

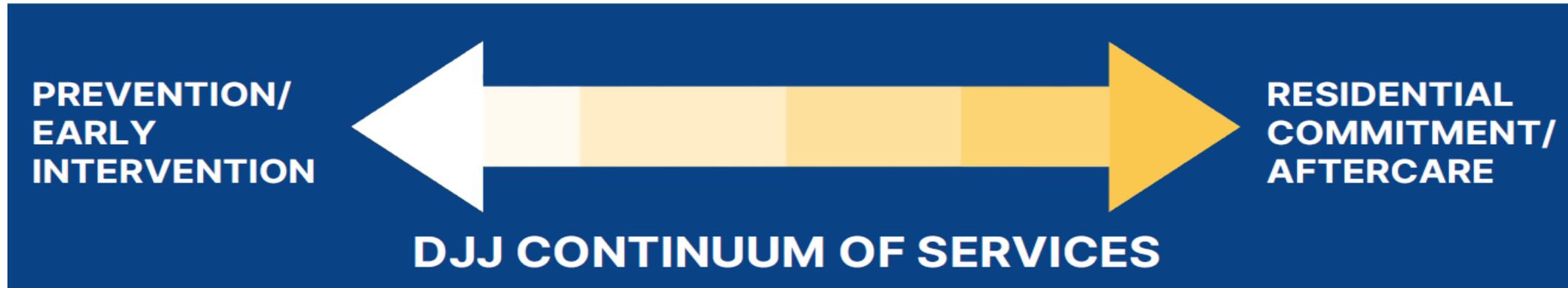


# Florida Scholars Academy

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Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

# Education Across the Department



# Education in Residential Programs

- In FY 2021-22, 2,338 youth were served across 44 residential programs.
- Residential facilities in 25 local school districts.
  - 14 districts directly provide educational services to students.
  - 11 districts contract with private educational providers to provide education.
- Education provided 250 days per year.



# Florida Scholars Academy

A single unified education system in DJJ residential programs, with a sole focus on providing this student population with a world-class education that meets their individual needs by embracing multiple educational pathways for students to succeed.

# Florida Scholars Academy

- Allows DJJ to contract with a single educational provider to operate the school on a statewide basis:
  - A state college or university.
  - A charter school network.
  - An existing public school district.
  - A private educational services provider with a proven track record of success.



# Embracing Individual Student Needs

- Placing a focus on educational pathways that meet the individual educational needs of students:
  - High school diploma.
  - High school equivalency diploma.
  - Enrollment in an educational program of study at a Florida technical or state college or university.
  - Attainment of industry-recognized credentials of value.



# Current Funding Model

- Reliance on the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) and traditional FTE counts.
- Economies of scale challenges.
- FEFP fund limitations and restrictions.



# Funding the Florida Scholars Academy

- Year One Funding: \$12 million recurring general revenue
- Year Two Funding: \$24.1 million total recurring funding
- Funding for instructional staff, special education, instructional materials and curriculum, among other educational expenses.

