

Juvenile Justice Policy and Data Board

Community Based Interventions Subcommittee

April 8th, 2019
2pm – 4pm

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review/Approval of Minutes from March 1
- Updates re: Community-Based Interventions Survey
- Presentations on District Attorney Diversion
- Questions and Discussion

Community-Based Interventions Survey

- Surveys are out in the field
- Two Surveys:
 - Survey for Service Referrers
 - Survey for Service Providers
- Please share with your contacts as appropriate

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE PRESENTATIONS

JJPAD – Community Based Interventions Subcommittee



Suffolk County District Attorney's Office
Rachael Rollins

Goals and Benefits of DA Diversion

- Control of most decision points
- Improve outcomes for youth
 - No Criminal Records/Labeling as Defendants
 - Reduce barriers to success
 - Treat Needs
- Reduce recidivism
 - Low-risk youth have higher recidivism rates when involved in the system
- Assess disparities at decision points
- Increase community & victim satisfaction



SCDAO Juvenile Alternative Resolution (JAR)

- Use of Risk/Needs Assessment Tools
- Formalizing with community partners
 - Multi-collaborative approach first of its kind in Massachusetts
- Assess Outcomes
 - Statistical collection and analysis

JUVENILE DIVERSION PROCESS

JAR

1) 1st Appearance/Arraignment (OYAS
& Initial Agreement)

2) YLS/CMI 2.0

3) “DRR” & Contract Signing

4) Work with Community Agency

5) Monitoring/Case Management by
Div. Coordinator

6) “DFD” Final Date

Informal Diversion

1) 1st Appearance/Arraignment (OYAS)

2) Final Date

Diversion Services

- Wrap Around Services
- In-Home Therapy
- Therapeutic Mentorship
- Educational Support
- Job Skills Training & Employment
- Gang Involvement Intervention
- Restorative Justice
- Pro-Social & Recreational Activities
- Substance Abuse Treatment

JAR Eligibility

Excluded Cases

- Firearms
- Serious Bodily Injury to a Victim
- Sexual Assault

Assessments

- **Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) – Diversion**
 - Risk-to-Reoffend: Low – Moderate – High
 - 30 Data Points Collected for Every Youth
- **Youth Level Services/Case Management Inventory 2.0 (YLS/CMI)**
 - Criminogenic Needs/Protective Factors
 - 100+ Data Points Collected for Every JAR Youth

Docket #: _____

- ☐ Run BOP? ☐ BOP Copy in File?
☐ Arrest ☐ Summons

Suffolk County District Attorney's Office
Juvenile Alternative Resolution Program



OYAS Diversion Screen

Source of Reporting:

- ☐ Self-Reported
☐ Other _____

OFF Date: _____

ARR Date: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

DOB: _____

Race: ☐ African American/Black

Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic/Latino

☐ Caucasian/White

☐ Non-Hispanic/Latino

Gender: _____

☐ Asian/Pacific Islander

Street Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

Current Services in Place: _____

Charge(s): _____

Location of Offense: _____ PD: _____

ITEMS

SCORING

1) Prior Offenses (Do not count the current offense; Adjudications only)

0 = No

1 = Yes

2) Current Charge(s)

1 = Misdemeanor

2 = Felony

3) First Contact with Juvenile Justice System (Include Delinquency or Status Offenses)

0 = 16 or older

1 = 15 or younger

4) Prior Probation (Include Pre-Trial Probation)

0 = No

1 = Yes

5) Family Member(s) Arrested

0 = No

1 = Yes

6) Parents Have Difficult Time Supervising Youth

0 = No

1 = Yes

SCORING

Low	0-3
Moderate	4-6
High	7

TOTAL SCORE

LEVEL:

LOW

MODERATE

HIGH

Comments/Override:

FINAL DETERMINATION:

LOW

MODERATE

HIGH

YOUTH FORMALLY DIVERTED THROUGH JAR:

