

Juvenile Justice Policy and Data Board

Board Meeting

March 28, 2024

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of December Meeting Minutes
3. Updates from the OCA
4. MYDP Year 2 Data & Update
5. 2023-2024 Work Plan Updates
6. Board Member Updates

OCA Announcements

1. CTTF Transition
2. OCA Webinar
3. Legislative Updates

OCA Public Webinar

- Friday May 10th 1-2pm
- Presentation of the FY23 juvenile justice system data & 2023-2024 JJPAD Board work plan
- Q&A

Feel free to share with
your networks!

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Legislative Updates

An Act regarding families and children in need of assistance (H.134/S.101)

- Reported favorably by CFPD & sent to Ways & Means

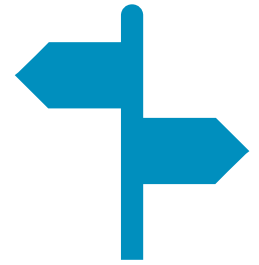
An Act promoting diversion of juveniles to community supervision and services (H.1495/S.940)

- Extension order (until 4/30/2024)

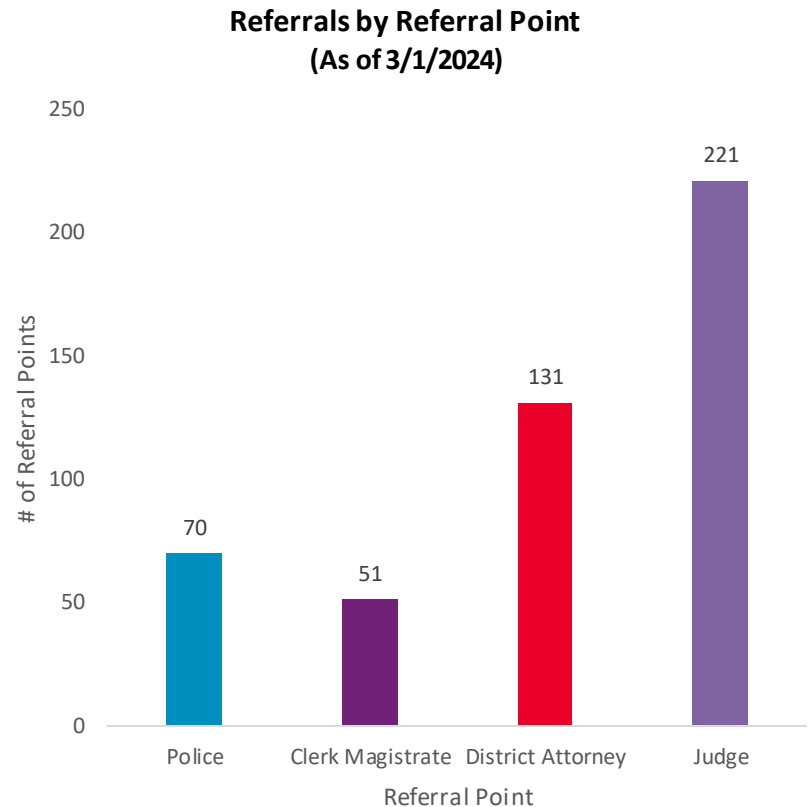
An Act updating bail procedures for justice-involved youth (H.1494/S.993)

