

Strategies for Reducing DMC Through the Children & Youth Planning Board: *Fundamental Uses of Data and Best Practices*

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The Jefferson Parish Children & Youth Planning Board (CYPB)

- Established in October of 2004 pursuant to Act 555 of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act
- Serves as an **oversight structure** for all children and youth service activities
- Documents annual goals and objectives
- Monitors achievements monthly
- **True Collaborative**: consisting of representatives of every facet of youth-serving agencies



Core Committees

CYPB

CYPB Chairman

Executive Committee

Juvenile Court Judge

Sheriff

Public School Superintendent

Office of Community Services

Office of Juvenile Justice

Public Defender

Non-Profit

Business

Community

Community

District Attorney

Coroner

Community Justice Agency

Truancy Assessment Center

Human Services Authority

Faith-Based

University

School Board

Community

Community



CYPB Core Committees

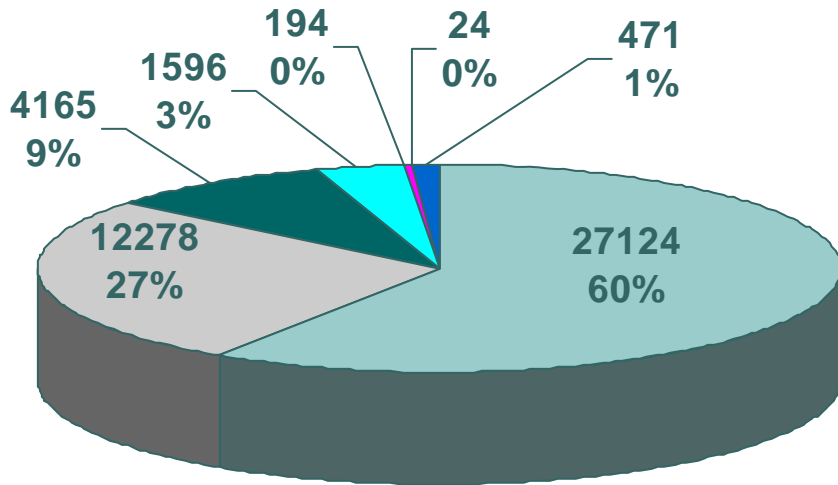
- **Prevention and Early Intervention**: focuses on the cultivation of a broad scope of services for children and youth beyond the traditional limits of juvenile justice and child welfare
- **Continuum of Care**: investigates the continuum of services, seeks gaps in services and subsequently offers recommendations to the CYPB about needed services and programs
- **Interagency Coordination and Training**: explores and recommends system-wide changes relating to interagency finances, coordination of agency training, integration of technological advancements and interagency operating policies and procedures
- **Evaluation and Monitoring**: charged with insuring fidelity to evidence-based practices, implements data collection and analysis and monitoring outcomes of services provided
- **Mental Health Task Force**: comprehensively assesses and reduces the problems associated with accessing mental health care and support for individuals in behavioral health crisis



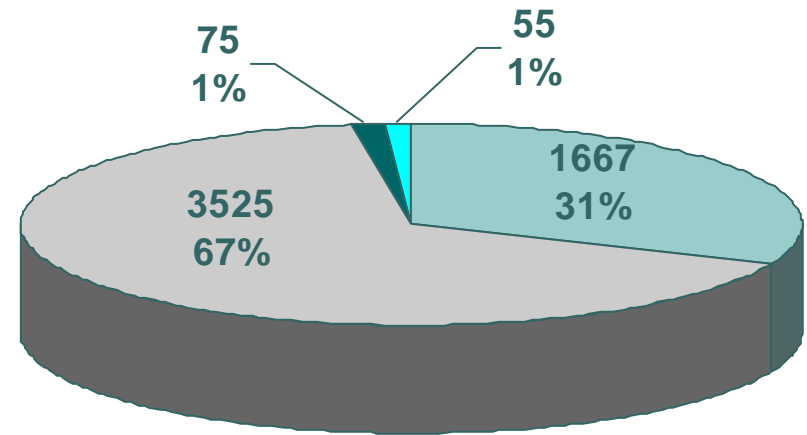
CYPB Core Committees *Cont.*

- **Balance in Juvenile Justice**: addresses high risk habitual juvenile offenders and provides in-depth information to the Juvenile Court
- **Youth Advisory Board**: comprehensively gathers youth opinions on services rendered by the Jefferson Parish DJS and communicates these opinions to the CYPB to assist with the juvenile justice reform efforts
- **Models for Change (MfC) Initiative**: our efforts with the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to develop alternatives to formal case processing, reduce disproportionate minority contact and utilize evidence-based practices
- **Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)**: our efforts with the Annie E. Casey Foundation to develop objective detention screening tools, implement alternatives to detention, reduce disproportionate minority contact and address conditions of confinement

