

# Juvenile Justice

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# Agenda

- Juvenile Justice Overview.
- State Facilities Update.
- Budget Overview.





# Juvenile Justice Overview

# Juvenile Justice Mission

To ensure all youth and families of diverse populations, involved in Michigan's juvenile justice system, have equitable access to a continuum of research and evidence-based services that provide rehabilitation opportunities in a safe, supportive and respectful environment that honors the youth and family voice.

# How Does Michigan's Juvenile Justice System Work?

- **Youth**
  - Enter the juvenile justice system through county courts.
  - 400+ youth currently have open delinquency cases in Michigan.
    - Approximately 1 out of 4 are under state wardship.
    - Majority of youth are under court wardship.
- **Courts**
  - Review youth's case and determine if youth will be under state or court wardship.
  - Determine competency to proceed to trial.
  - Use consent calendar as an informal agreement between courts, parents and youth.
  - Use formal calendar if youth are not meeting probation requirements.
- **Counties**
  - Handle the majority of juvenile cases directly.

# What is the Role of MDHHS?

- **Case Management**
  - Provides case management and conducts risk assessments on youth referred by the court under MCL 400.55(h) or committed under 1975 PA 150.
- **Pre-Sentence Investigations**
  - Conducts pre-sentence investigations for youth who have been waived to the adult system but may be considered for sentencing as a juvenile.
- **Risk Assessments**
  - Completes risk assessments, determines the level of care, and matches youth to community-based services or residential services.
- **Supervise Cases**
  - Oversees juvenile justice cases, including dual wards meaning the youth also have an open foster care case.

# Michigan Accomplishments

- Created Michigan's Task Force on Juvenile Justice and implemented task force recommendations.
- Secured funding to assess service gaps and barriers for youth and families:
  - U.S. Department of Justice - \$1.3 million.
  - MI Health Endowment Fund - \$500,000.
- Increased support for community-based and in-home care.
- Expanded youth placement options.
- Restructured child caring institution contracts.
- Provided grants for juvenile justice infrastructure.
- Launched Bed Management Reporting System.
- Collaborated with Juvenile Justice Advisory Council, a lived experience council.

# Task Force on Juvenile Justice Reform

- The Task Force on Juvenile Justice Reform was established with Executive Order 2021-06.
- Charged with developing ambitious and innovative recommendations for changes in state law, policy and appropriations to improve youth and family outcomes.
- Recommendations from the task force establish a statewide blueprint for aligning policies and practices across the juvenile justice continuum.

# Increased Support for Community-Based and In-Home Care

- Effective October 2023, the Child Care Fund was enhanced to focus on establishing a framework of juvenile justice best practices statewide.
- The in-home care and community-based reimbursement rate was increased from 50% to 75%.
- Modifications to the fund support the development, expansion and strengthening of community-based services and formal alternatives to detention and incarceration.

# Expanded Placement Options

- Expanded to more than 100 placements for juvenile justice youth, including the following:
  - Spectrum Juvenile Justice Services (Wayne County) – 40 secure residential beds.
  - St. Clair Youth Treatment Center (Macomb County) – 20 secure residential beds.
  - Highfields Inc. (Ingham County) – 12 beds.
  - Holy Cross Children’s Services (Saginaw) – Three beds.
  - Bethany Christian Services (Grand Rapids) – Two beds.
  - Team Wellness Center at Eastern Market (Detroit) – 45 placements for day treatment.
  - Valor Place (Detroit) – 12 non-secure/mental health stabilization beds.

# Restructured Child Caring Institution Contracts

- Secured necessary number of beds for youth under state's responsibility.
- Aligned services with children's needs.
- Allocated predictable funding to providers.

Contractor	Contracted Beds
Rite of Passage	20
Bethany Christian Services of Michigan	16
Highfields Inc.	6
Spectrum Human Services	56
Teaching-Family Homes of Upper MI	6
Vista Maria	3
Total	107

# Provided Juvenile Justice Infrastructure Grants

- \$10 million for juvenile justice infrastructure included in the FY2025 budget:
  - \$5 million for state facilities.
  - \$5 million for non-state facilities:
    - Vista Maria - \$2 million.
    - Spectrum Human Services - \$1 million.
    - Highfields Inc. - \$465,000.
    - County of Lenawee Public Defender - \$1.3 million.
    - Saginaw County 10th Judicial Circuit Court - \$200,000.

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# State Facilities Update



**Bay Pines  
Center**

**Shawono  
Center**

**Michigan Youth  
Treatment Center**

**MDHHS  
Facilities**

# Bay Pines

- Located in Escanaba.
- Built in 1994.
- 32 bed treatment facility for female juveniles ages 12 to 20.
- 62 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions.