YES

NO

ADA Signature: _____ DRR Date: _____



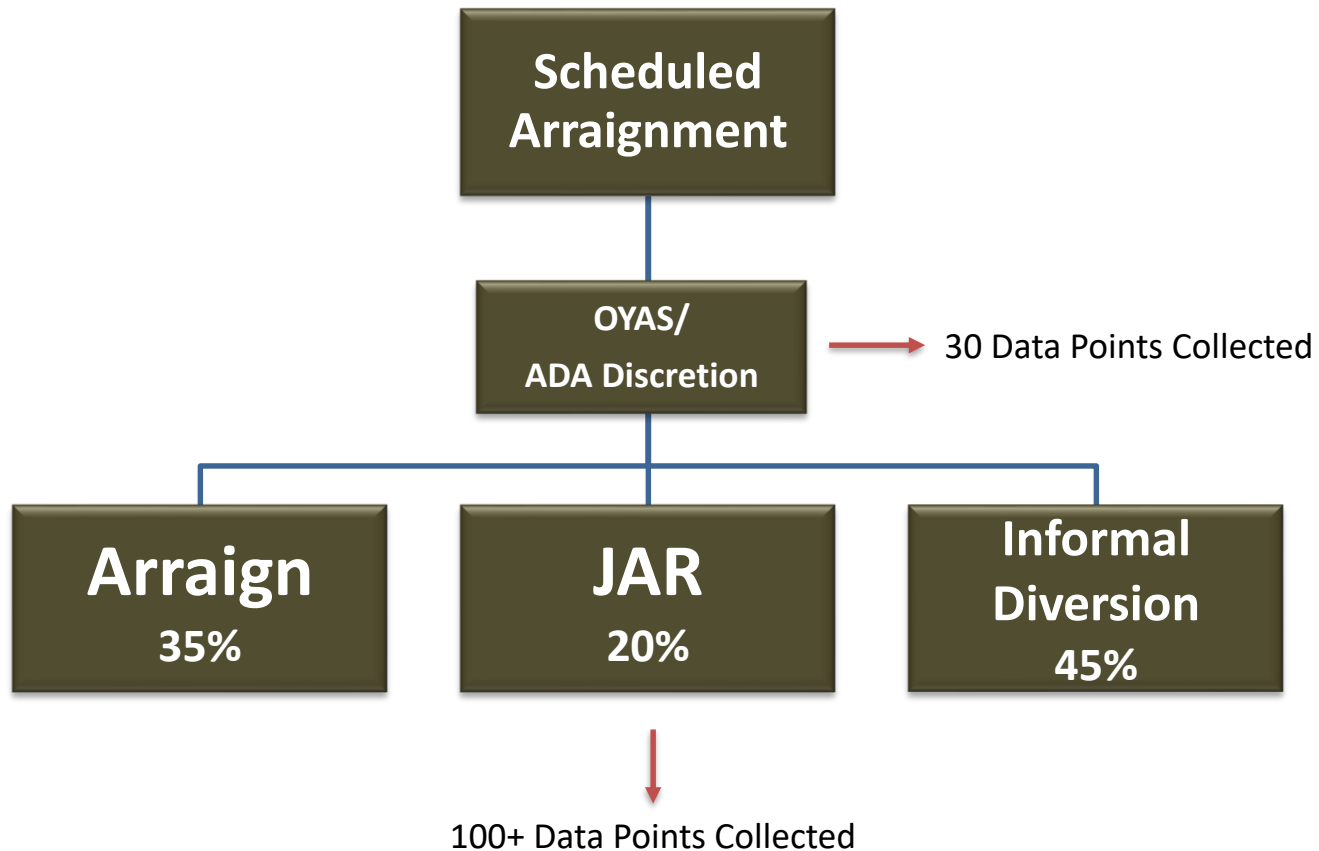
Suffolk County District Attorney's Office
Juvenile Alternative Resolution Program
Communicating Risk Assessment Information Form

YLS/CMI Results:

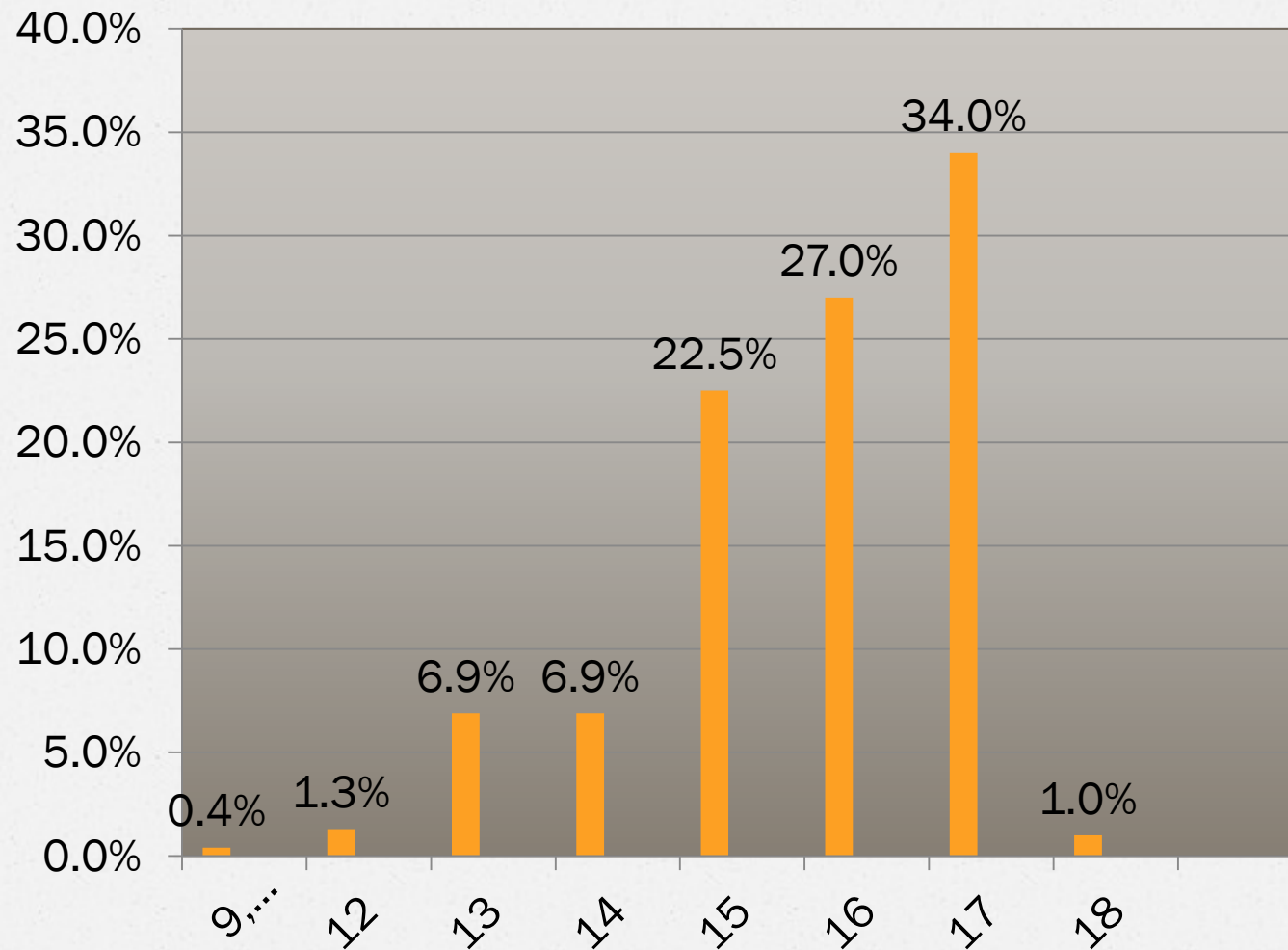
Date of Last YLS/CMI: 10/03/2017

The youth is currently at **HIGH** risk for re-offending (score **23/42**).

	Need Area	Ranking	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family Circumstances/Parenting	MODERATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inadequate Supervision – Dad doesn't know where he is oftentimes Lives with Dad – Dad as housing court coming up, being evicted → Moving into shelter Dad cannot control [REDACTED] or his behavior AT ALL Inappropriate Discipline – Dad is overly permissive and does NOT punish [REDACTED]. No clear rules in place. See's Mom here and there (lives in area) but Mom struggles with alcohol [REDACTED]'s brother was murdered in [REDACTED] [REDACTED]'s Aunt had custody of him until she passed away, then Sister, then Dad. Dad has had custody for 4-5 years.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Education/Employment	MODERATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Truancy - Rarely attends school. Open CRA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Absent more than half of last year, Absent 48 days so far this year Low Achievement – Poor grades, not trying AT ALL No issues/trouble at school because never there No Job – Wants one*
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Peer Relations	HIGH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All friends/acquaintances are gang involved, criminally involved, or committed to DYS NO positive influences or role models in his life On/Off Girlfriend – Comfortable confiding in her
<input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Abuse	MODERATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occasional Drug/Alcohol Use – Admits to smoking weed, drinking alcohol and "maybe pills here & there"
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Leisure/Recreation	HIGH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Organized/Structured Activities Could Make Better Use of Time Interested in football, running, videogames, sports, music, friends, going to the gym, boxing, fighting
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Personality/Behavior	HIGH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physically Aggressive – "Known for Fighting", Reports 100+ fights in 2 years, [REDACTED] states he broke someone's jaw, has been whipped by metal chains Temper/Tantrums – Reports being very angry, particularly after his brother was murdered Diagnosed with ADHD Poor Frustration Tolerance – Easily Frustrated Inadequate Guilt Feelings Verbally Aggressive – Yells, Curses, Threatens
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Attitudes/Orientation	HIGH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pro-Criminal Attitude Not Seeking Help – Specifically for his anger and depression after his brother's death Actively Rejecting Help – Suggested to talk to someone after brother's death but refuses to Defies Authority – Doesn't listen to Dad or School

