

**City of Philadelphia Department of Human Services New Youth Center Facility
Program Plan**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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In March 2001, the City of Philadelphia contracted with Chinn Planning, Inc. to develop an operational and architectural program for a new 150-bed juvenile detention facility. The existing juvenile detention facility, built in 1952, is in poor physical condition despite numerous renovations over fifty years. The existing facility layout is also inefficient, and does not reflect current “best practices” for juvenile detention facility operation and design.

The intent of the City of Philadelphia for the programming phase of the project was to determine the specific components to be included in the facility, the operational requirements of those components, the specific spatial and functional requirements, and the estimated cost to construct and operate the facility. During the pro-

gramming process it was determined that, in addition to juvenile detention, the new facility would house the juvenile court (detention and preliminary hearings), juvenile court intake and diversion programs, and the community-based detention alternative program. A specific site had not been selected prior to the completion of the program. The square footage requirement, conceptual building and “stacking” concepts, and site evaluation criteria developed in the programming phase will assist the City of Philadelphia in selecting a site.

Based on the architectural program, a total of 138,000 gross square feet of space was determined, with estimated project costs at \$37,000,000.