Mission: to Improve the Lives of All Youth and their Families in Jefferson Parish

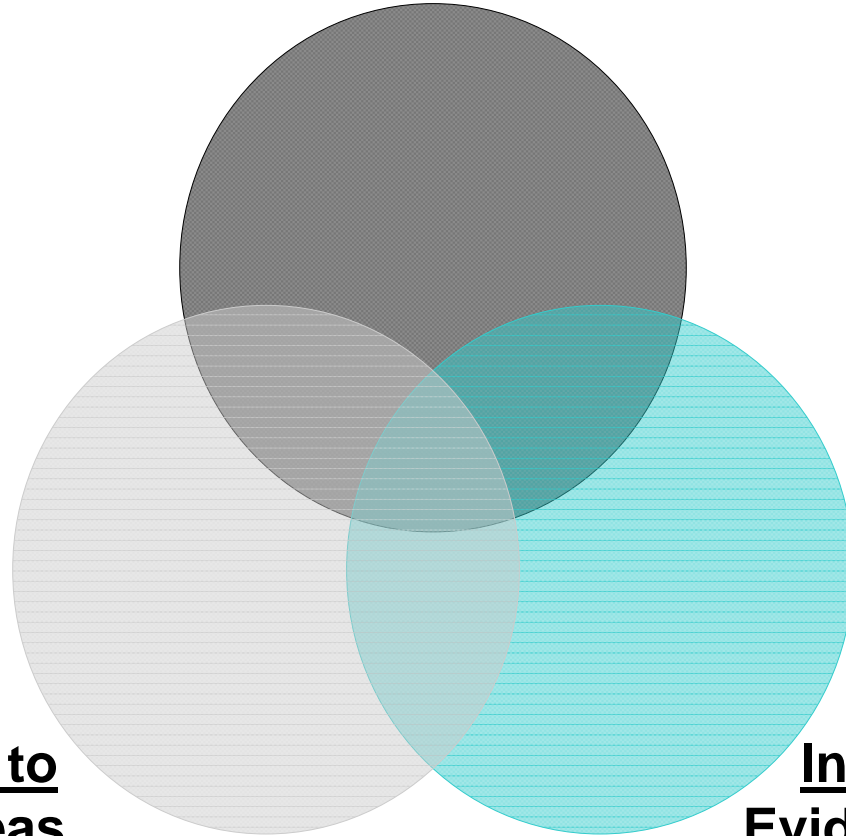


At-Risk Youth Population; Ages 10 -17