# Shawono Center

- Located in Grayling.
- Built in the 1970s.
- Closing in 2025.
- 40-bed treatment facility for male juveniles between the ages of 12 and 21.
- 58 FTE positions.



# Michigan Youth Treatment Center

- Located at the Macomb County Juvenile Justice Center in Mount Clemens.
- Built in 1989.
- 60-bed facility after renovations.
- 111 FTE positions.



# Michigan Youth Treatment Center Transition Plan

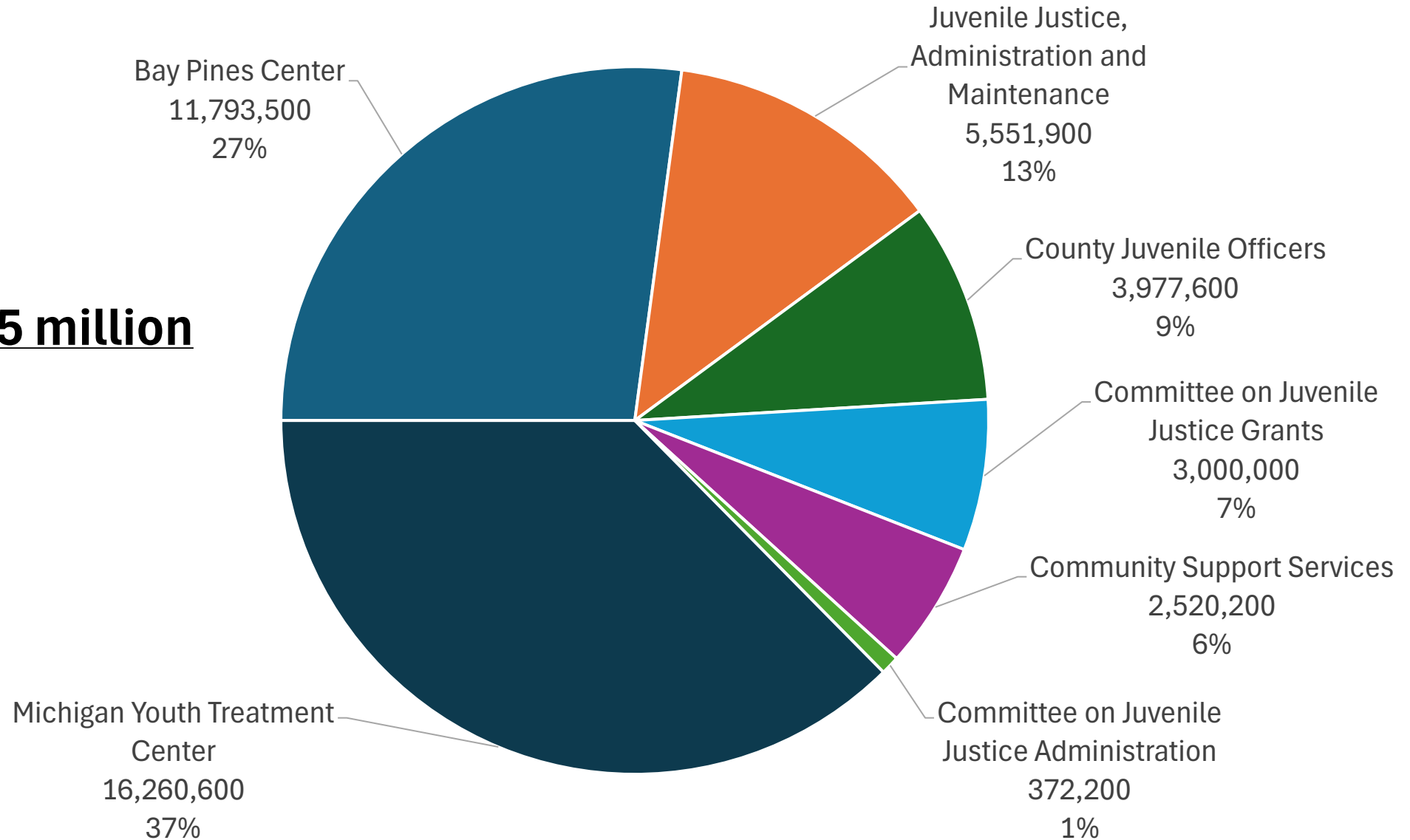
- Close Shawono Center and move to Michigan Youth Treatment Center.
  - Better serve youth and meet their treatment needs.
  - Improve ability to maintain staffing and resources.
  - Increase family involvement in treatment process.
- Began moving youth in January 2025.
- Complete transition by this summer.



