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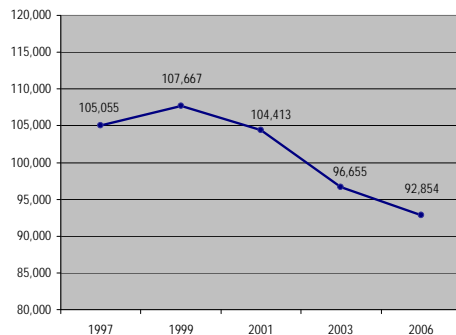
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Research Shows 10-Year Nationwide Decline in Youth in Custody in the Justice System

A review of data from OJJDP shows that overall numbers and rates of custody for youth have declined nationwide in the decade since 1997. NCCD examined custody trends by individual states, gender, race/ethnicity, and offense type. The data come from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Some of the findings are as follows:

- Nationwide, the decrease in youth custody from 1997 to 2006 was 12%. From the peak in 1999, the decrease was 14%.



- The decline in youth in custody is not attributable to youth being processed in the adult system; those numbers declined as well.
- Adult custody increased dramatically during this same period.
- Direction and amount of change varied among the states from an extreme increase of 108% in Idaho, to an extreme decrease of 49% in Louisiana.
- The number of boys in placement decreased 13% from 1997 to 2006; the number of girls decreased only 2%.

Barry Krisberg, President, of NCCD is available to comment on these findings and other aspects of youth custody trends. He can be reached at 510-208-0500 x311, bkrisberg@aol.com

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