At-Risk Youth in the System; Delinquency and Status Offenders

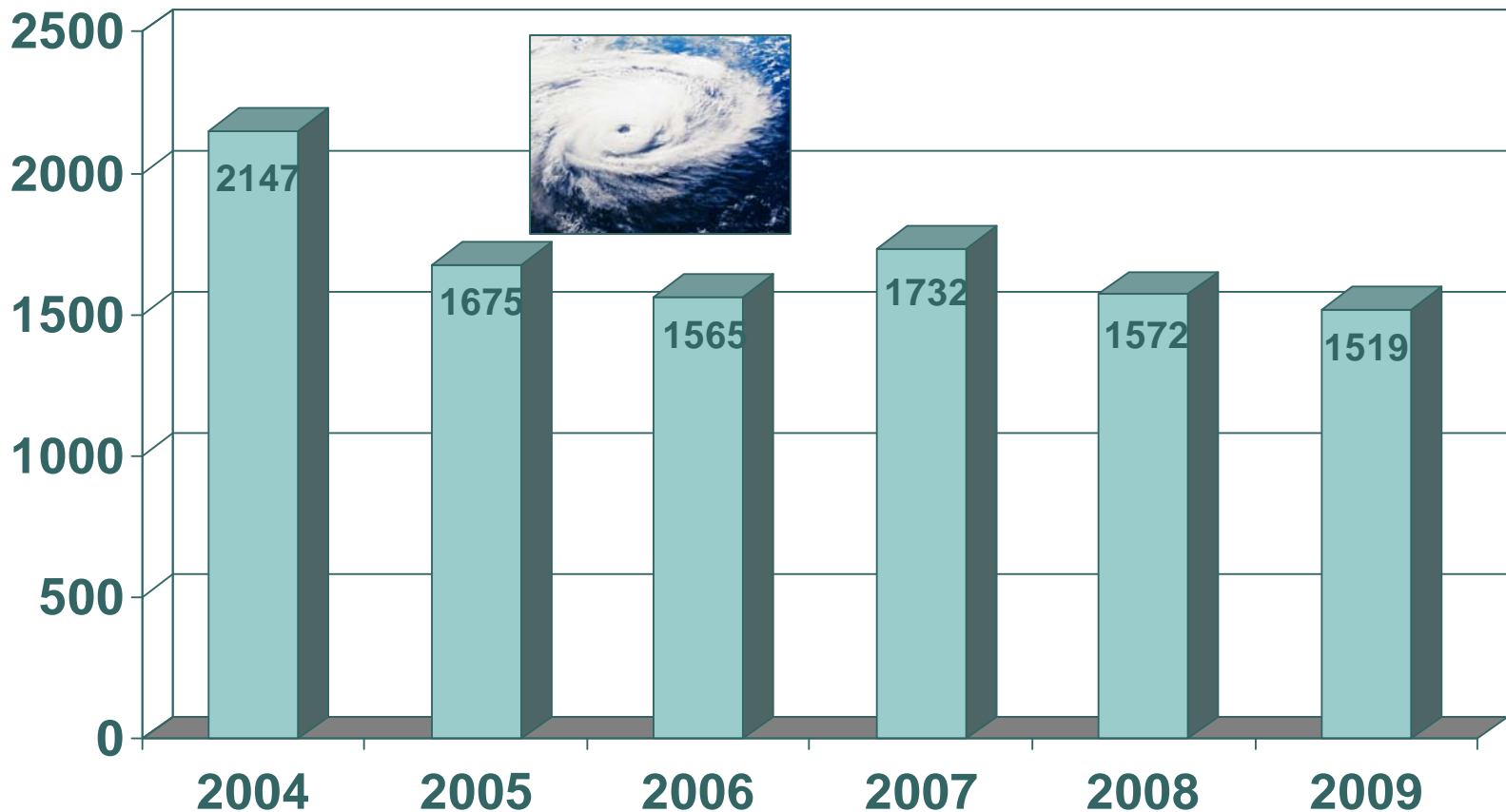
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Identify Target Areas**

