



Juvenile Service Center Pressures and Options

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When only 14, she was sent out of state to a center for troubled youth because of lack of beds in Minnesota.

In her words,
"My childhood was robbed from me."

*Pressure builds to accept more kids
at the Dakota County Juvenile
Service Center*



"Minnesota youth most in need of help
from juvenile system have nowhere to go

<https://www.startribune.com/juvenile-justice-system-minnesota-youth-help-detention-centers-closing/600219179/>

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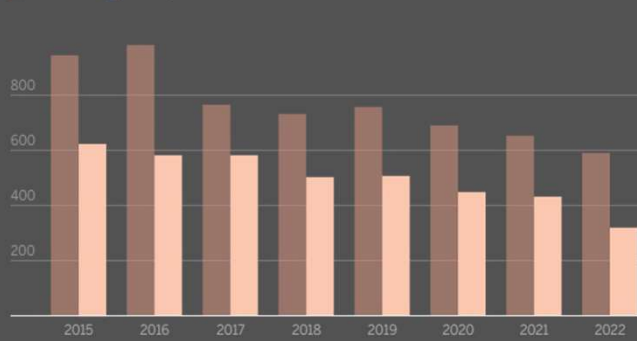


Youth residential spots decline

Slots at Minnesota's licensed institutional facilities have been dropping around the state. In the metro, there are now about half as many beds as in 2015. Elsewhere in the state, beds are down 37%.

JUVENILE BEDS AT MINNESOTA INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES

■ Non-metro ■ 7-county metro



Foster placements not included.

