Secure Detention Beds and Mental Health Services, or Lack Thereof

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FCA 304.1: DETENTION 1. A FACULTY CERTIFIED BY THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AS A JUVENILE DETENTION FACULTY MUST BE OPERATED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE OFFICE OF CRIDINEN AND FAMILY SERVICES. 2. NO CHILD TO WHOMAN THE PROSPONS OF THE ARTHUR AN APPLY SHALL BY DETENDED IN ANY PRISON, I.A.I., LOCKUP, OR OTHER PLACE USED FOR ADJUST COMPACTED OF USING TO USED A REAST AND CHARGES WITH CHARM WITHOUT THE APPLOAD. OF THE ADJUST COMPACT OF COMPACT OF THE ADJUST COMPACT OF COMPACT OF COMPACT OF THE ADJUST COMPACT OF COMPACT OF THE ADJUST COMPACT AND PURISH THE RELIES WHICH TO WHOLL THE ADJUST COMPACT AND PURISH THE RELIES WHICH TO WAIL, APPLY IN DETERMINENT OF THE RELIES WHICH THE ADJUST AND FAMILY AND PURISH THE WAIL APPLY IN DETERMINENT OF THE ADJUST OF SHALL THE ADJUST OF THE ADJU	



FCA § 320.5. THE INITIAL APPEARANCE; RELEASE OR DETENTION

- 1. At the initial appearance, the court in its discretion may release the respondent or direct his detention.
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 2. Rules of court shall define permissible terms and conditions of release. The court may in its discretion release the respondent upon such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate. The respondent shall be given a written copy of any such terms and conditions. The court may modify or enlarge such terms and conditions at any time prior to the expiration of the respondent's

FCA § 320.5. THE INITIAL APPEARANCE; RELEASE OR **DETENTION (CONT)**

(a) The court shall not direct detention unless available alternatives to detention, inclusing conditional release, would not be appropriate, and the court finds that unless the respondent is detained:

(i) there is a substantial probability that he or she will not appear in court on the return date; or

(ii) there is a serious risk that he or she may before the return date commit an act which if committed by an adult would constitute a crime,

(i) Any finding infecting detention pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision made by the court shall state the facts, the level of risk the youth was assessed pursuant to a detention risk assessment instrument approved by the office of children and family services, and the reasons for such finding including, if a determination is made to place a youth in detention who was assessed at a low or medium risk on such a risk assessment instrument, the particular rasions why detention was odetermined to be necessary.

(c) If the court makes a flinding that detention is necessary pursuant to subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of paragraph (i) and (ii) of paragraph (i) of this subdivision, the court may consider, where applicable, as a condition of release, electronic monitoring of the respondent, it such electronic monitoring of the respondent, it such electronic monitoring or the respondent would not return to court on the return date, or the serious risk that the respondent mould not return to court on the return date, or the serious constitute a critical such as the respondent may before the return date commit an act that if committed by an adult would constitute a critical such as the respondent may be some the return date commit an act that if committed by an adult would constitute a critical such as the respondent may be some the return date commit an act that if committed by an adult would constitute a critical such as the respondent may be some the return date commit an act that if committed by an adult would constitute a critical such as the respondent may be some the return date commit and that if committed by an adult would constitute a critical such as the respondent may be some the return date commit and that if committed by an adult would constitute a critical such as the respondent may be some the return date commit and the respondent may be some the return date of t

(d) if the respondent may be a sexually exploited child as defined in subdivision one of section four hundredforty-seven- at the social services law, the court may direct the respondent to an available short-term safe house as a candition of release.

FCA § 320.5. THE INITIAL APPEARANCE; RELEASE OR **DETENTION (CONT)**



At the Initial appearance the presentment agency may introduce the respondent's previous delinquency findings entered by a family court. If the respondent has been finger-printed for the current charge pursuant to section 505.1, the preventment agency may also introduce the an operation of the court of

5. Upon a finding of facts and reasons which support a detention order pursuant to subdivision three of this section, the court shall also determine and state in any order directing detention:

(a) whether the continuation of the respondent in the respondent's home would be contrary to the best interests of the respondent based upon, and limited to, the facts and circumstances available to the court at the time of the initial appearance; and

(b) where appropriate and consistent with the need for protection of the community, whether reasonable efforts were made prior to the date of the court appearance that resulted in the detention order issued in accordance with this section to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the respondent from his or her home or, if the respondent had been removed from his or her home prior to the initial appearance, where appropriate and consistent with the need for protection of the community, whether reasonable efforts were made to make it possible for the respondent to safely return home.

