

STATE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

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LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MISSION & ROLE



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Mission Commitment

- To protect, promote, and improve the health and well-being of all we are called to serve.

Role

- State Health Care Facilities act as **specialized resident care settings** for the state's most vulnerable population.

Potential Community Impact Without These Facilities

- Increase in the homeless rate, which is currently at **0.08%**.
- Increase in emergency department utilization, which is currently **60%**.
- Decreased support to families with limited options.



*Central Louisiana State Hospital
staff on Behavioral Health Day*

MISSION & ROLE

Eastern Louisiana Mental Health System (Jackson)

- Established in 1848, this 24-hour facility for adults provides:
 - **Inpatient psychiatric care;**
 - **Forensic services;** and
 - **Community housing** (Forensic Supervised Transitional Residential Aftercare program and Intermediate Care Facilities group homes.)
- Clients are primarily referred through the court systems.



Eastern Louisiana Mental Health System

MISSION & ROLE

Central Louisiana State Hospital (Pineville)

- Established in 1906, this 24-hour hospital provides **inpatient psychiatric care** for adults.



Central Louisiana State Hospital

Pinecrest Supports and Services Center (Pineville)

- Established in 1921, this 24-hour intermediate care facility provides support for residents with **developmental and cognitive disabilities** for ages 12 and up.



Pinecrest Supports and Services Center

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Central Louisiana Supports and Services Center (Alexandria)

- Established in 1947, this 24-hour intermediate care facility provides support for medically complex residents with **severe orthopedic or neurological impairment with developmental and cognitive disabilities** for ages 2 and up.



Central Louisiana Supports and Services Center

Villa Feliciana Medical Complex (Jackson)

- Established in 1964, this 24-hour **acute care nursing home** provides care for adults who are **unable to care for themselves and/or with serious mental illness**.
- Villa Feliciana is the state's only **inpatient tuberculosis unit**.