- Extension order filed (until 4/30/2024) but budget inclusion

Massachusetts Youth Diversion Program (MYDP) Updates

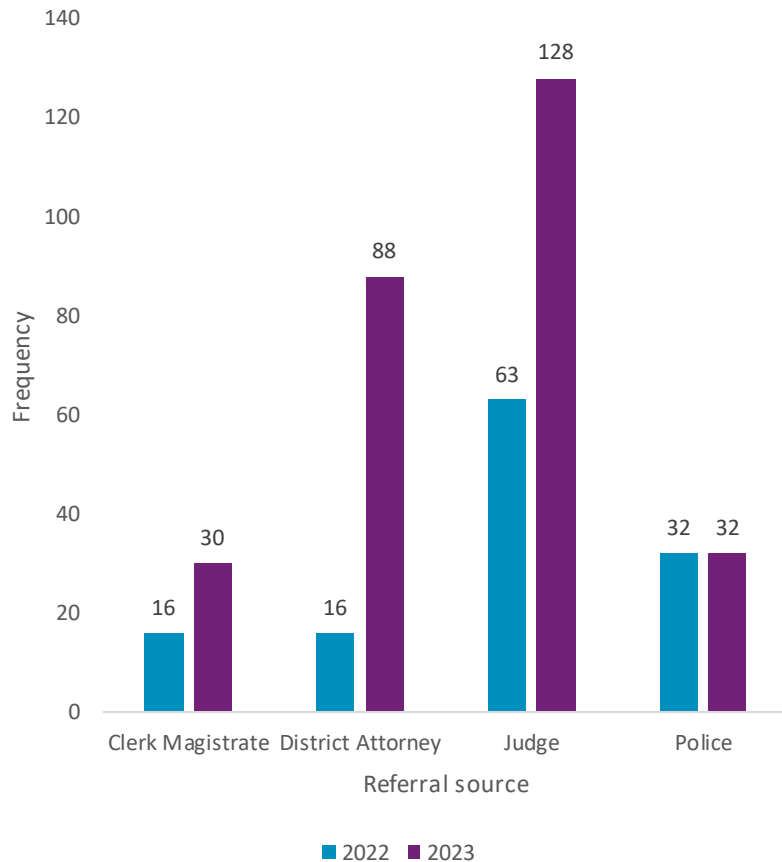


- As of 3/1 the program has received referrals and enrolled **358** participants. Of those enrolled, **259** youth have successfully completed the program and **90** are currently on track to complete the program in the coming weeks and months
- MYDP is **currently operational in five counties**: Worcester, Essex, Middlesex, Hampden, and Plymouth and ramping up **two new sites** in Bristol and Barnstable Counties
- OCA to release “Year 2 Data Report”
- ForHealth Consulting at UMass evaluation of program ongoing



Between CY22 & CY23, referrals increased by 119%

Referrals by referral source (CY22-CY23)

