

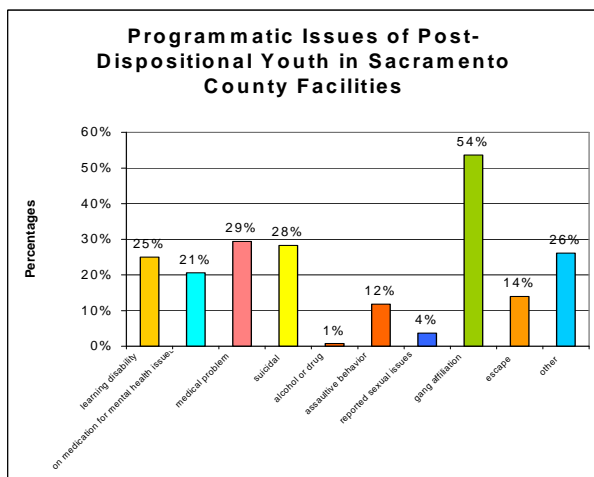
## Sacramento County, California Commitment Facilities Feasibility Study

### Project Description:

Teamed with a San Francisco based architect, an MGA principal was commissioned by Sacramento County to study its post-adjudicated delinquent population, and develop a plan regarding and programs and facilities that served that population.

### Services Delivered:

- Profiling and projecting youth in custody to help determine implications on categories of youth, and appropriate programs and buildings for each category.
- For example, on average youth were 3 years behind academically; hence, smaller classes and classrooms were needed for many.
- Evaluating one campus style, multiple building facility and two single building facilities, with a focus on determining the extent to which existing spaces were appropriate for the youth, programs, supervision, behavioral change, safety, and security.
- Formulating recommendations regarding remodeling and new construction to meet current and future needs, to comply with standards, and to meet objectives such as facilitating family reintegration
- This impacted the location of facilities and types of visiting and classroom spaces.
- Assisting the architect and client with developing and critiquing conceptual design options for each of the three existing facilities.



Data on the youth in custody was gathered and analyzed; this prompted recommendations on significant changes to programs and spaces for these programs.



Some of the housing units were very institutional, and the unit sizes greatly exceeded standards. This may have negatively impacted staff-youth communications, and may have contributed to negative behaviors such as running away, which had been prevalent.