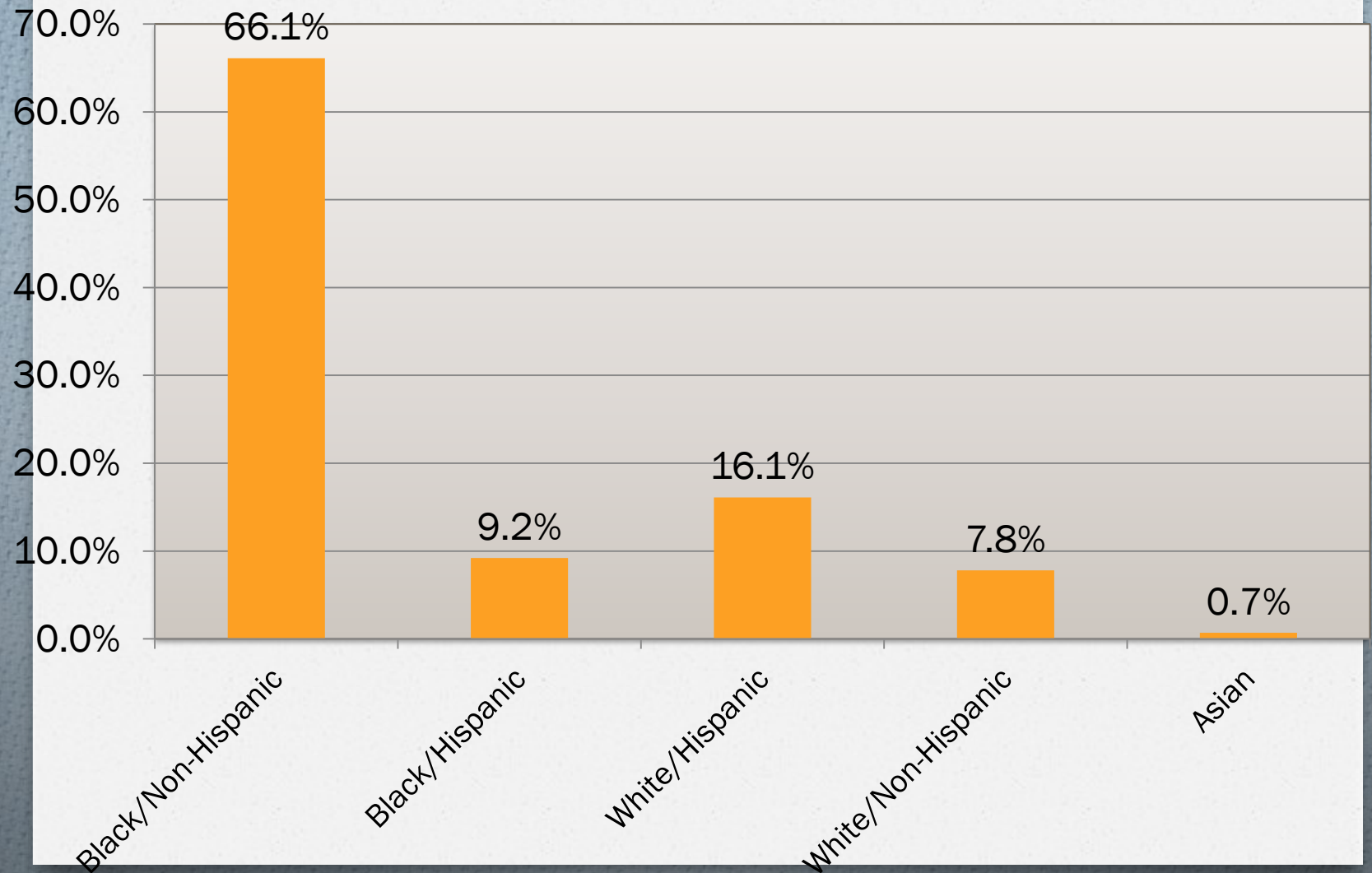


BJC Percentage by Age (BJC 2018 N=306)