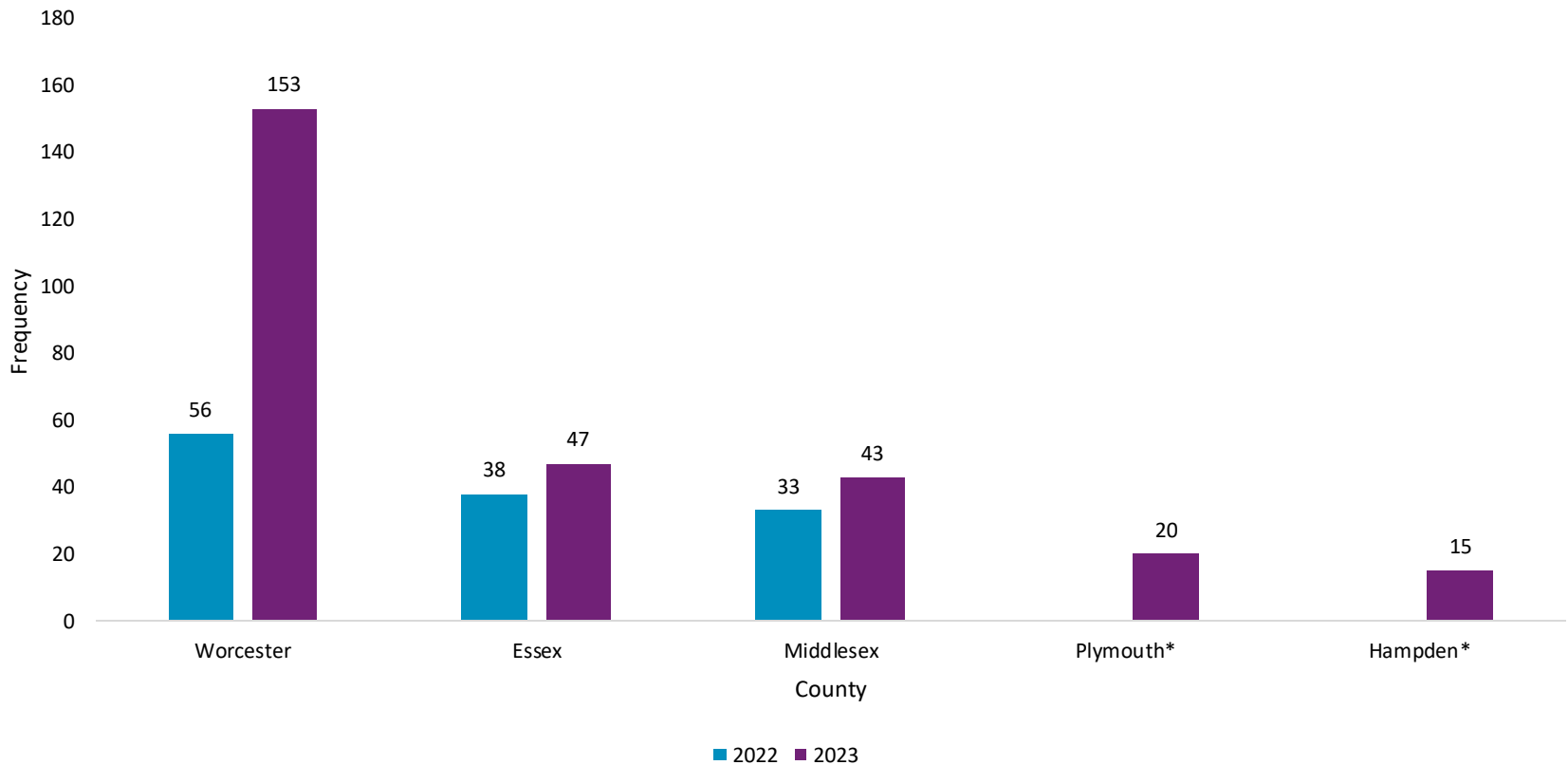


278 Total Referrals

- Judges represented 46% (n=128) of total referrals
- 54% (n=151) of referrals were for persons related offenses
- 55% (n=153) of referrals were from Worcester County

In all three pilot “Learning Lab” sites, referrals increased between CY22 and CY23

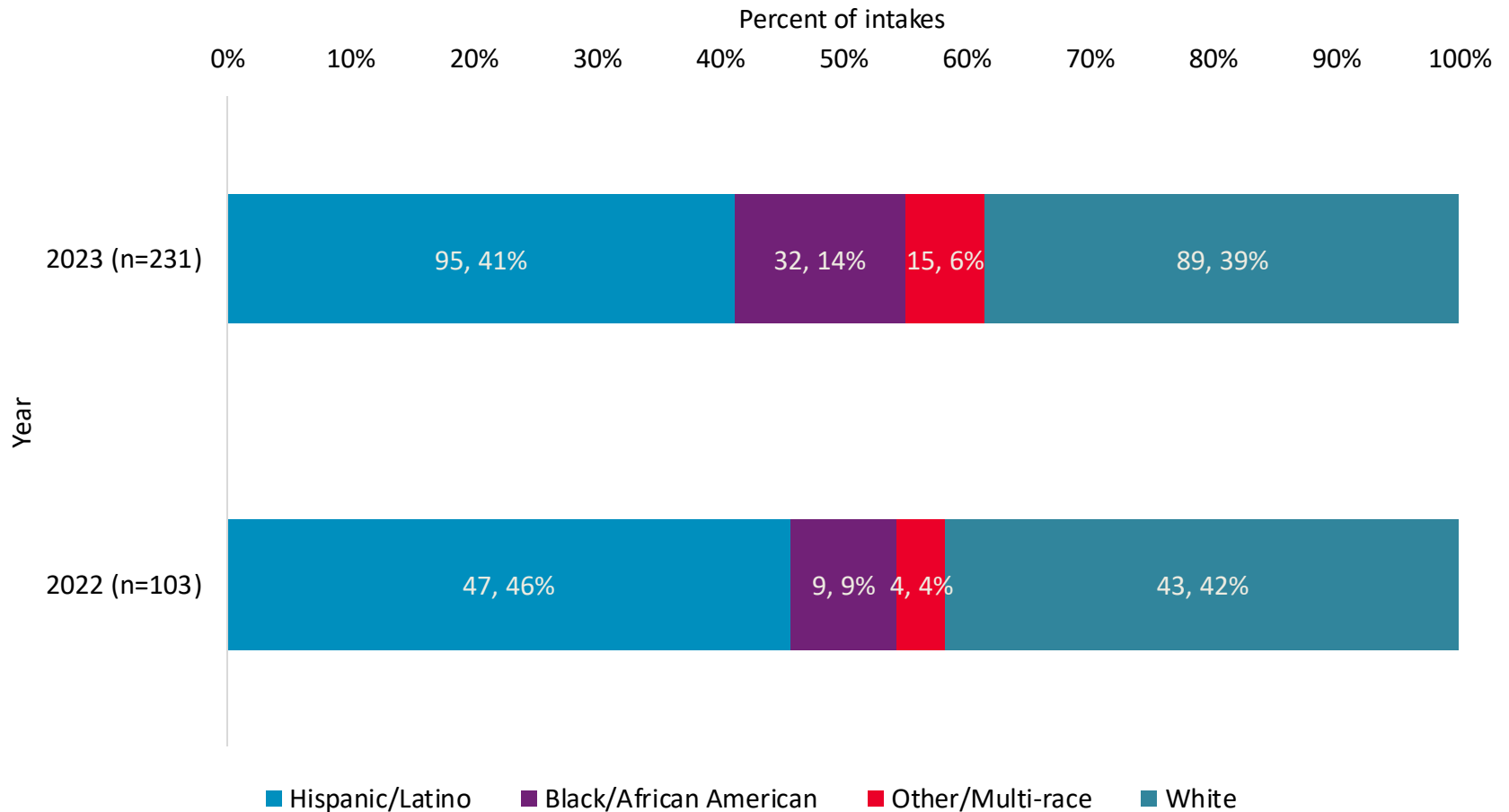
Referrals by county (CY22-CY23)