**Increased Access to
Evidence-Based Services**

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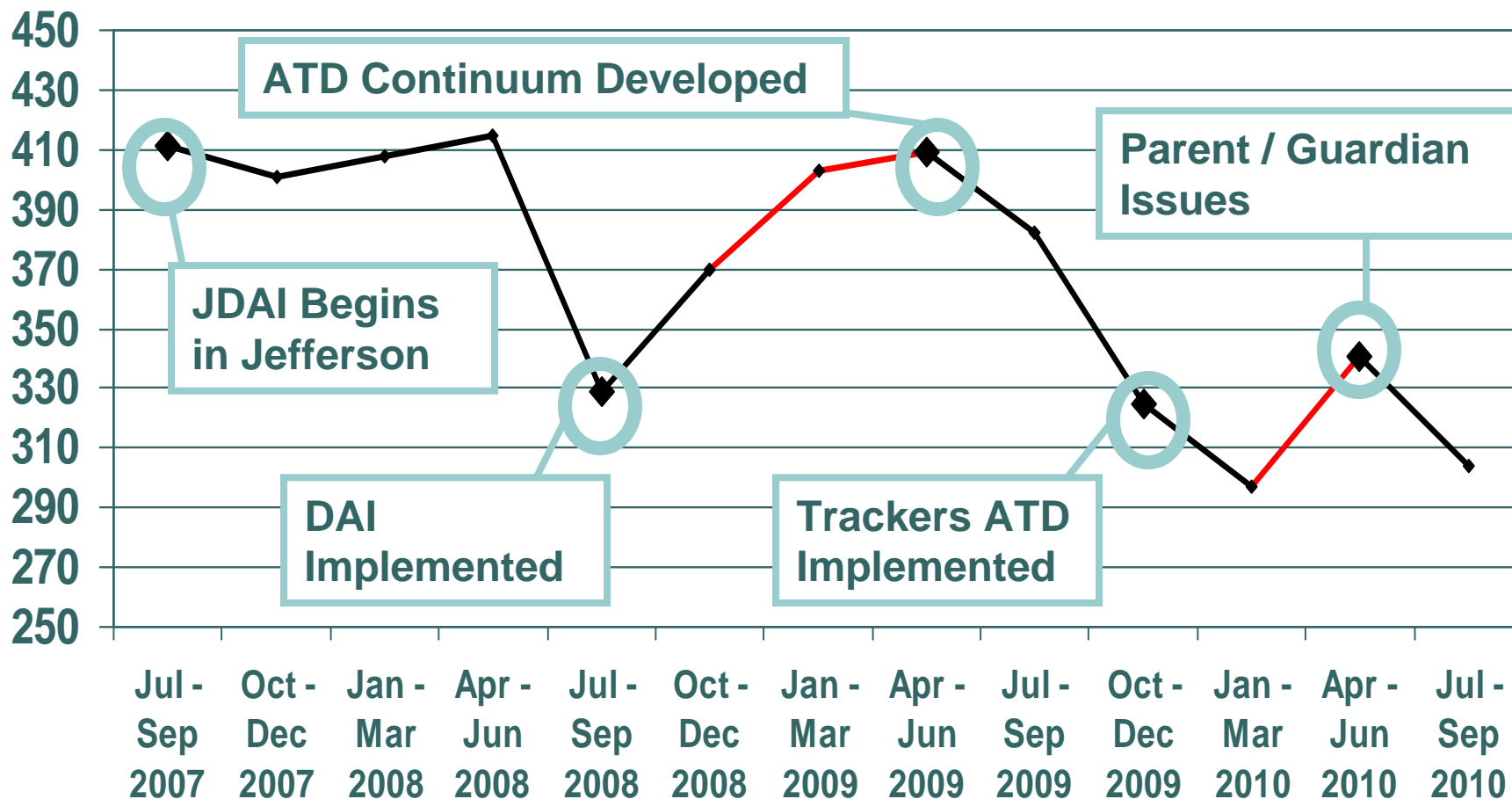




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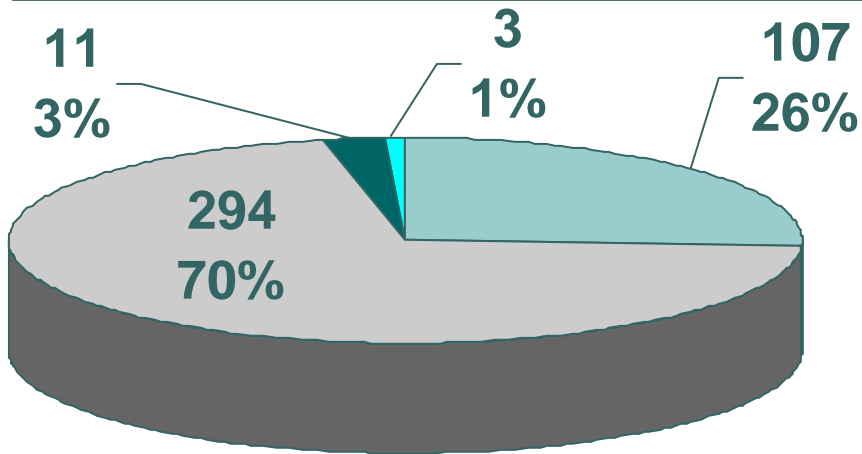
- In September of 2008, the **Detention Assessment Instrument (DAI)** was implemented at the Juvenile Intake Center as the sole objective instrument placing youth in detention
- The following year, the **Alternative to Detention (ATD)** Continuum began to take shape and now includes:
 - Pre-Trial Supervision
 - Trackers
 - Electronic Monitoring
 - GPS Monitoring