SECTION 325.1 THE PROBABLE-CAUSE HEARING; TIME

- At the initial appearance, if the respondent denies a charge contained in the petition and the court determines that the respondent shall be detained for more than three days pending a fact-finding hearing, the court shall schedule a probable-cause hearing to determine the issues specified in section 325.3 of this part.
- Such probable-cause hearing shall be held within three days following the initial appearance or within four days following the filling of a petition, whichever occurs sooner.
- 3. For good cause shown, the court may adjourn the hearing for no more than an additional three court days.
- The respondent may waive the probable-cause hearing, but the fact that the respondent is not ready for a fact-finding hearing shall not be deemed such a waiver.
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FCA § 340.1: TIMING OF FACT-FINDING

- Other subsections omitted for clarity
- 1. If the respondent is in detention and the highest count in the perimocharges the commission of a class A, B, or C felony, the fact-finding hearing shall commence not more than fourteen days, after the conclusion of the initial appearance except as provided in subdivision four. If the respondent is in detention and the highest count in such petition is less than a class C felony the fact-finding hearing shall commence no more than three days after the conclusion of the initial appearance except as provided in subdivision four.
- 2. If the respondent is not in detention the fact-finding hearing shall commence not more than sixty days after the conclusion of the initial appearance except as provided in subdivision four.
- 4. The court may adjourn a fact-finding hearing: (a) on its own motion or on motion of the presentment agency for good cause shown for not more than three days if the respondent is in detention and not more than thirty days if the respondent is not in detention; provided, however, that if there is probable cause to believe the respondent committed a homicide or a crime which resulted in a person being incapacitated from attending court, the court may adjourn the hearing for a reasonable length of time

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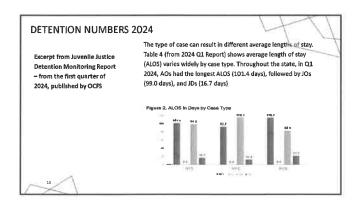
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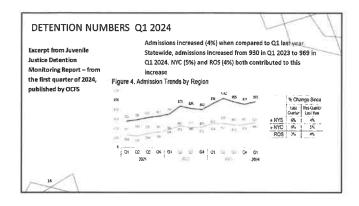
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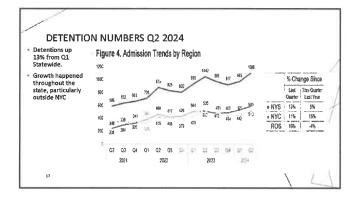
In Q1 2024 January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024), a total of 959 detention admissions occurred across the state. As shown in Table 1, New York City (NYC) accounted for 54% (527) of those admissions, while the 57 non-NYC counties—which this report refers to as Rest of State (ROS)—accounted for 46% (442).

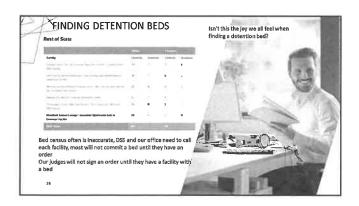
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CASE STUDY – BRENDA S.	
BACKGROUND Brenda 5. was known to Ulster County DSS for several years. As the result of a neglect case, she was placed with DSS in a residential placement. • Brenda frequently absconded from her placement, and it was suspected (and later confirmed) that she was returning to her mother • Brenda was accused of bringing Illegal substances to her residence, and soliciting others to engage in sexual behaviors and substance use • Brenda had dalso been given extensive therapeutic services in the community • Brenda had worked with Coordinated Children's Services in Ulster prior to placement	
INCIDENT Brenda was found by local law enforcement in the presence of her mother, who was "squatting" in an unrelated man's home PD contacted Brenda's RTC, and staff arrived to pick her up and transport her approximately 1 hour back to the RTC As staff was driving the vehicle through town, Brenda reached into the front of the vehicle, then climbed into the front of the moving vehicle and attempted to turn of the vehicle (spintlon (it was a push-to-start vehicle) Staff also alleged that Brenda attempted to grab the wheel Brenda also attempted to press other buttons near the wheel, seemingly in an attempt to stop the vehicle Brenda then jumped out of the vehicle and into traffic, as staff attempted to follow Brenda ended up back at the same local police department, who contacted our office	