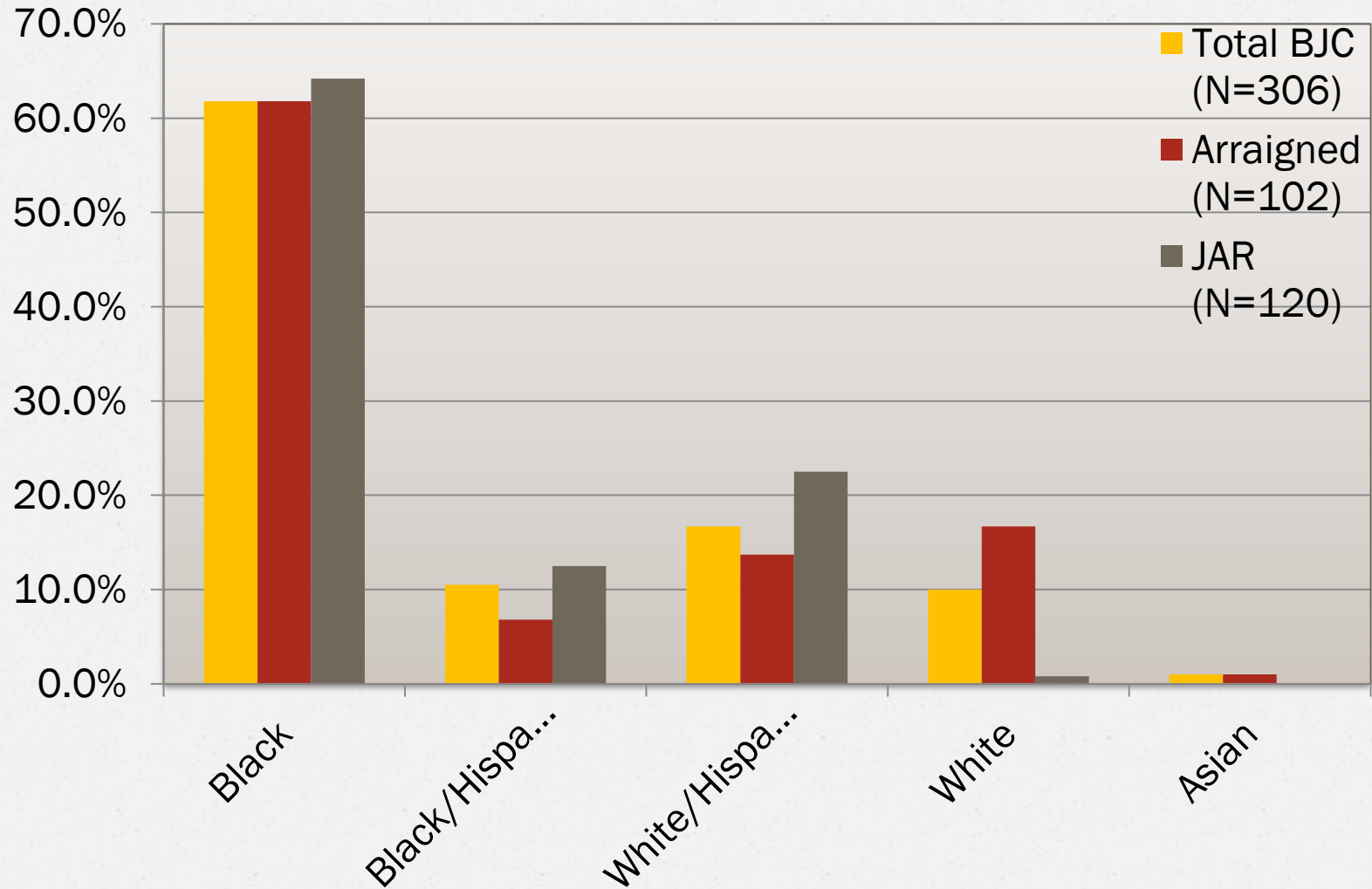


2018 Race/Ethnicity

(BJC & DOT - N=422)

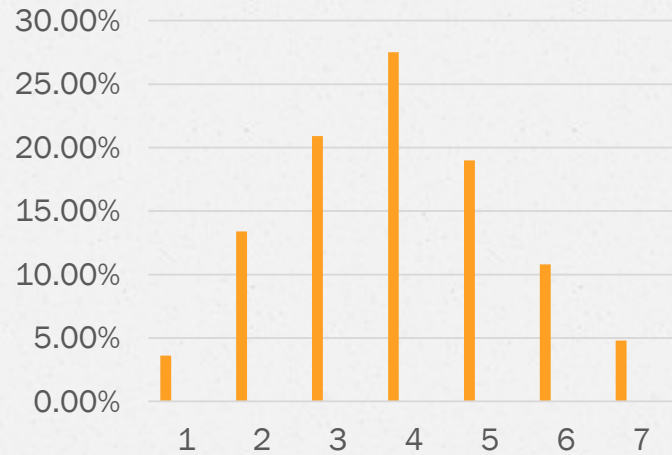


Percentage by Race/Ethnicity - Total vs. Arr.

