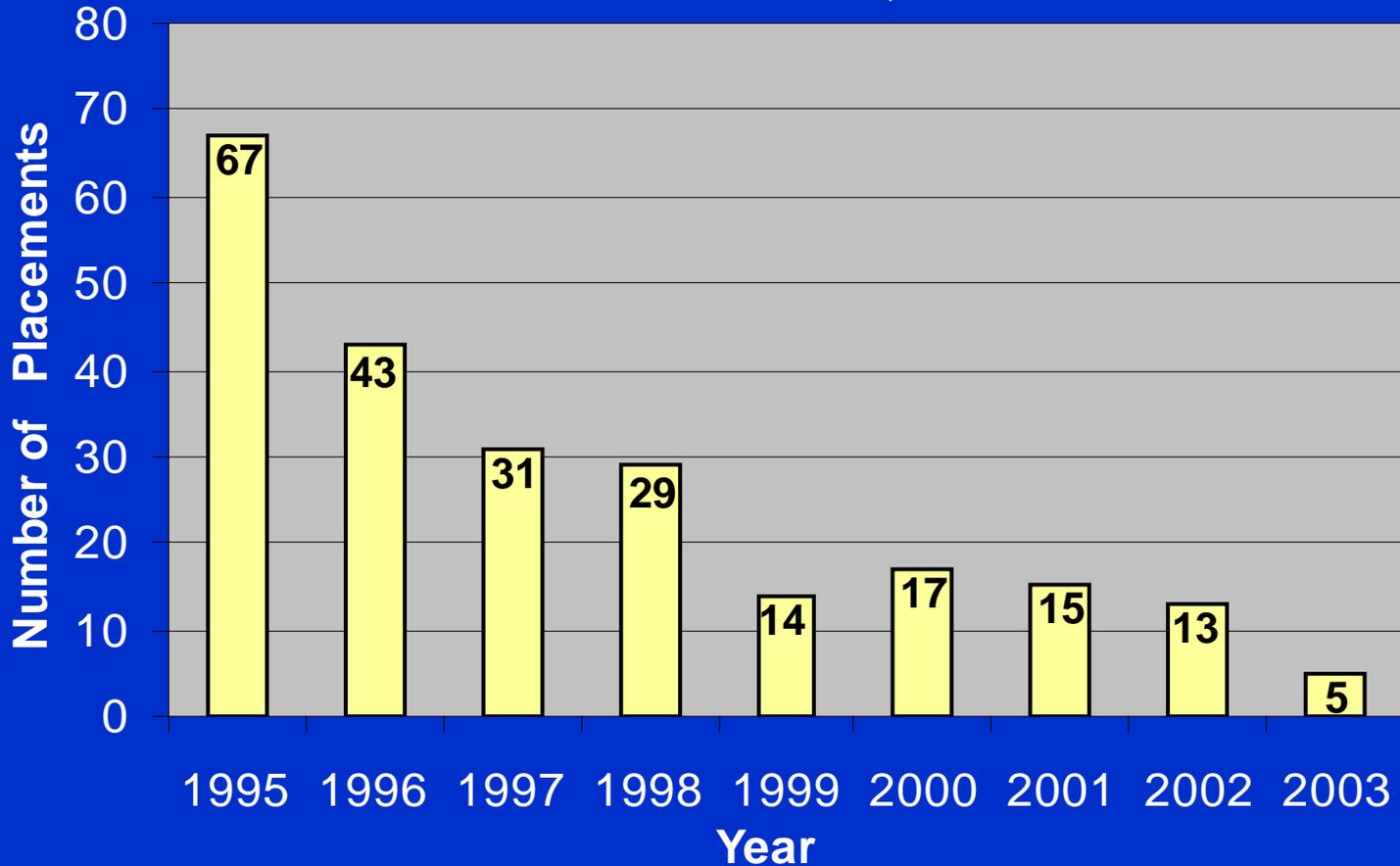
Alternatives to Detention and Placement: Onondaga County

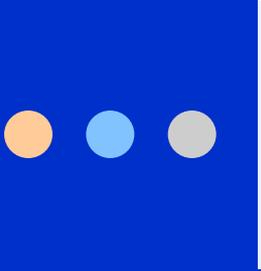
Probation Rehabilitation Intensive Services Management (PRISM)

- Partnership between Probation, Social Services, and the Salvation Army
 - Comprehensive treatment planning
 - Every PRISM case staffed by FFT therapist
 - Pre-placement youth are eligible
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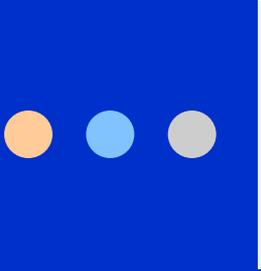
New PINS Placements, 1995 - 2003





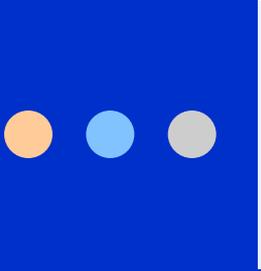
New York State Family Court Act 2005

Each county and the City of New York is mandated to provide diversion services to youth at risk of becoming the subject of a Person In Need of Supervision (PINS) petition and their families. [FCA 712 and 735(a)]



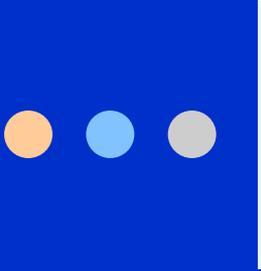
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Each county and the City of New York must offer PINS diversion services designed to provide *an immediate response* to families in crisis and must identify and use *appropriate alternatives to detention*. [FCA 712, 735(d)]



New York State Family Court Act 2005

A PINS respondent may be remanded to non-secure detention only if the FCT determines that there is a substantial probability that he/she will not appear in court on the return date and all available detention alternatives have been exhausted. [FCA 739(a)]



National Models: Status Offenders

- Florida
 - Cook County, Illinois
 - San Francisco, California
 - Maricopa County, Arizona
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