OPTIONS

Immediate pre-petition detention in Secure Detention

- Clearly a non-secure facility would be unable to hold Brenda, RTF not able to curtail AWOL behavior
- Could meet the criteria from FCA §
 320.5(3)(a)(i): "there is a substantial
 probability that he or she will not appear in
 court on the return date"
- Staff would need to be available for probable cause hearing within 3 days, which could be arranged
- BUT our office and DSS called all secure ficilities in the state, and no beds were available.

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Return to RTF

- RTF sent 15-day notice to DSS to find an alternate placement for Brenda
- File petition soon thereafter and attempt to find a placement as a disposition
- DSS would have to find alternate non-secure facility in the meantime
- DSS placements would not accept Brenda because of AWOL risk, unsafe behaviors, assaults on staff
- Any local options were either impossible or posed risk for Brenda (could not be returned to mom, no family nearby who could care for her, any facilities would not be able to address AWOL risk)

SOLUTION FOR NOW

- During the pendency of the case, Brenda was brought to Westchester Medical Center, RTC refused to accept her back after release from WMC
- Brenda went from WMC to Family House (emergency youth shelter) but then absconded within 10 days, assaulted staff, and caused significant property damage
- Letter requesting that Judge issue a warrant in light of AWOL and risk to herself and others, reiterates that there are no appropriate placements available
- Judge declines to issue a warrant, Brenda called Family House and was told information regarding court appearance, and appeared at court for the next appearance with her mother
- Judge scheduled a conference. Brenda ran away before the conference date, and judge issued a warrant. Judge directed that if Brenda were to be picked up on the weekend, that she be brought to Children's Village

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BRENDA PICKED UP ON THE WARRANT

- Brought before judge, DSS requested additional time to find a secure bed
- Children's Village was no longer an option for Brenda
- DSS and our office are calling around for detention beds before the case has its second call
- Woodfield Detention Center in Valhalla has a bed available and the judge signs an order directing detention



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BRENDA'S HEARING – 3 DAYS LATER

- 2 workers were in the van, but one is unavailable (moved states, left no forwarding address, changed her phone number)
- We subpoen aother worker, Trisha, as a witness. Trisha testifies to working at RTF, that she was assigned to transport Brenda on the day in question, and that Brenda attempted to grab the steering wheel and press ignition button
- Judge makes a finding against Respondent for Reckless Endangerment 2nd, and disposition is scheduled for later the same week
- Woodfield does not accept Brenda back, and she is sent to Family House for 3 days – and makes efforts to enroll in school and find a job

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DISPOSITION

First attempt:

- Contacted OCFS to notify them of the date but due to new personnel and miscommunication, nobody from OCFS showed up for disposition date
- Our office told the judge and he reluctantly scheduled a new dispositional appearance
- Detention bed at Woodfield is still not available
- Brenda returns to Family House and allegedly is on her best behavior

Second hearing date:

- OCFS is present
- We call DSS deputy director and probation officer as witnesses, PO recommends placament in secure detention
- Judge makes findings that child requires confinement and OCFS is the least restrictive alternative for Brenda
- Brenda is taken from the courthouse to OCFS
- Side note: at one of these appearances, Brenda's mother brought a dog into the courtroom in her purse

