

Department of Health and Human Services  
Division of Child and Family Services  
2007-2009 Capital Improvement Project Requests

The Governor's Budget includes two Capital Improvement Projects for the Division of Child and Family Services:

- Construction, Project C26, Desert Willow Treatment Center  
The addition of 7,500 square feet to Desert Willow Treatment Center
- Maintenance, Project M27, Summit View Youth Correctional Center  
Replacement and addition of existing security cameras, channel recorder, and software in the security control system of the Summit View Youth Correctional Center

Other Projects

- Statewide ADA Project S02  
Projects 403, 443, and 444

## DESERT WILLOW TREATMENT CENTER

### Project Number 522

#### Introduction

The Desert Willow Treatment Center is a 58-bed psychiatric hospital providing mental health services in a secure environment to children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances. It offers five programs that serve children and adolescents 6 through 17 years of age. The facility contains five patient housing units, a multi-purpose room, an occupational kitchen, five academic classrooms, a common dining area, and a patient garden area. It is the only State run child and adolescent psychiatric hospital in Nevada.

The Desert Willow Treatment Center is the only facility that cares for uninsured children and for children who are rejected by private facilities due to their very challenging, usually aggressive, behaviors.

#### History

The Desert Willow Treatment Center was constructed in 1998 and consists of 58 beds divided into five units: a children's acute unit consisting of eight beds; an adolescent acute unit consisting of twelve beds; two residential treatment units consisting of twenty-four beds, and a specialized residential treatment unit for male juvenile sex offenders consisting of fourteen beds. Desert Willow has been running at or near full capacity in the two existing acute care units. Due to unprecedented growth in the Las Vegas area, acute psychiatric beds are not available to meet the immediate critical needs of many children and adolescents: there have been as many as 21 children and adolescents waiting for an available psychiatric bed at Desert Willow. Further, the Clark County Child Death Review Team has identified child and adolescent suicide as a critical area requiring additional resources to support the addition of inpatient psychiatric beds. The needs of children for acute psychiatric care are increasing and there are insufficient resources available to the children and adolescents of Nevada. Frequently, children are held in hospital emergency rooms awaiting a bed in a psychiatric acute facility. Desert Willow Treatment Center is the only

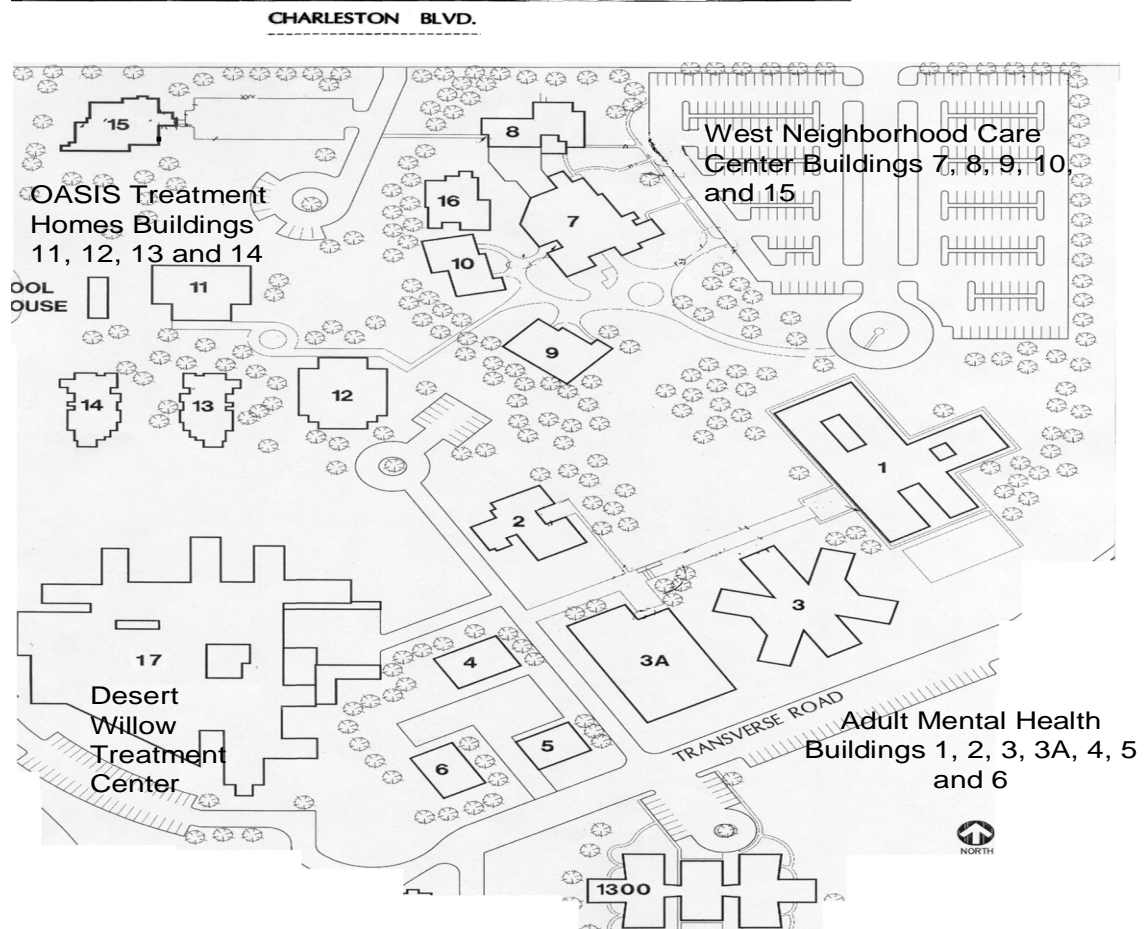
facility that cares for uninsured children and for children who have been rejected by private facilities due to their very challenging, usually aggressive, behaviors.