Quarterly Detention Admissions

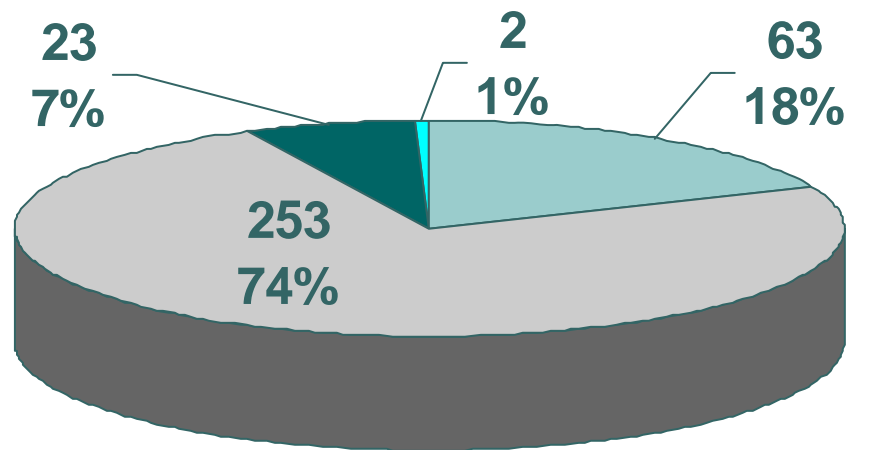


DMC in Detention

Pre and Post DAI

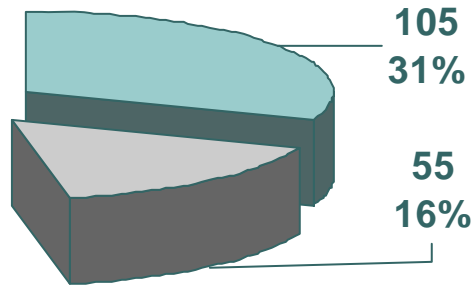
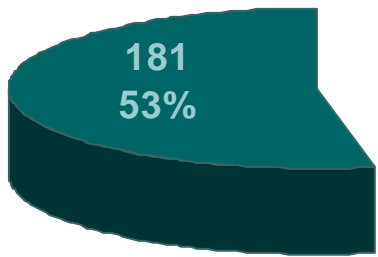


Detention Admits
April - June 2008

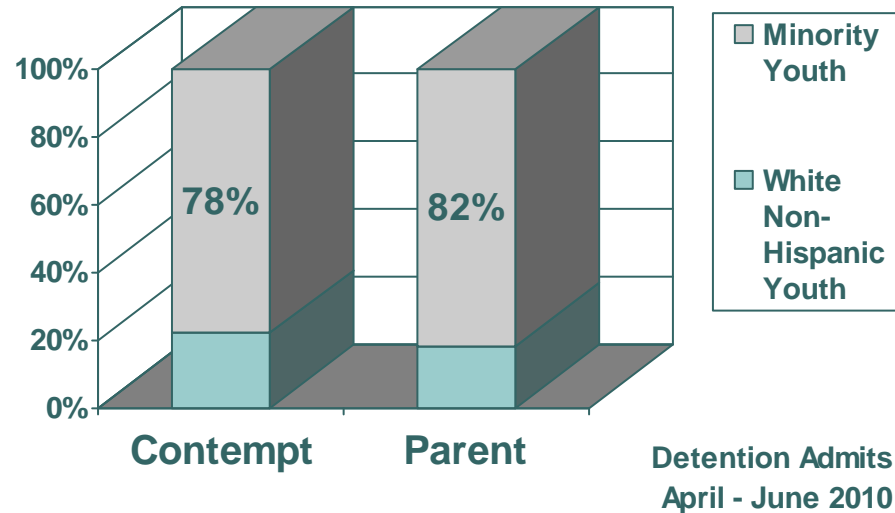


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DMC in Detention Target Areas