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ANOTHER CASE FOR BRENDA

- Following the second disposition date, Brenda was being transported when she asked to use the bathroom and the van stopped at a supermarket
- Brenda punched a former classmate in the head
- Our office filed the case and moved forward with the new charges, while Brenda was still placed with OCFS (case filed approximately 30 days after disposition hearing)
- Eventually, she made an admission and Probation recommended a 1-year conditional discharge with the added condition that she follow the terms and conditions of OCFS placement or any other residence
- At the time of disposition, Brenda was on partial community release and living with a relative, receiving OCFS services

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OTHER ISSUES: 2 EXAMPLES

- Another juvenile, "Miranda" was placed by her school in RTF, then had assaultive behaviors and AWOLs
- During AWOL, Coordinated Children's Services director issued a "pick-up order" under MHL 9.45 (no detention beds, acute psychiatric symptoms)
- Issue where the judge believed he was the one who would have to sign such an order
- Brought to MidHudson Regional Hospital, plan was for her to be admitted to RCPC
- After release, AWOL, Judge ordered that she stay with family friend and issued Order setting certain conditions for her release (i.e. keeping her phone charged)
- "Charles" had an ACD, and violated terms while living with grandmother, but the wareluctant to testify
- Initial recommendation from Review Committee was to place him with DSS, but no facilities would accept him due to finding of sexual abuse, assaultive behaviors in the community
- Probation recommended DSS placement, DSS said they could not place him and could not arrange for QRTP, judge rejected request for new PDI
- Disagreement over whether to request placement with OCFS, ultimately Charles was placed on Probation

ISSUES RAISED BY OTHER COUNTIES

- Unable to find a bed for Juvenile so Juvenile held in Interview room or in a hotel room with deputies supervising
- Issues for DSS finding RTC for juvenile, so only options are placement with OCFS or return to community where needs are not met and risk of harm is greater
- If child is under 12 years old, unable to place in secure detention even if criminal act is serious (such as stabbing mother's boyfriend
- Difficult to find placements for juveniles with risky behaviors in the community, also unable to find beds for 30-day diagnostics
- Other counties and our county have issues trying to find a mental health bed for youth who is in crisis, even where there should be grounds under MHL 9.41 or 9.45
- Many cases where Respondent is residing in the same house with their victim
- Parents often raise issues related to the safety of their other (younger) children when Respondents are absconding at different hours, violent with their siblings, or sneaking strangers into the home
- Adjourning disposition hearings because no beds are available to accept Respondent

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County	Address	24-7 Phone Number/Director Contact	Secure Detention Bed Capacity M/F	Specialized Secure Bed Capacity M/F
Albany	Capital District Youth Detention Center, Inc. (CDYCI)838 Albany Shaker Rd Loudonville, NY 12211	24/7 intake number: 518-456- 9399, ext. 234 Director: Raymond Wilcox RWilcox@berkshirefarm.org	24 Male/Female (SD/SSD)	24 Male/ Female (SD/SSD)
Erie	Erie County Juvenile Detention 810 E. Ferry St. Buffalo NY 14211	24/7 intake number: 716-923-4062 Director: Kenneth Simmons <u>Kenneth.Simmons@erie.gov</u>	46 Male/Female (SD/SSD)	46 Male/Female (SD/SSD)
Monroe	Detention	24/7 intake number: 585-753-5940 Director: Kenneth Urbanik <u>Kenneth.Urbanik@dfa.state.ny.</u> us	38 male/female (SD/SSD)	38 Male/Female (SD/SSD)
Nassau	Nassau Juvenile Detention 61 Carman Ave Westbury, NY 11590	24/7 intake number 516-571- 9260 Director: LaQuetta Robbins- Kennedy Irobbins@nassaucountyny.gov	16 male/female (SD)	N/A
NYC	Crossroads 17 Bristol St. Brooklyn, NY 11212	24/7 intake number: 212 442-7100 Director: Aisha Shannon Aisha.Shannon@acs.nyc.gov	119 Male/Female (SD/SSD)	119 Male/Female (SD/SSD)
NYC	Horizon 560 Brook Ave Bronx, NY 10038	24/7 intake number: 718-292- 0065 Director: Aiyanna Allman- Wooten	121 Male/Female (SD/SSD)	121 Male/Female (SD/SSD)

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Westchester	Woodfield Juvenile	24/7 intake number 914-231-	24	24
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