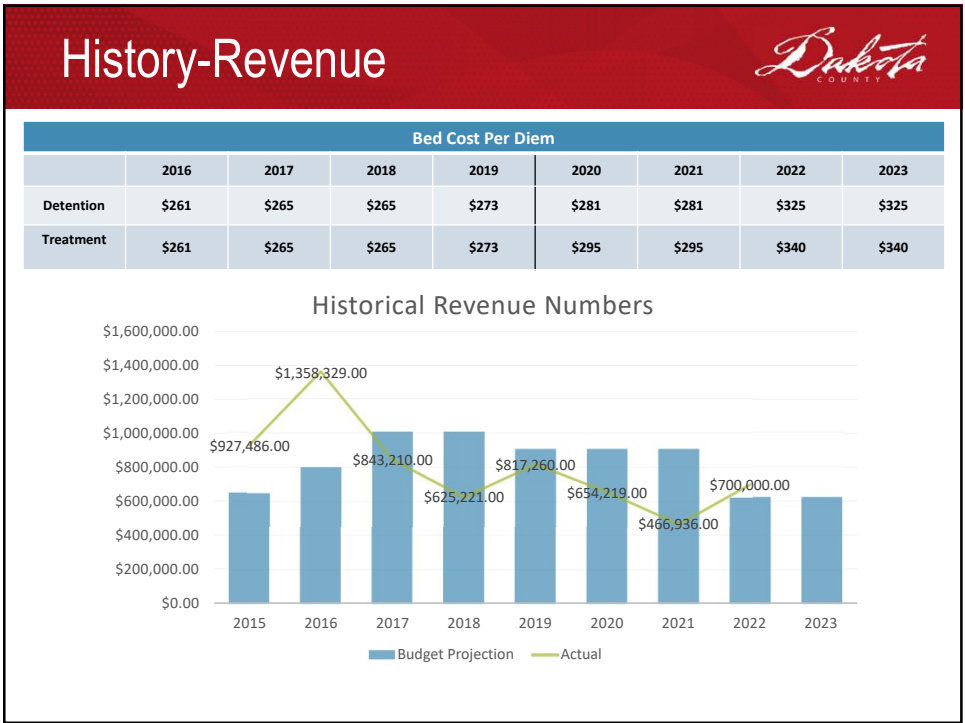
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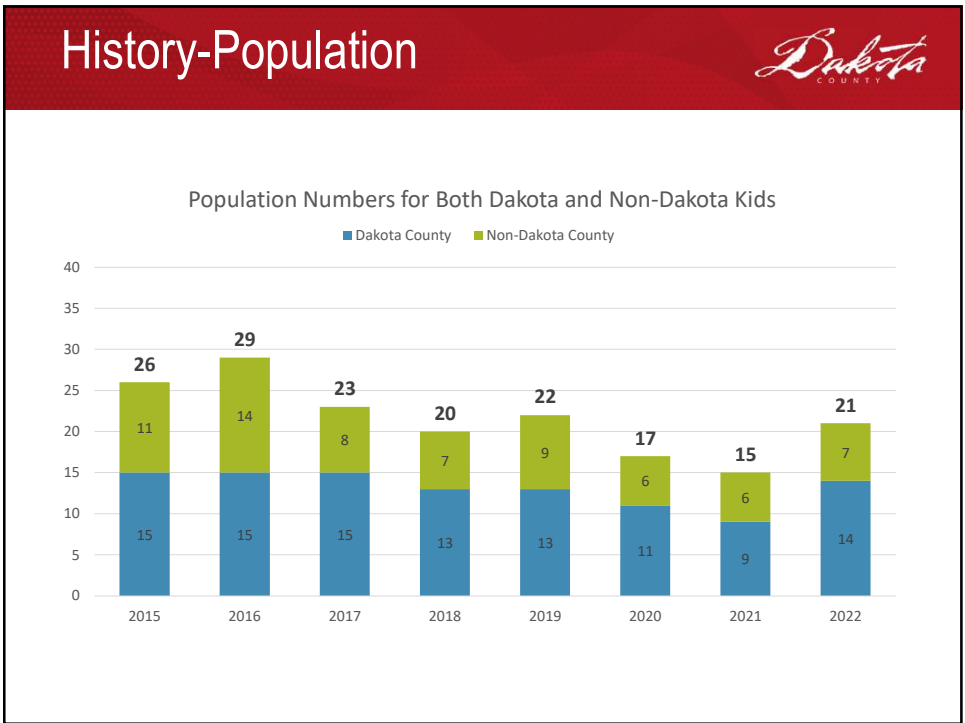
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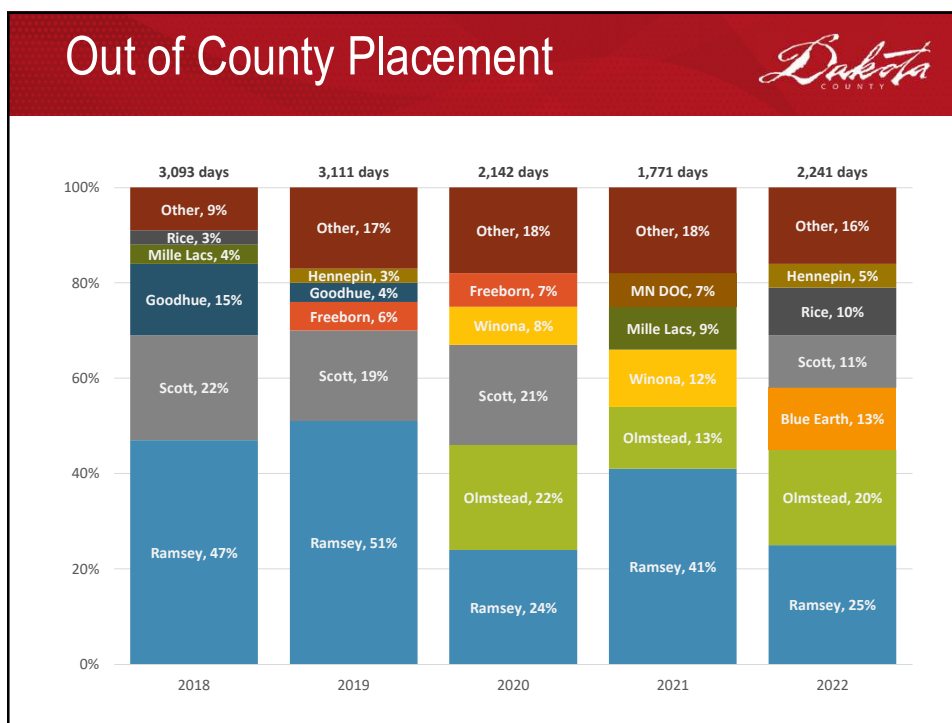
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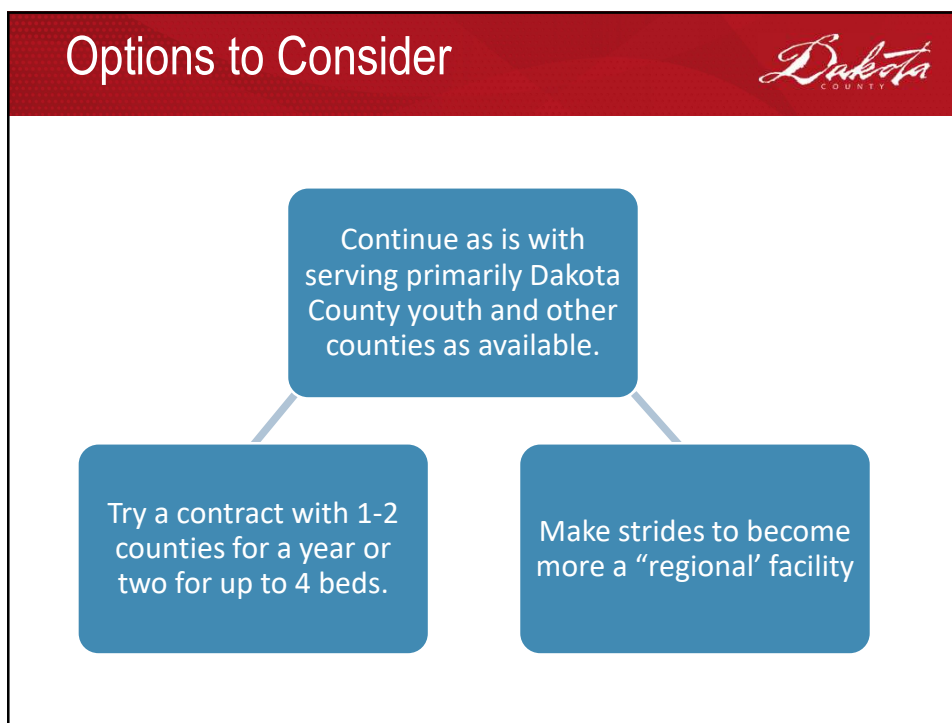
Staffing Challenges

YEAR	APO RESIGNATIONS	AVERAGE NO. APO POSITIONS	AVERAGE TURNOVER RATES
2022	25	23	109%
2021	20	23	87%
2020	10	23	43%
2019	12	23	52%
2018	14	22	64%
2017	10	21	49%
2016	6	22	27%

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Regional Model vs Contracting



Anoka and Moorhead are Regional Facilities where other counties have shared ownership of the facility including shared operating costs. This is most common when a new facility opens or a major renovation is occurring.

We have been asked to contract for beds, which means other counties will purchase a bed from the JSC and pay for that bed whether or not they use it or not. The county is able to use their contracted bed at any time and for any youth.

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Recommendation to the Board



“Stay the Course”

- Hold off on contracts
- Continue to serve primarily Dakota County youth and out of county youth when possible.

“Test the Waters”

- Pilot a limited duration (1-2 years) contract with 1 to 2 Counties (Olmsted and Scott) for up to a total of 4-5 contracted beds.

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Questions



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