

Department of Juvenile Justice: Office of Health Services

Oral Health Needs and Services

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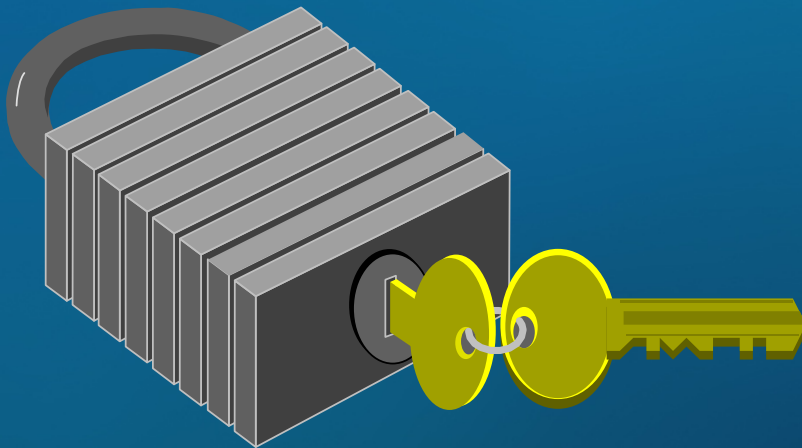


GA. Juvenile Justice System

- Courts Vary from Jurisdiction to Jurisdiction
- Free Standing State Agency
- Committed and Non Committed Youth
- Private Vendors and State Operated Facilities



Secure Settings to Provide Public Safety



- Secure Facilities
 - 20 Regional Youth Detention Centers (RYDCs)
 - 8 Youth Development Campuses (YDCs)

Health Care as a Legal Right

- Estelle v Gamble 1976 established the constitutional right of prisoners to adequate health care in the United States
- The Supreme Court held that “deliberate indifference” to the serious medical needs of a prisoner violated the 8th Amendment’s prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment.

Office of Health Services

- **Purpose:** provide clinical and administration oversight to the department in the areas of medical care, nursing, dentistry, pharmacy, laboratory and radiology services, food services and nutrition.
- **Staffing:** direct supervision of 11 central office staff positions and technical or clinical support of over 300 staff assigned to facilities in the roles of physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, dentists, physician assistants, medical clerks, and food service workers.
- **Population Served:** Average daily population of 1230 youth up to age 21 in secure facilities across the state with 13,000 admissions annually. 38,000 are served daily in non secure settings.

Health Services

- Health Services by Registered Nurses, LPNs, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, and Physicians
- Hospitalization and Specialty Care



Dental Services



- Agency Dental Director
- Facility Dental Staff
- On Site Dental Operatories
- JTS Electronic Dental Record
- Off Site Dental Referrals and Treatment



Facility Dental Services

All youth receive dental screening within 24 hours of arrival with RN triage to dental care identified as emergency, urgent or routine.

Dental Examination within 60 days of admission.

Routine Examination and Prophylaxis every 6 months

Dental Services recorded in JTS with accountability data generated