

Youthful Offender Program in Juvenile Rehabilitation

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Juvenile Rehabilitation serves youth who are sentenced as adults when under the age of 18

RCW 72.01.410 provides DOC the ability to transfer a child to Juvenile Rehabilitation to:

- Address the child's needs and correctional goals
- Provide age-appropriate programs and housing environment
- Offer access until youth turns 21



Youthful Offenders in Juvenile Rehabilitation

Population

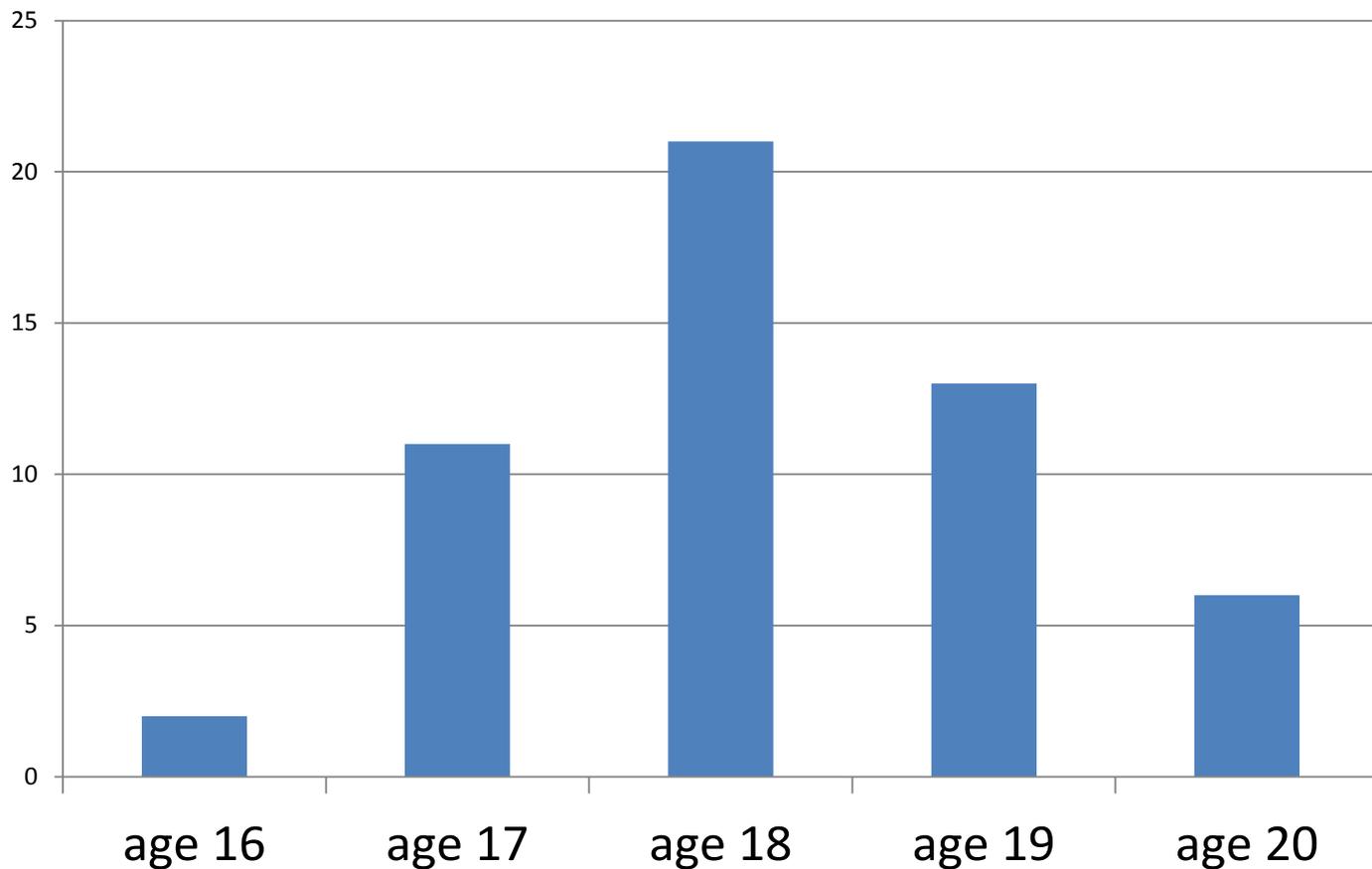
- 520 youth total in JR residential programs
- Of these, 54 (10%) are youth serving adult sentences

Live at:

- Green Hill School, Chehalis (52)
- Echo Glen Children's Center, Snoqualmie (2)



Age of Youthful Offenders in Juvenile Rehabilitation





YOP youth complete sentences in JR and DOC

Of the 54 YOP youth in JR:

- 28 will eventually transfer to DOC to complete sentence
- 26 will likely release from a JR facility



What works with high-risk youth offenders?

- Incorporating youth needs, cultures and ways of learning into treatment
- Targeting *dynamic risk factors* in treatment
- Using cognitive-behavioral principles and practices
- Incorporating educational strategies in treatment
- Implementing programs incorporating life skills.
- Utilizing family-based interventions in programming





Preparing Youth for the Future

- **Job preparation and skill development**
 - Career path assessments
 - On-the-job training
 - Certification programs
 - Vocational rehabilitation services for eligible youth with disabilities
- **Educational preparation**
 - Focus on linkages back to community schools
 - Improving in math and reading while in JR
 - Attaining diplomas, GEDs
- **Family connection**
 - Increasing involvement in planning for future while in care
- **Community engagement**
 - Mentors
 - Positive community role models willing to give a second chance
 - Cultural activities sponsored by community members