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- Contempt of Court

- Progressive Sanctions Ladder Implemented that utilizes ATDs more frequently

- Parent / Guardian Unable

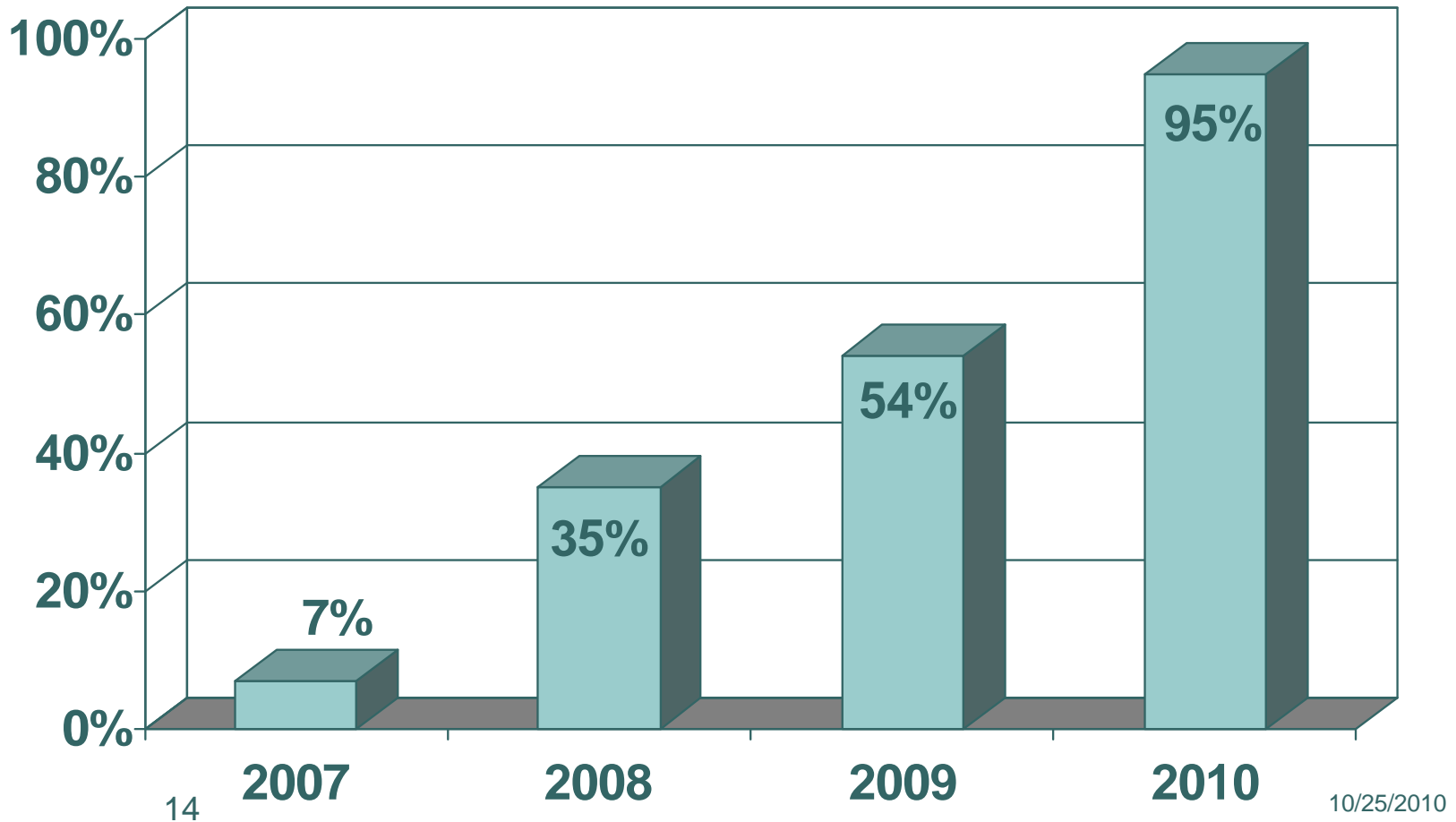
- Steps taken to hold Parents more accountable in court