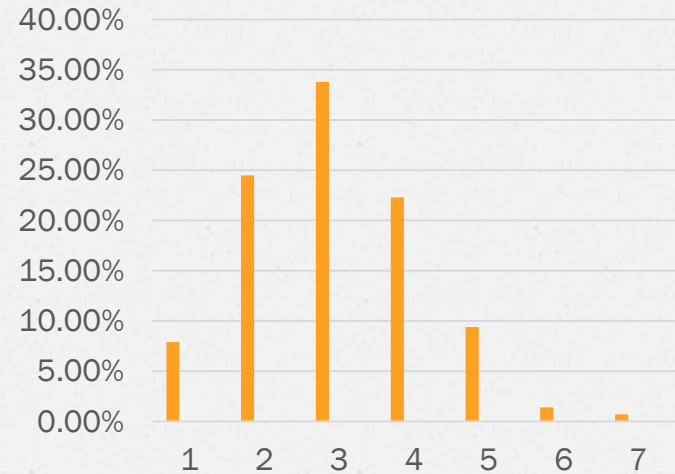


OYAS Level Across Case Type

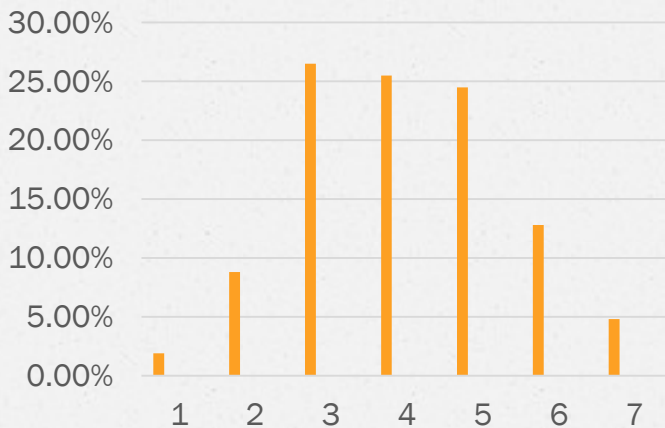
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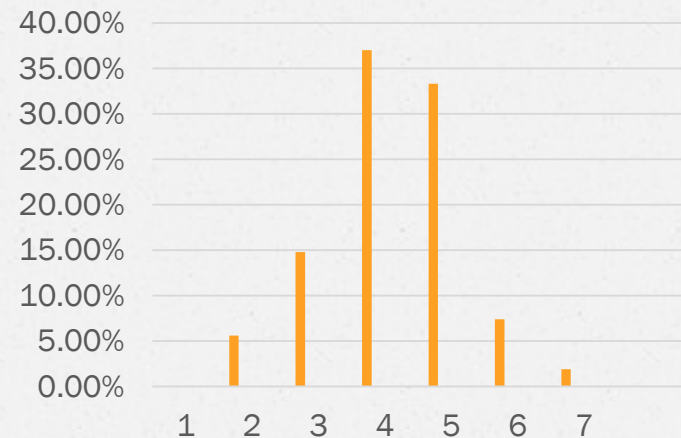
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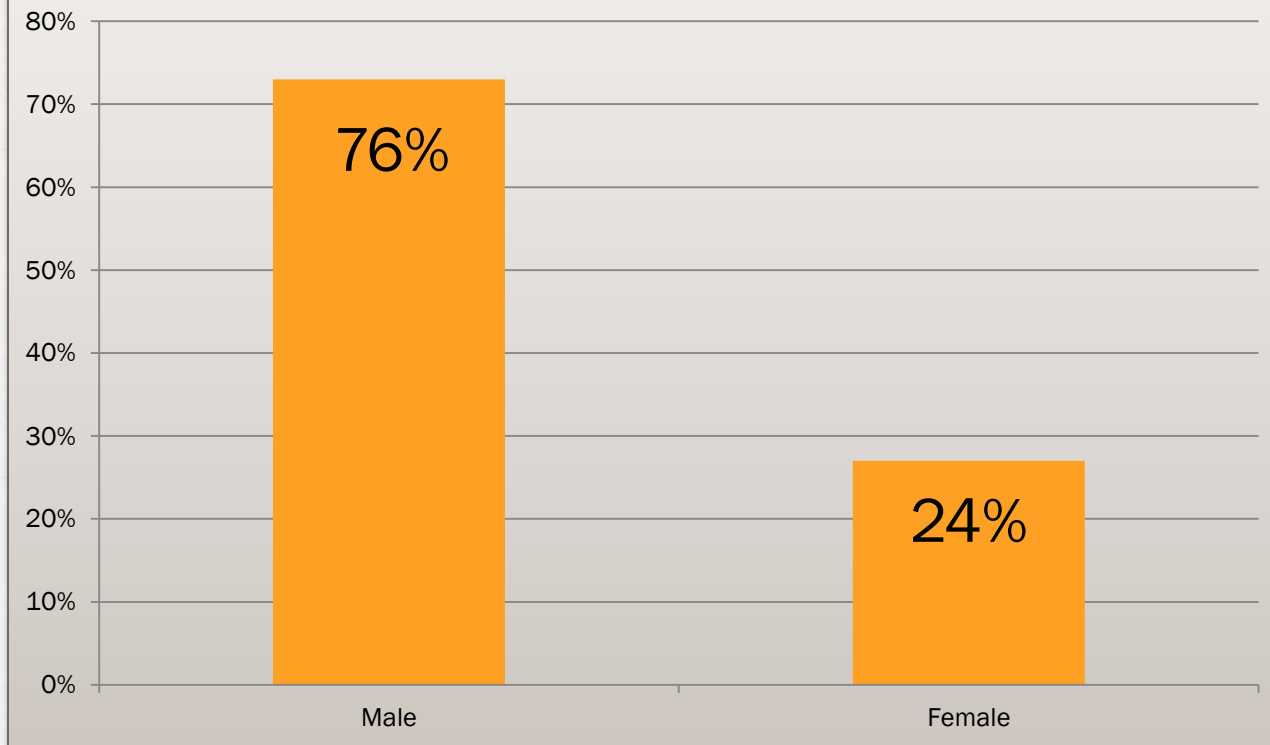
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JAR