*Plymouth and Hampden Counties launched January 2023

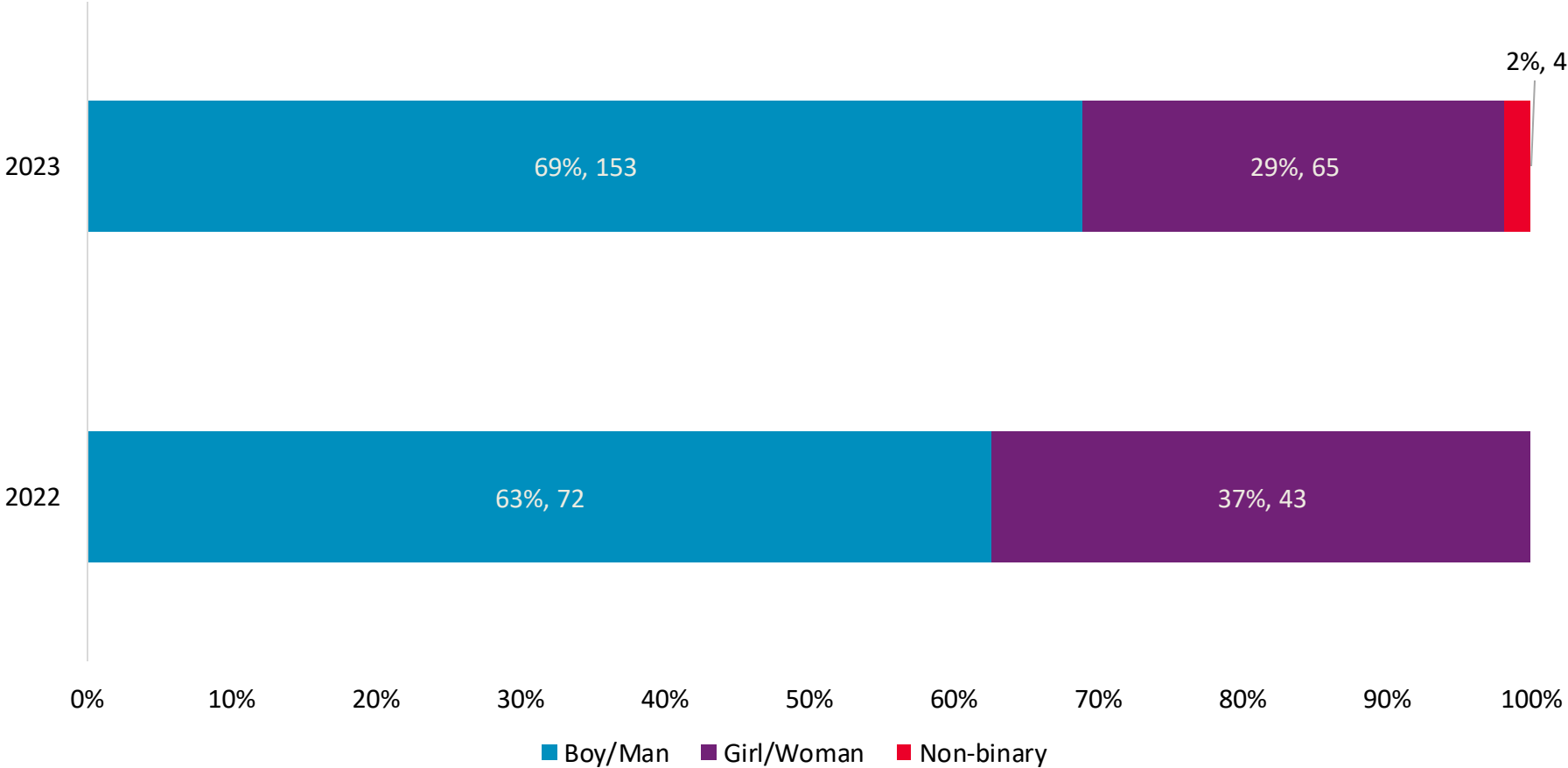
Compared to CY22, both Black and other / multiracial youth represented a larger percent of total intakes

MYDP youth intakes by race/ethnicity (CY22-CY23)