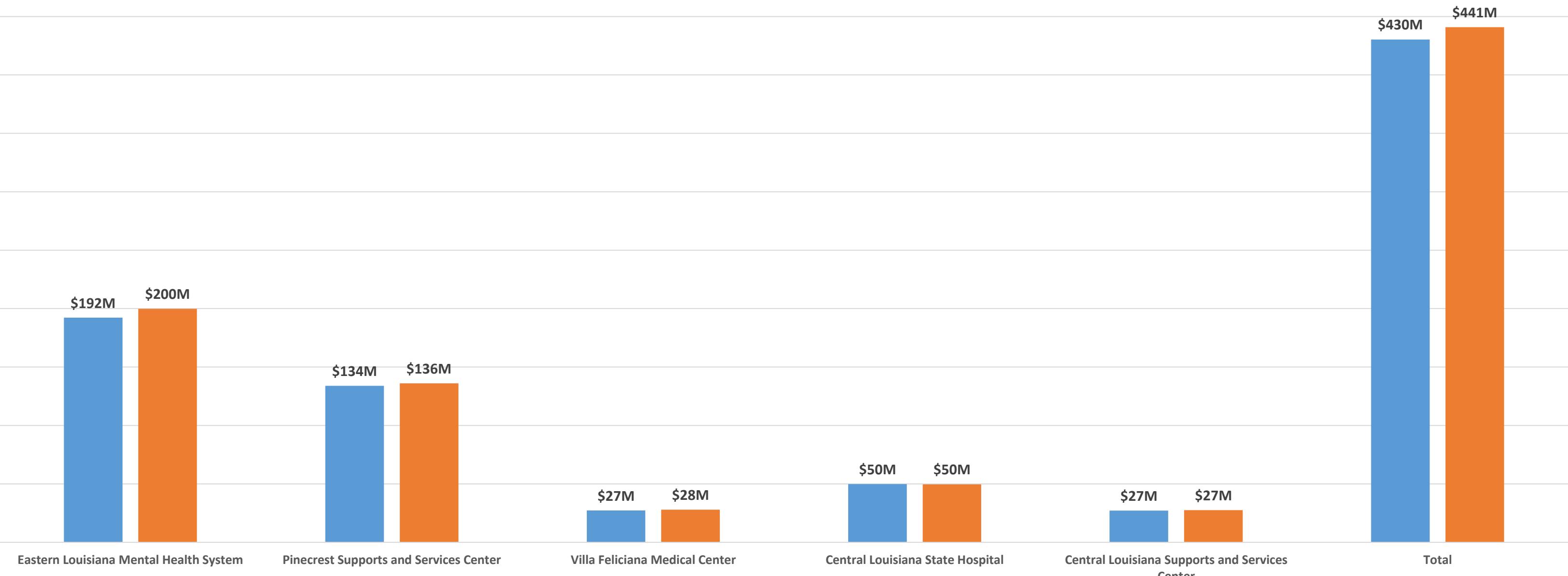
Villa Feliciana Medical Complex

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP



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TOTAL FUNDING AT STATE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