# Juvenile Justice Budget

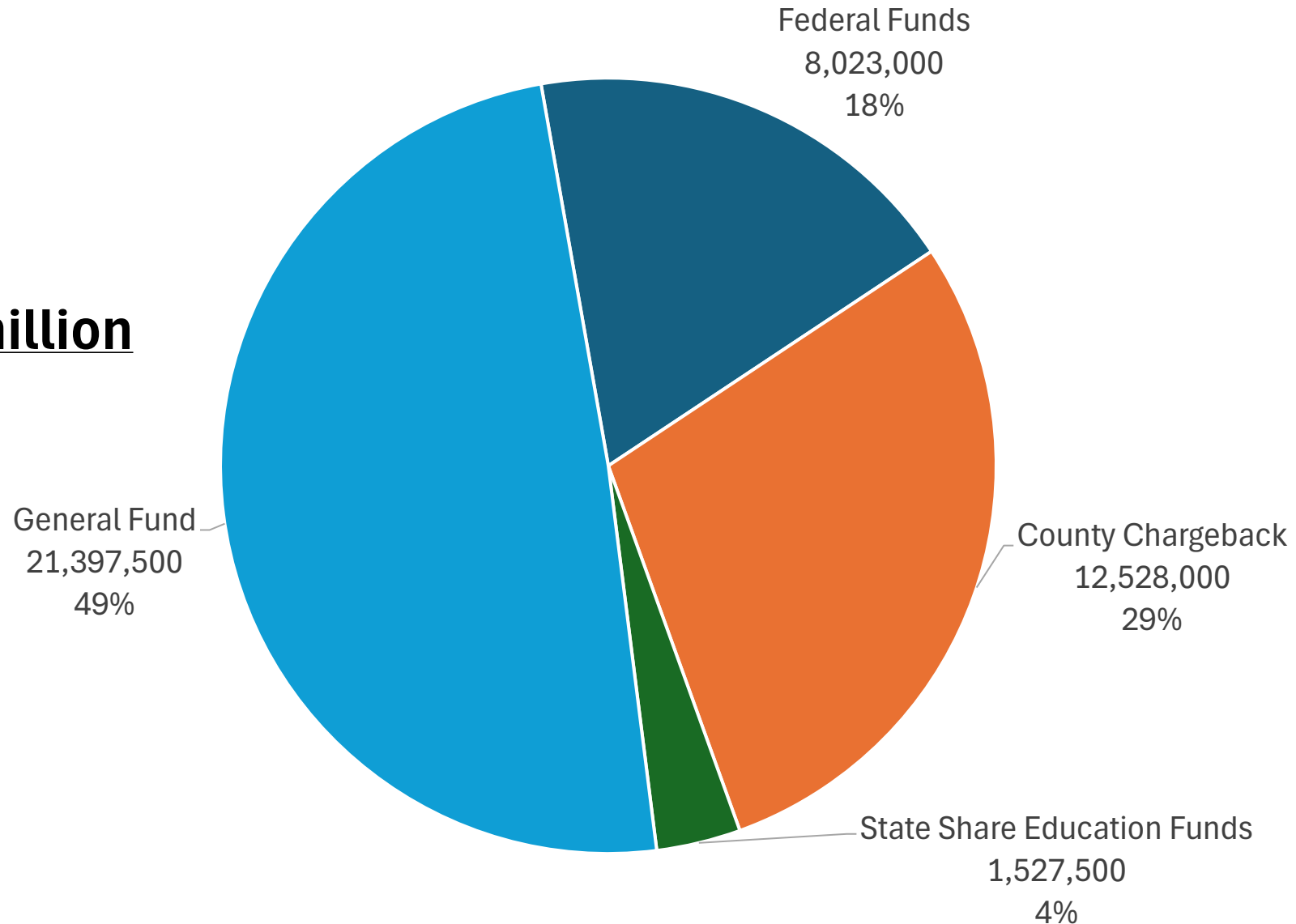
# 2026 Budget Overview

**Total: \$43.5 million**



# 2026 Funding Overview

**Total: \$43.5 million**



# 2026 Investment Providing Juvenile Justice Services

Ongoing

\$12.8M Gross

\$6.2M GF



FTEs

62

## Description

- Michigan has two state-operated juvenile justice facilities, and MDHHS partners with county and private entities providing services to youth.
- Shift funds for the closure of the Shawono facility (Grayling) and move to the Michigan Youth Treatment Center (Macomb County) providing for increased bed capacity.
- Implement Governor's Task Force on Juvenile Justice Reform recommendations:
  - Implement evidence-based prevention and intervention services.
  - Pursue alternatives to detention.
  - Establish a community-based continuum of care to strengthen youth and family partnerships.

## Proposed Investments

- \$2.2 million gross (-\$2.3 million GF) and 53 FTEs to relocate services from the Shawono Center to the Michigan Youth Treatment Center.
- \$10.6 million gross (\$8.5 million GF) and 9 FTEs for Juvenile Justice Reform.

## Outcomes

- Provide improved services to kids.
- Implement efficiency and effectiveness of operations.
- Increase accountability and transparency.

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