Compared to CY22, girls made up a smaller percent of total intakes

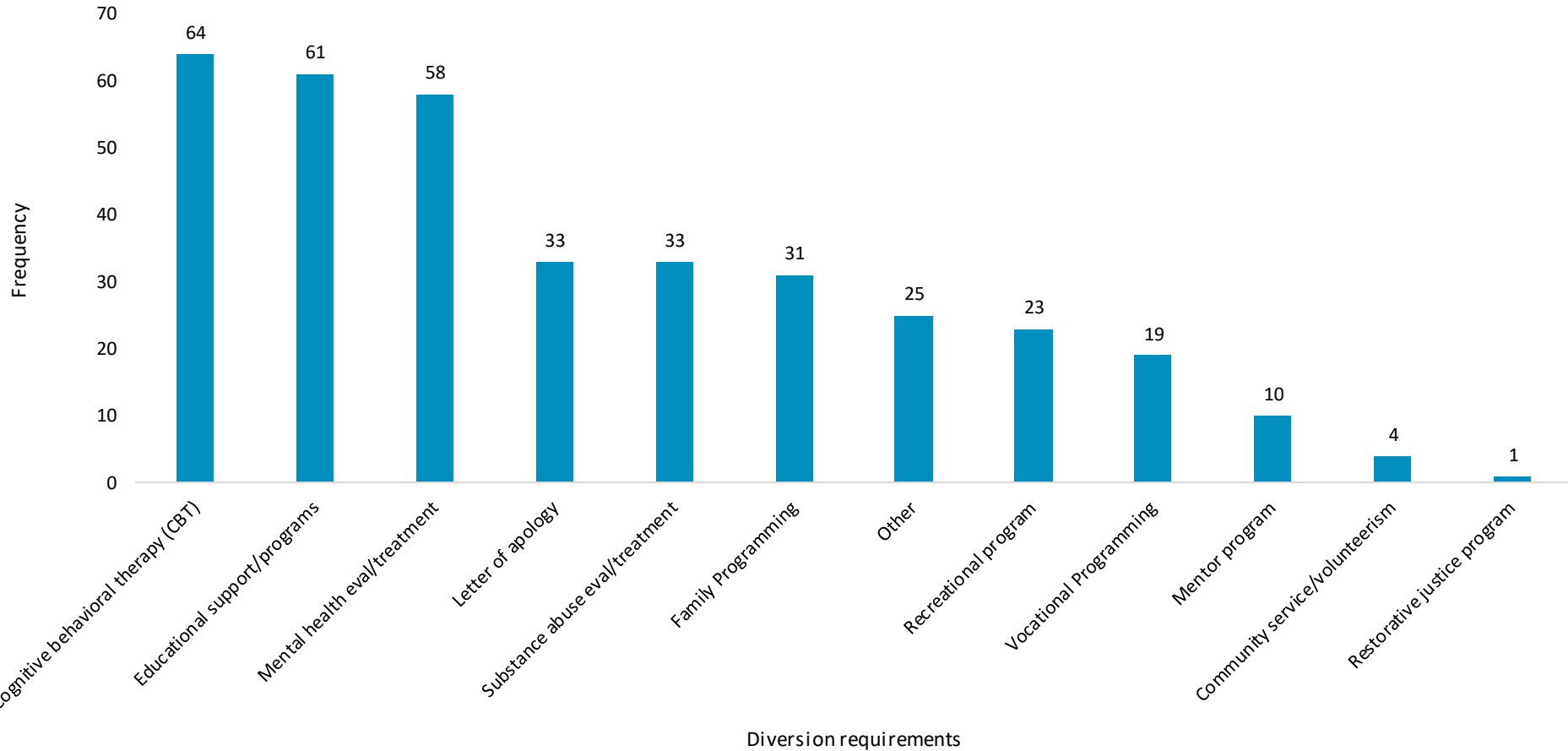
MYDP youth intakes by gender identity (CY22-CY23)