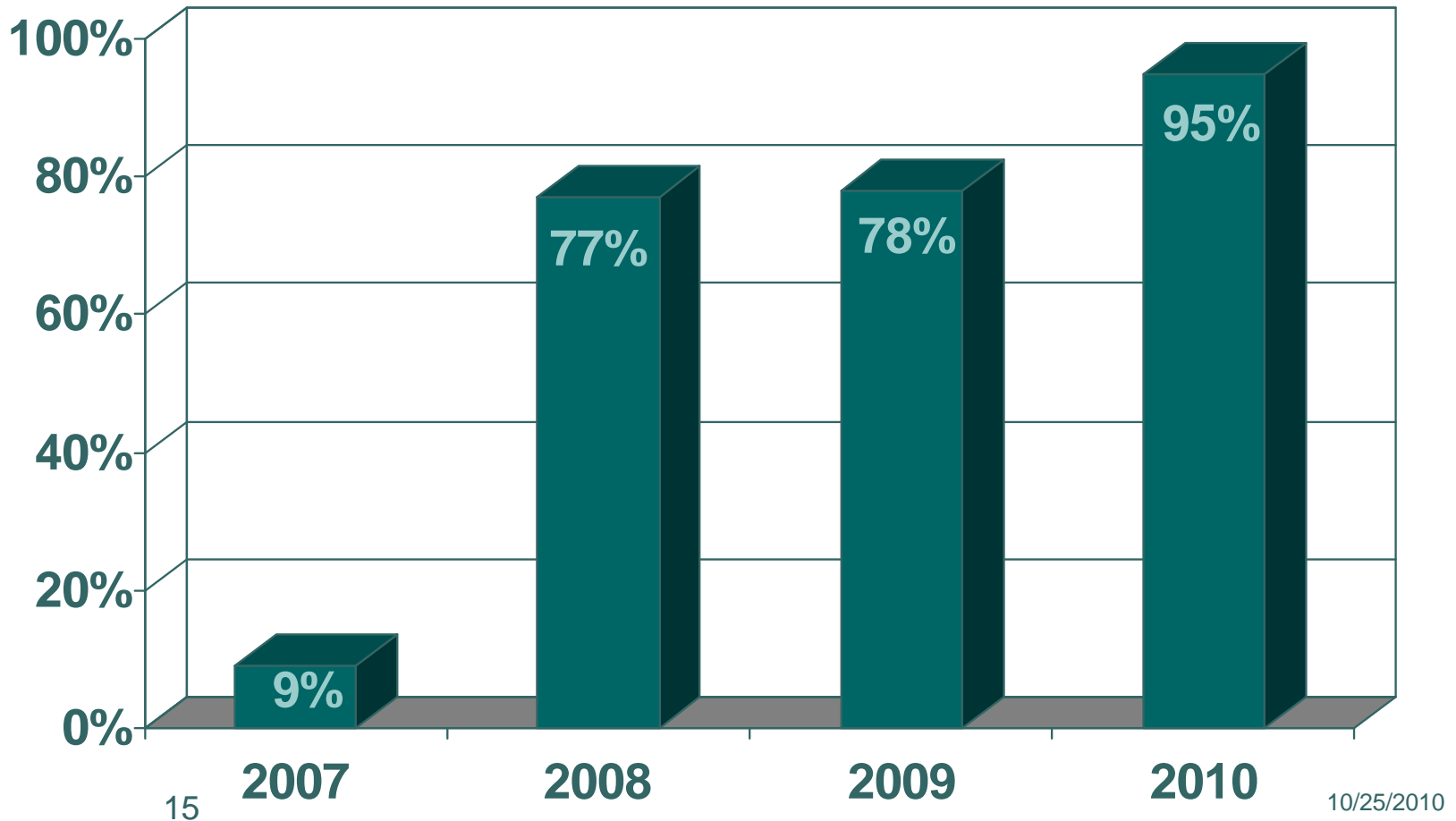
Increased Access to Evidence-Based Services

- 👍 **Individual Therapy**
- 👍 **Functional Family Therapy**
- 👍 **Aggression Replacement Therapy**
- 👍 **Active Parenting for Teens Classes**
- 👍 **Moral Recognition Therapy**
- 👍 **Substance Abuse Treatment**
- 👍 **Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy**
- 👍 **Baby Think It Over Infant Care Program**
- 👍 **Sexual Perpetrator Therapy**
- 👍 **Boys Town In-Home Family Therapy Program** 10/25/2010