### Desert Willow Expansion

This project adds a total of 7,500 square feet to the existing Desert Willow Treatment Center located at the West Charleston campus in Las Vegas. The project will provide twelve acute care psychiatric beds for children and adolescents. The expansion also includes the addition of three offices to house a Clinical Social Worker, a Psychiatric Caseworker, and an Administrative Assistant (this space will also be used as individual therapy room as needed). The project will provide a classroom and an activity area for twelve children, two teachers, and two technicians. Additionally, the project will include a:

- Quiet Area
- Nursing area to accommodate up to five staff
- Locked medication room
- Kitchen with a refrigerator, microwave, sink, and unit for snack preparation
- Dining area to accommodate twelve patients
- Day area to accommodate twelve patients
- Outside patio area
- Janitorial closet with a sink

This project is estimated to cost \$11,201,981.



West Charleston Campus

## SUMMIT VIEW CORRECTIONAL CENTER

### Project Number M27

#### Introduction

The 96-bed Summit View Youth Correctional Center is located in Clark County near Nellis Air Force Base and is a maximum-security juvenile correctional facility owned and operated by the State of Nevada. Summit View provides a maximum-security sanction to hold young male offenders, that are between the ages of 12 and 18, accountable for their delinquent behavior and provides protection for the public while providing services for youth incarcerated in the facility. The services provided range from an accredited academic program that meets the requirements of the Nevada Department of Education to case management and individual treatment plans provided by degreed professionals. The facility may have 40 to 50 staff members on site at any given time, and there are approximately 25 to 50 visitors on weekends. The maximum number of youth present at any given time is between 90 and 100, and an effective surveillance system is critical to the Center's operation.

#### History

Senate Bill 495 was passed by the 1997 Legislature giving the Departments of Administration and Human Resources the authority to privately construct and operate a maximum security juvenile correctional facility in Clark County. The facility was originally operated by a private corporation for the State of Nevada from February, 1999 until June, 2001. Summit View was subsequently closed and the facility was reopened by the State on January 26, 2004. The surveillance systems currently in use at the facility are the remains of the equipment abandoned by the corporation that previously ran the facility. The current system provides images that are of such poor quality that identification of subjects is not possible. The current software is MS-DOS based and has not been supported by Microsoft since 1999. The system does not run on hardware faster than 200 MHz, and the existing channel recorder is not compatible with new software.

#### Summit View Surveillance System

This project will upgrade the existing security system and install a total of 35 surveillance cameras and recording to the housing units, dayrooms, seven classrooms, hallways, close watch rooms and two dining rooms. The channel recorder and computer in main control will be replaced. Digital Video recording that is connected to the various surveillance locations will be added for all cameras on the premises. There are currently 39 cameras installed and in use. Touch screen human machine interfaces will be upgraded and replaced as the original software is no longer supported, and requires antiquated hardware.

The cost of this project is estimated at \$749,471.

#### STATEWIDE ADA PROJECTS

##### Project Number S02

##### 403, 443 and 444

The State Public Works Board Statewide ADA includes three projects for the Division of Child and Family Services. These projects will address ADA compliance issues for buildings 9, 10 and 16 on the West Charleston Campus. Currently the buildings are used to house the Division's West Neighborhood Care Center program and are accessed by the public. Projects will address the accessible parking, remodeling the restrooms, making the interior paths of travel accessible, changing door hardware, casework alterations, kitchen appliance change outs, and various electrical work and ADA ramps.