

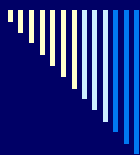
Virginia's Community-Based Juvenile Competency Restoration Services

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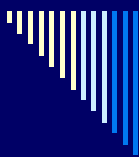
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A Change in Perspective

- In the 1990's, in response to a perception of an increase in the incidence of violent crimes committed by juveniles, the *parens patriae* philosophy of the juvenile court began to change
- These changes underscored the importance that juveniles enjoy the same constitutional protections afforded to adults
- Adjudicative competence, or competence to stand trial (CST), was recognized as a relevant consideration in juvenile court

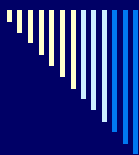
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Virginia's Juvenile Competency Statute

- Sections 16.1-356 – 16.1-361 of the *Code of Virginia* were effective on July 1, 1999.
- Statutory authority for evaluating and restoring juveniles' adjudicative competence.

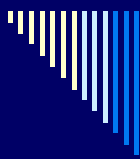
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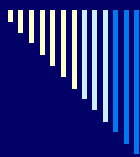
Nature of Juvenile Competency Restoration Services

- Educational and training services, and
- Intensive case management services

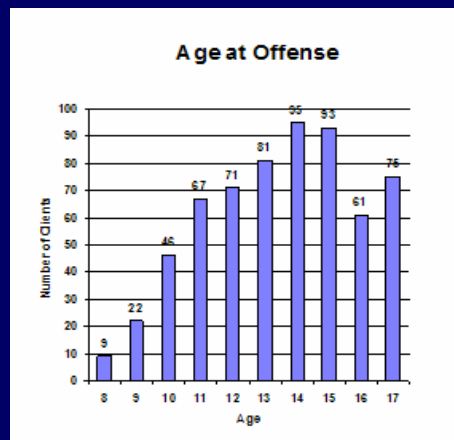
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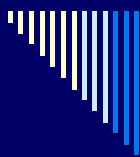


Juvenile competency restoration services are provided in the least restrictive environment in the community, permitted by the Courts.



47.7 % are 13 or younger

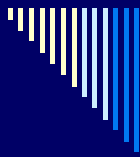




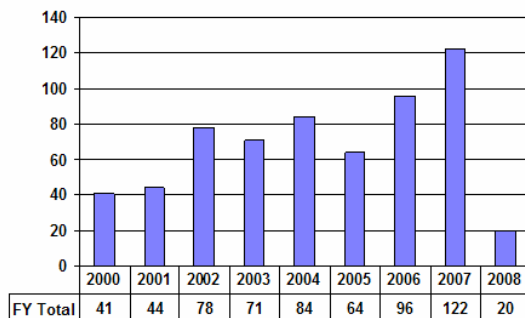
Clinical Condition of Juveniles Court Ordered into Restoration

- ❑ 245 or 40% had a diagnosis of mental retardation
- ❑ 416 or 67% had a diagnosis of a mental disorder
- ❑ 171 or 28% were diagnosed with a mental disorder and with mental retardation
- ❑ 137 or 22% had no diagnosis of a mental disorder or mental retardation

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Court Orders Received Annually



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