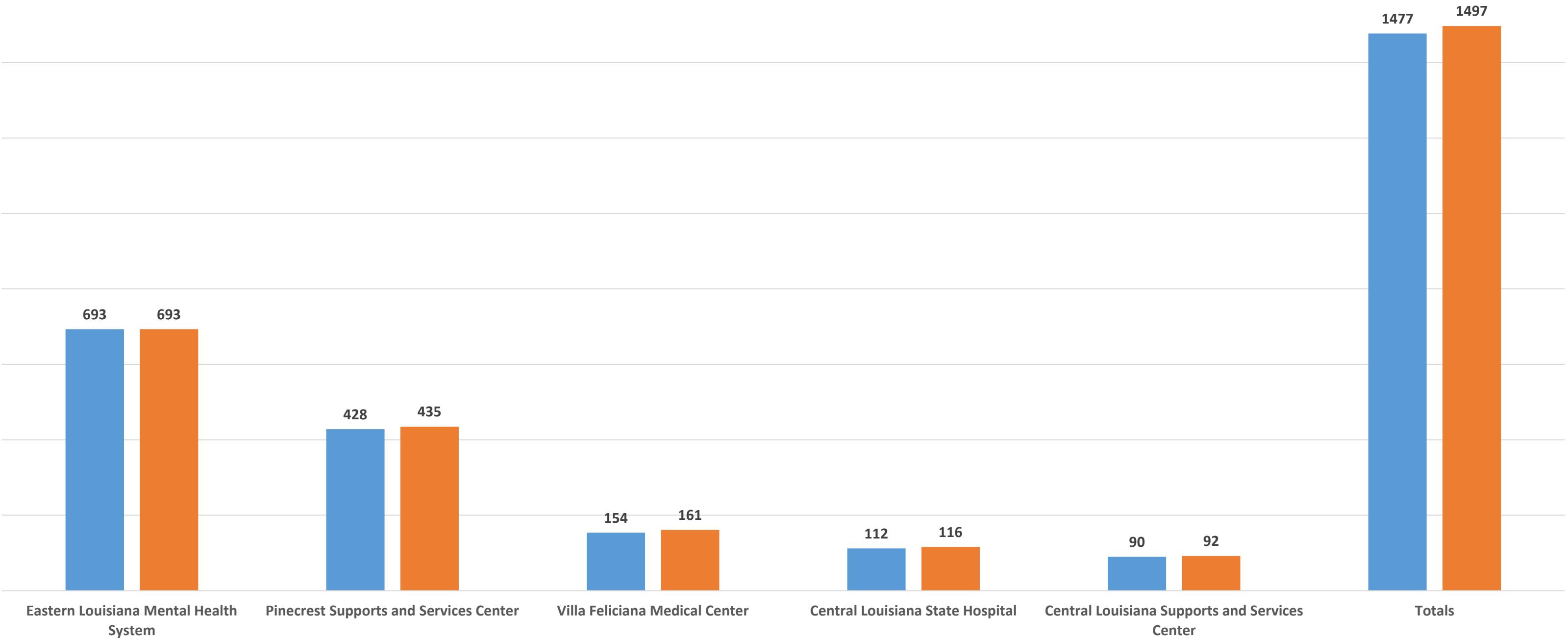


\$260M or 59% Medicaid Funded

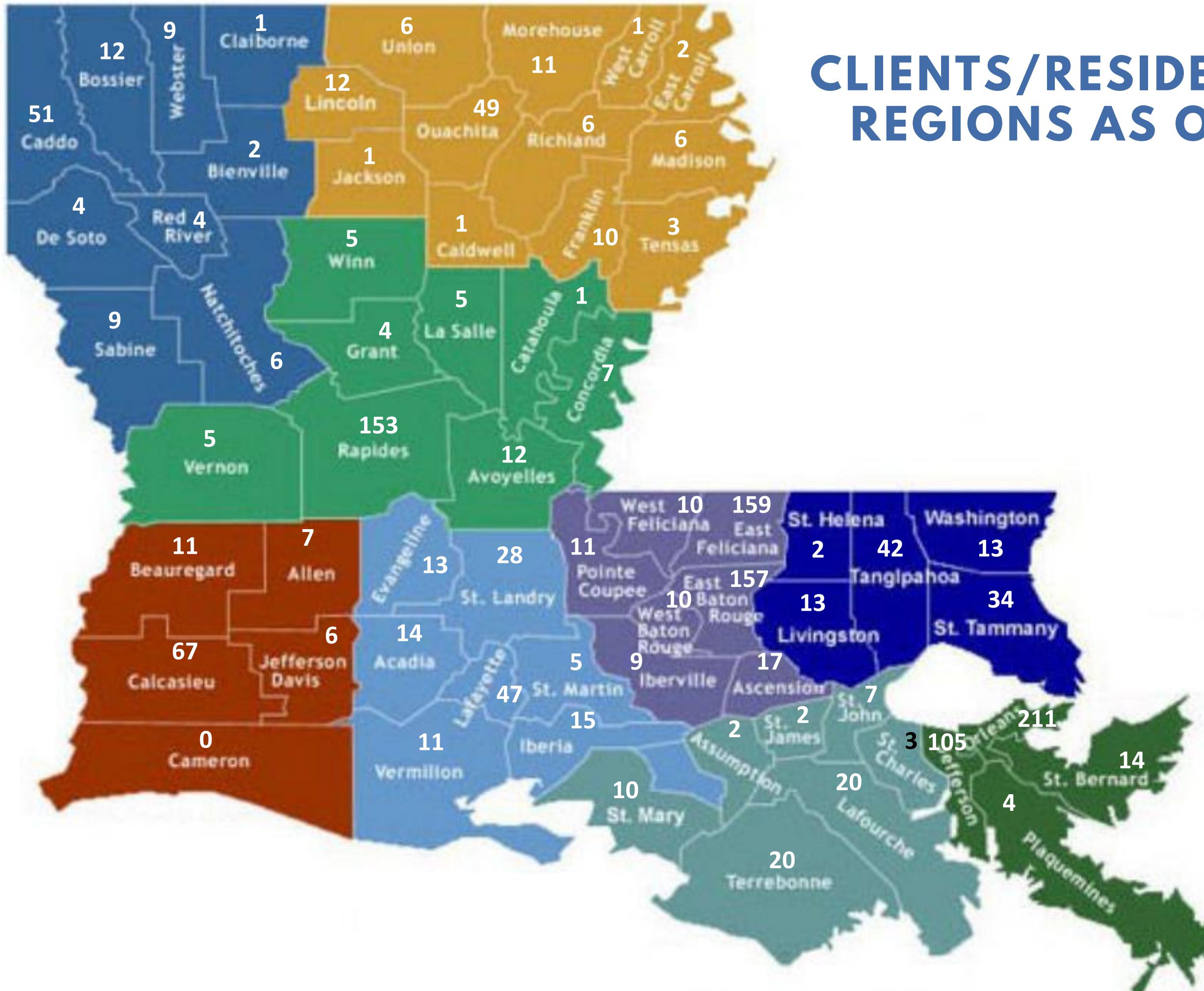
■ 2024 ■ 2025

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Total Patients Served At State Health Care Facilities
Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 (monthly average)



