



Let's not make a bad situation worse.

Privatizing youth facility programs may lead to abuse, corruption and higher costs.

Effective treatment for troubled youth requires a commitment to consistency and quality services — services best provided by the state workforce. The New York State Executive Budget lays out plans to privatize the operation of minimum-security youth facility programs — a practice that is failing miserably in other parts of the country. Youths in privatized facilities face abuse, neglect and rape.

- ✓ **A 17-year-old girl dies in an Arkansas privatized facility after nurses disregard the girl's repeated collapsing and complaints of illness.**
- ✓ **A 16-year-old girl is raped at a privatized Santa Fe County youth development program in New Mexico.**
- ✓ **Inappropriate sexual contact with female detainees by male staffers took place at the privately run Marion County Juvenile Justice Complex in Indiana.**

✓ **In Arkansas, a juvenile on suicide watch hangs himself, while private-sector workers sleep on the job.**

✓ **Incompetence, misconduct and violence led to the firing of 200 employees at privatized Florida juvenile centers.**

Privatizing youth centers will cost the state more money.*

Don't make a bad situation worse.

Tell the NYS Division of Budget to stop the privatization of state youth facilities. Ensure New York's troubled youth get the treatment they need.

* "The Effectiveness of Juvenile Correctional Facilities: Public Versus Private Management," Yale University Economic Growth Center.

GO PUBLIC
INVEST IN PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
www.stopprivatization.com
NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FEDERATION, AFL-CIO