LGBTQ: 6% (n=15) identified as LGBTQ+ in FY23

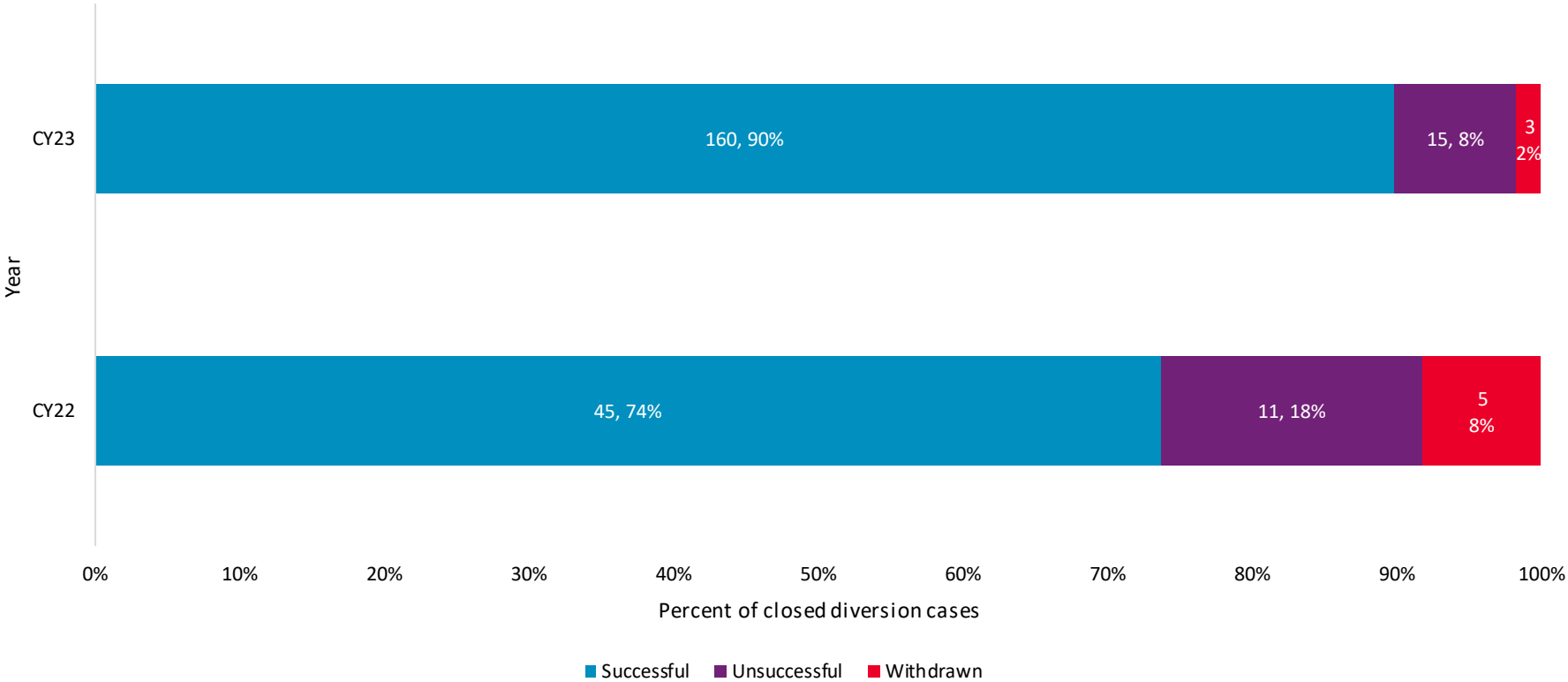
The top three diversion requirements focused on connecting youth to BH or educational supports/services

CY23 diversion requirements



In CY23, 90% (n=160) of diversion cases closed successfully, up from 74% (n=45) in CY22

Cases closures by status (CY22-CY23)



2023-2024 Work Plan & Project Updates

Juvenile Pretrial Phase: 2023 Recap

Stakeholder presentations to the CBI Subcommittee

- YAD presented on juvenile court pretrial process
- DYS presented on juvenile pretrial detention case process and practice
- MPS presented on pretrial monitoring/supervision process and practice

Stakeholder Interviews

- 30 interviews conducted representing judges, probation, defense attorneys, state agencies and the advocacy community

What we're hearing in interviews

There is a mismatch between policy and practice across this phase

Many people think there needs to be more consistency in condition setting at this stage

Many feel that GPS is not being used appropriately (i.e., reasons & length of time)

The “menu” of pretrial options creates confusion and variability in practice across the state