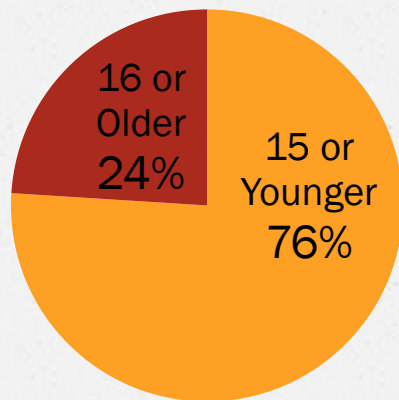


JAR Percentage by Gender (N=120)



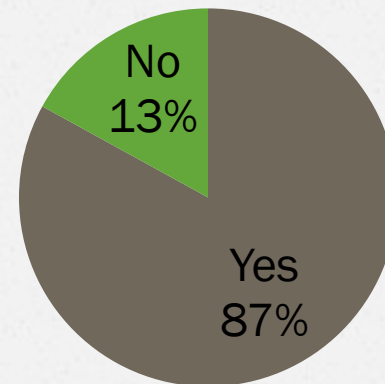
First Contact with Juvenile Justice System

(N=120)

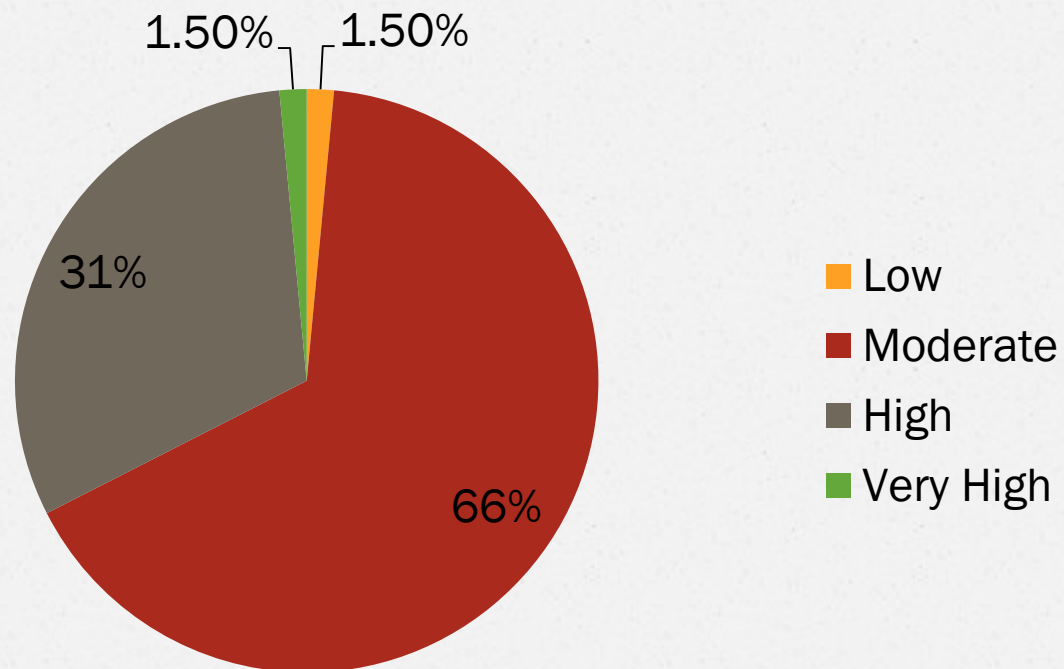


Close Family Member Ever Been Arrested

(N=120)



JAR Youth Risk Level Per YLS (N=65)



