



## Report praises Ohio's efforts to shrink juvenile prisons

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COLUMBUS — A report is praising Ohio's approach to reducing its juvenile prison population by shifting more offenders into local community centers and out of state-run facilities.

The Department of Youth Services now houses fewer than 700 inmates, a third of what Ohio used to hold in juvenile detention centers.

The report filed Thursday in federal court in Columbus says two different programs for placing young offenders in community centers have produced impressive results.

The report by a court-appointed monitor says the transfers to local centers also have resulted in fewer children committing new crimes on release and has led to improvements in offenders' mental health.

The reports are part of a review system stemming from a 2004 lawsuit that alleged a culture of violence permeated the state's youth prisons.

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Here is we...."local community centers"

where is the one in Canton Ohio?

we must monitor these dems....

johnboy 5 days ago Report Abuse

The state just wants to decrease their financial burden by transferring it to local communities. I don't think for even one minute that the people in Columbus care about these kids. A report can be written to support any point of view. The culture of violence was probably because DYS houses many violent offenders.

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The state pulled this same deal,when it run the mentally ill out of state run facilities. Ask the cop who got the stuffing knocked out of him, with a bat, how that worked out for him.

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