Many feel that 58A hearings are not being used appropriately

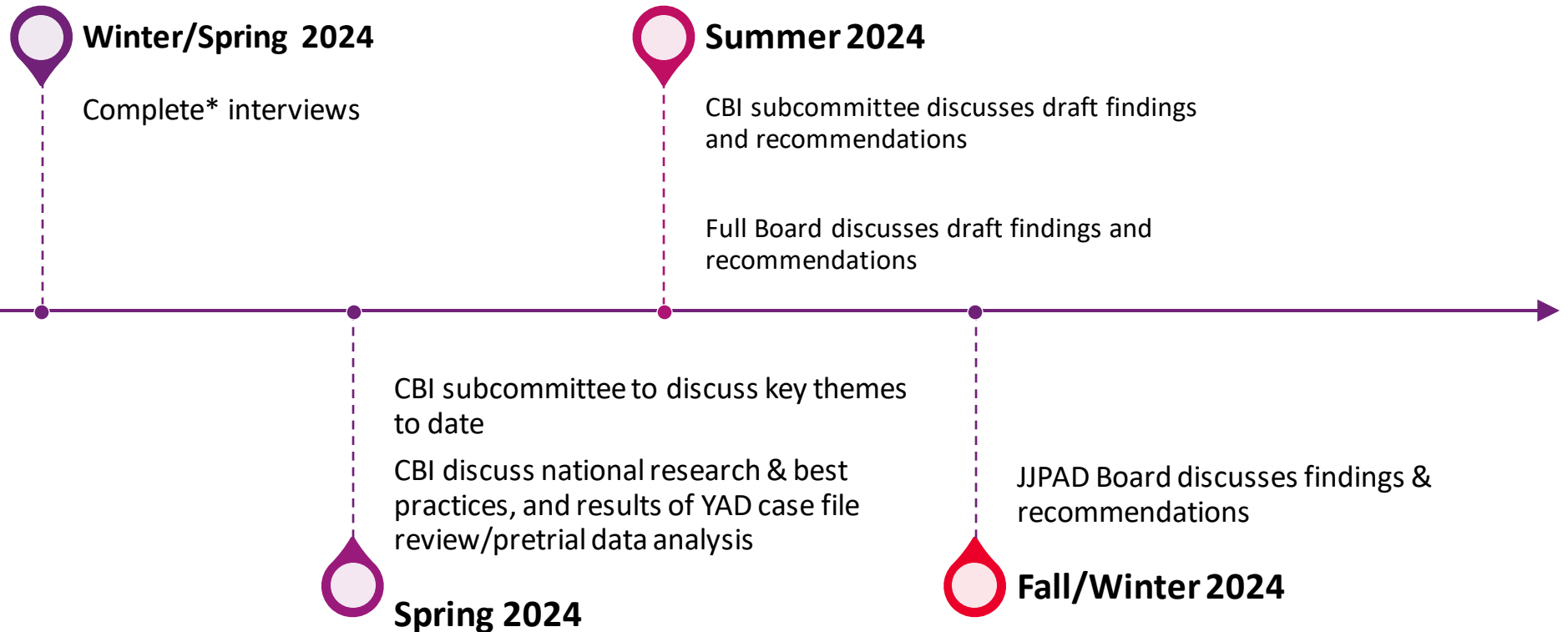
This phase can last a long time and may negatively impact the youth

What's ahead

2024

- Interviews with MPS, MPS Victim Services, Young Adults
- YAD Survey
- National landscape review in what other states are doing re: pretrial detention vs. probation; bail; conditions
- Review of relevant MA policies

Pretrial Timeline



*We always welcome continued interviews throughout the research process.