■ 2024 ■ 2025



CLIENTS/RESIDENTS BY PARISHES & REGIONS AS OF DECEMBER 2025

Region 1	334
Region 2	373
Region 3	64
Region 4	133
Region 5	91
Region 6	192
Region 7	98
Region 8	108
Region 9	104
TOTAL	1,497

2026 STRATEGIES & PRIORITIES



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Improving Health Outcomes

- Implement an electronic health record (EHR) application by **March 31, 2027**, providing:
 - Real-time access to client/resident information; and
 - Standardization of clinical and evidence-based interventions to ensure the clients/residents receive the appropriate level of care.



2026 STRATEGIES & PRIORITIES

Improving Health Outcomes (Cont.)

- Develop an internal shared service model by **December 31, 2026**, decreasing duplicative administrative service functions (IT, HR).
- Supplies and services contract savings opportunities of **3%** year over year (**\$1.5 million**).
 - Leverage the state health care facilities' total volume to obtain more cost-effective pricing while not sacrificing the quality of services being provided.



2026 STRATEGIES & PRIORITIES

Dependence to Independence

- Develop and expand an external provider network by *October 1, 2026*, increasing access for clients/residents for whom the state is unable to provide immediate services.



2026 STRATEGIES & PRIORITIES

Patients Over Bureaucracy

- Form an **official LDH program office** for the state health care facilities by **July 1, 2026**:
 - Creating a health system to assist with appropriate placement of clients/residents;
 - Improving coordination of procurement, capital planning, and maintenance of state health care facilities; and
 - Allowing for sharing of staff across state health care facilities within the same market.



CLIENT/RESIDENT IMPACT & ENGAGEMENT



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- **3,267** full-time employed team members who care for **1,497** clients/residents daily
- Increased engagement with parent associations and families
- Routine leadership visits throughout the year



Residents celebrate the holidays at Central Louisiana Supports and Services Center

CLIENT/RESIDENT IMPACT & ENGAGEMENT

- Paul Berry was admitted to Pinecrest Supports and Services Center in 1966 when he was 8 years old. Due to his disabilities, Paul's family was unable to provide the supports he needed to reach potential. Thus, Paul's mother made the difficult decision to send Paul to Pinecrest.
- In the 59 years Paul has resided at Pinecrest, he has received daily active treatment and training, along with life enrichment activities. He also routinely engaged in community events. These interventions have made an undeniable positive impact on Paul and his family.
- The following is a letter of praise for Pinecrest from Paul's sister, Marilyn Berry Smith, sent to A Voice of Reason (VOR) and published on its website on October 28, 2025. VOR is a nonprofit organization advocating for the families of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism.



*Pinecrest Supports and Services
Center resident Paul Berry*

October 28, 2025

Dear Mr. Dwyer,

My brother Paul has been at Pinecrest since he was 8 yrs old.

My mother made a decision to send him and to Pinecrest and it was a great decision. Paul was able to do things at Pinecrest that he could not have done living with us at home. He went on field trips and did a lot of fun things.

Paul is now 67 and he is very happy at Pinecrest. Although he has a few medical issues, the staff takes excellent care of him. They always let us know if he is suffering with a medical condition.

My family and I would appreciate if you could work to keep Pinecrest open for the future. I don't know what we would have done without Pinecrest.

Thank you,
Marilyn Berry Smith



THANK YOU

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