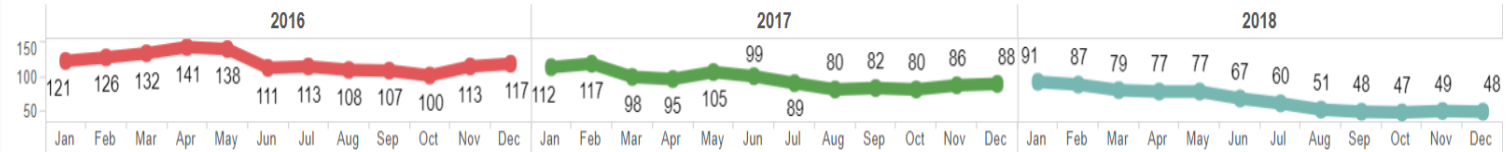
System Wide Changes

Monthly Report of Probation Activity: Juvenile Court Department Trends

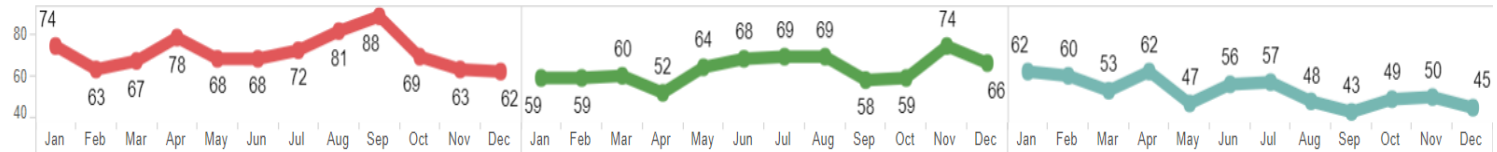
Risk/Need Caseload

County

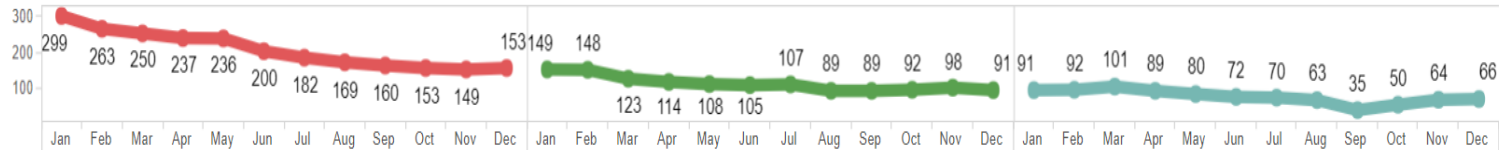
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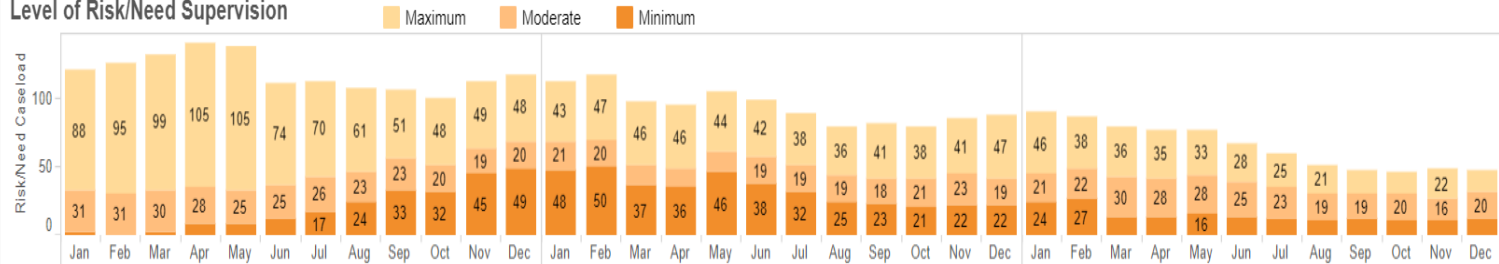
Administrative Caseload



Pretrial Caseload



Level of Risk/Need Supervision



Community Partners

- RFK Children's Action Corps – Detention Diversion Advocacy Program (DDAP)
- Justice Resource Institute (JRI) – SMART Team Clinical Services
- Boys & Girls Club of Boston – Youth Connect
- More Than Words
- Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) – Youth Programs & Services
- Charlestown Coalition
- MissionSAFE
- Salvation Army – Bridging The Gap at the Kroc Center
- C4RJ – Communities for Restorative Justice



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QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

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- What are the barriers to improving/expanding diversion?
- What community partnerships are needed and where are the gaps?
- How do we ensure a level of equity across the state with regards to access to diversion & programming?
- What role could/should state government play?

Next Meeting

- May 21st: 2pm – 4pm, Ashburton 10th Floor Conference Room
- June 18th, 2pm – 4pm, TBD