DIY: 2023 Recap

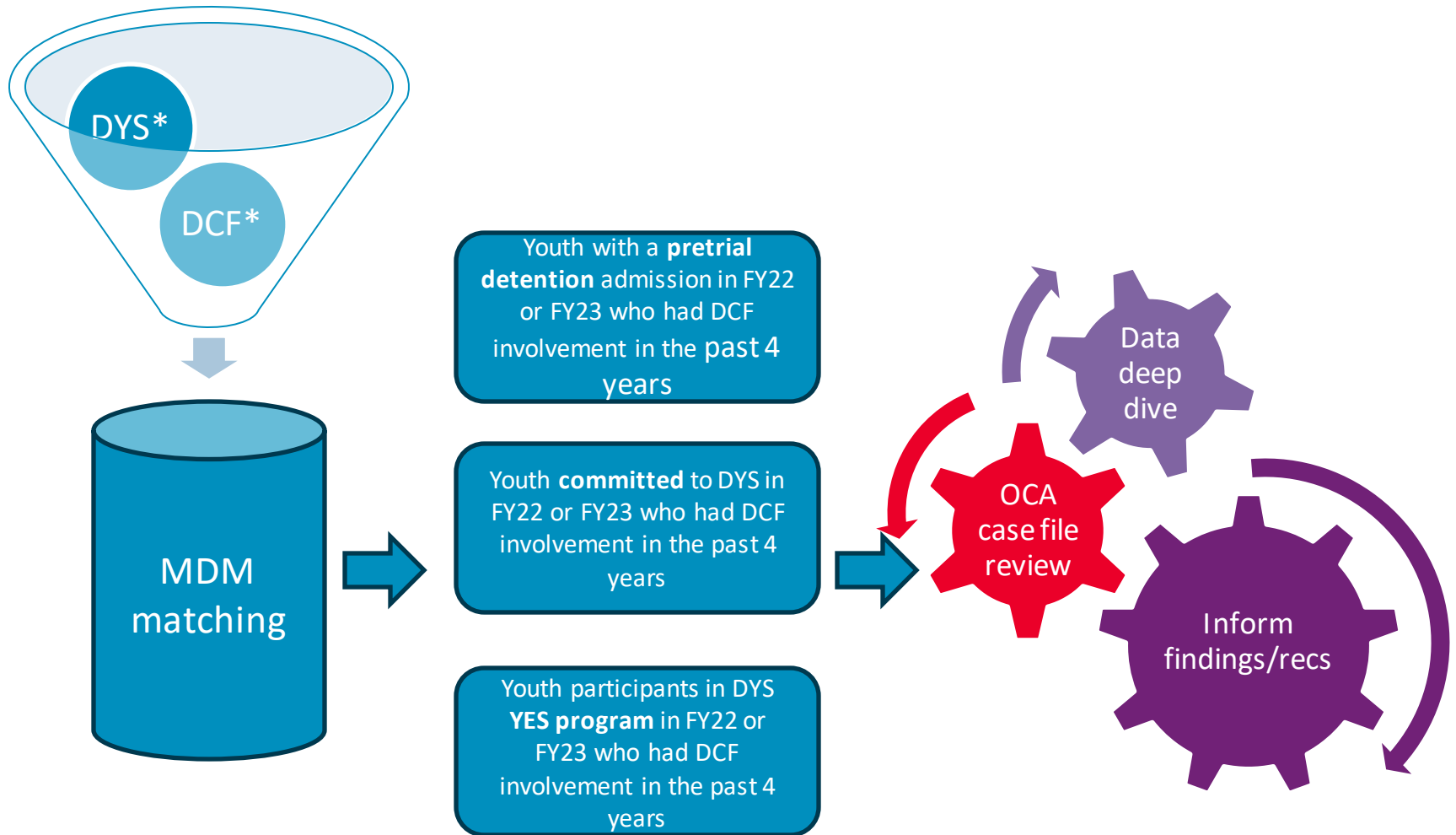
Data

- Research methods presentation to the Data Subcommittee
- Preliminary data discussion

Stakeholder Interviews

- 42 interviews conducted representing judges, probation, defense attorneys, state agencies, providers and the advocacy community

DIY data matching process



Data Elements For Each Youth Identified

DCF Measures

- Demographics
- Geography
- DCF contact/Case information
- DCF Placement information
- Youth needs, supports and interventions
- Family needs, supports and interventions

DYS Measures

- Demographics
- Geography
- Delinquency case information
- Needs, supports and interventions
- DYS placement information

Case file review

Questions related to the alleged delinquency

- Where, physically, did the arrest take place?
- What were the events leading up to the arrest? Was there any evidence of behavior escalation?
- Is there any documentation that speaks to the decision-making process on why youth were detained (or committed)?

Questions related to the youth's life in recent years

- Were there any other significant life events (good, bad, neutral) in the past year?
- What services/supports was the youth involved in during the past year?
- Is there any evidence this youth experienced challenges in the past year accessing certain services?
- What other state agencies have been involved in the youth's family's life in the past year?

What's ahead

2024

- Case file review & data analysis
- National landscape review in what other states are doing re: prevention, reentry & community supports
- Interviews with DCF & Young Adults
- Review of relevant MA policies

Subcommittee Work Plans

CBI Subcommittee

Spring

- Pretrial key themes to date
- Pretrial national research & best practices and results of YAD case file review/ data analysis

Summer

- Pretrial findings and recommendations discussion
- Finalize pretrial draft findings & recommendations for the Board

Fall

- DIY key themes to date and (TBD) data deep dive analysis

Winter

- (TBD) Finalize DIY draft findings & recommendations for the Board

Data Subcommittee

Spring

- Pretrial data analysis

Early Fall

- Reviews analysis of DIY data deep dive and CFR

Late Fall

- FY24 Data Analysis

Winter

- 2024 Annual Report Data Review

Full Board

Summer

- Pretrial draft findings presentation

Fall

- Review and discuss pretrial recommendations
- (TBD) DIY data deep dive analysis
- Subcommittee report outs

Winter

- Review and discuss 2024 Annual Report

Subcommittee Spring/Summer Meeting Dates

Subcommittee	2024 meeting schedule
Data	Wed, May 15th 10:30-12pm
CBI	Fri, April 26th 11-12:30pm Wed, May 29th 11-12:30pm Fri, June 28th 11-12:30pm
CTTF	TBD



Board Member Updates

- Are there any new initiatives the group should be aware of?
- Does your agency/org have any new policies or standard practices the group should know about?
- Are you hosting/attending any upcoming events relevant to this group?
- Anything else you wish to share with the group?

Next Meeting

TBD–Summer 2024



(All meetings are virtual; Zoom information is in each calendar invitation)

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