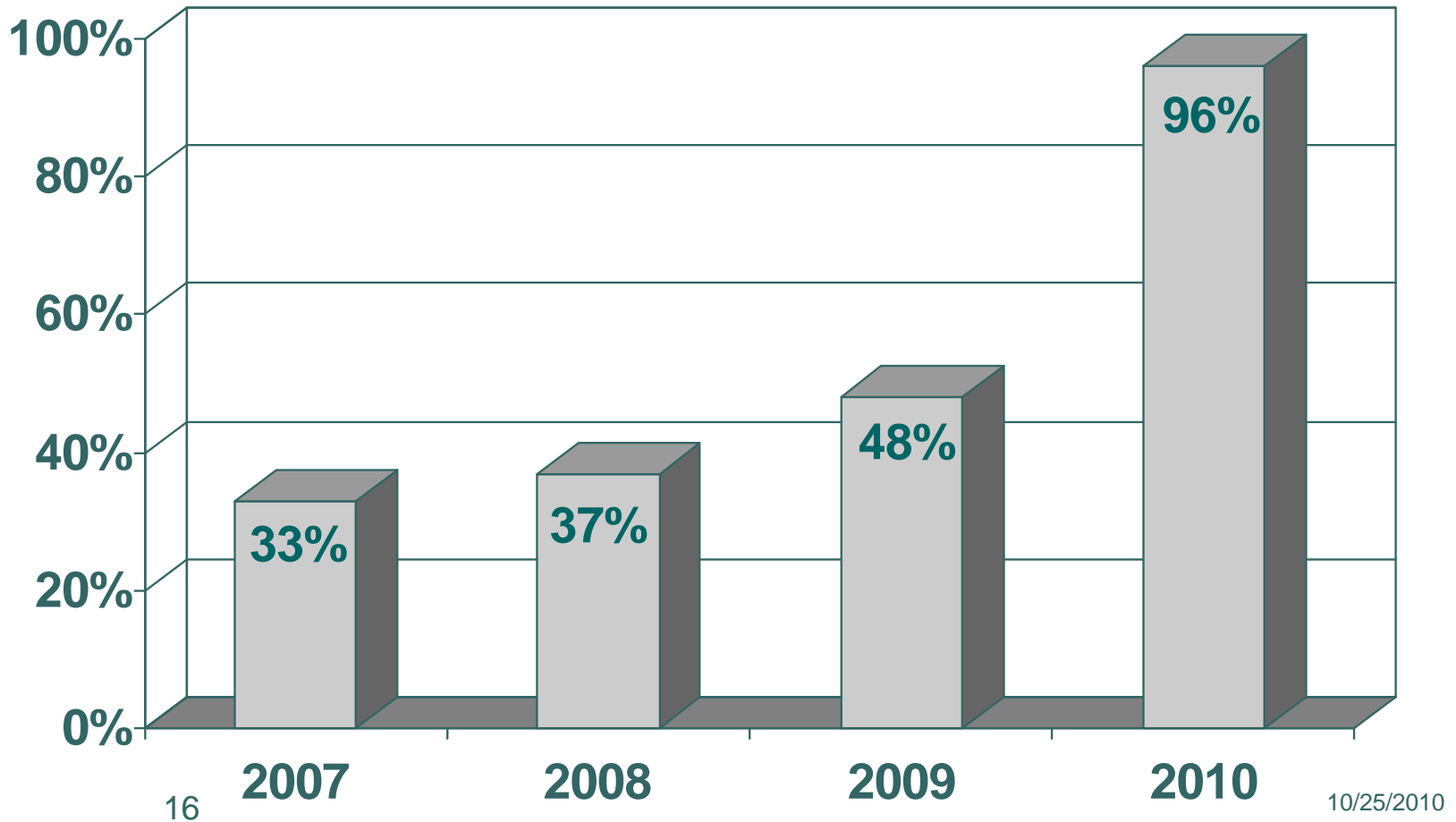
Percentage of Youth Referred for Evidence-Based Services



Percentage of Treatment Budget Spent on Evidence-Based Services



Percentage of African American Youth Receiving Evidence-Based Services



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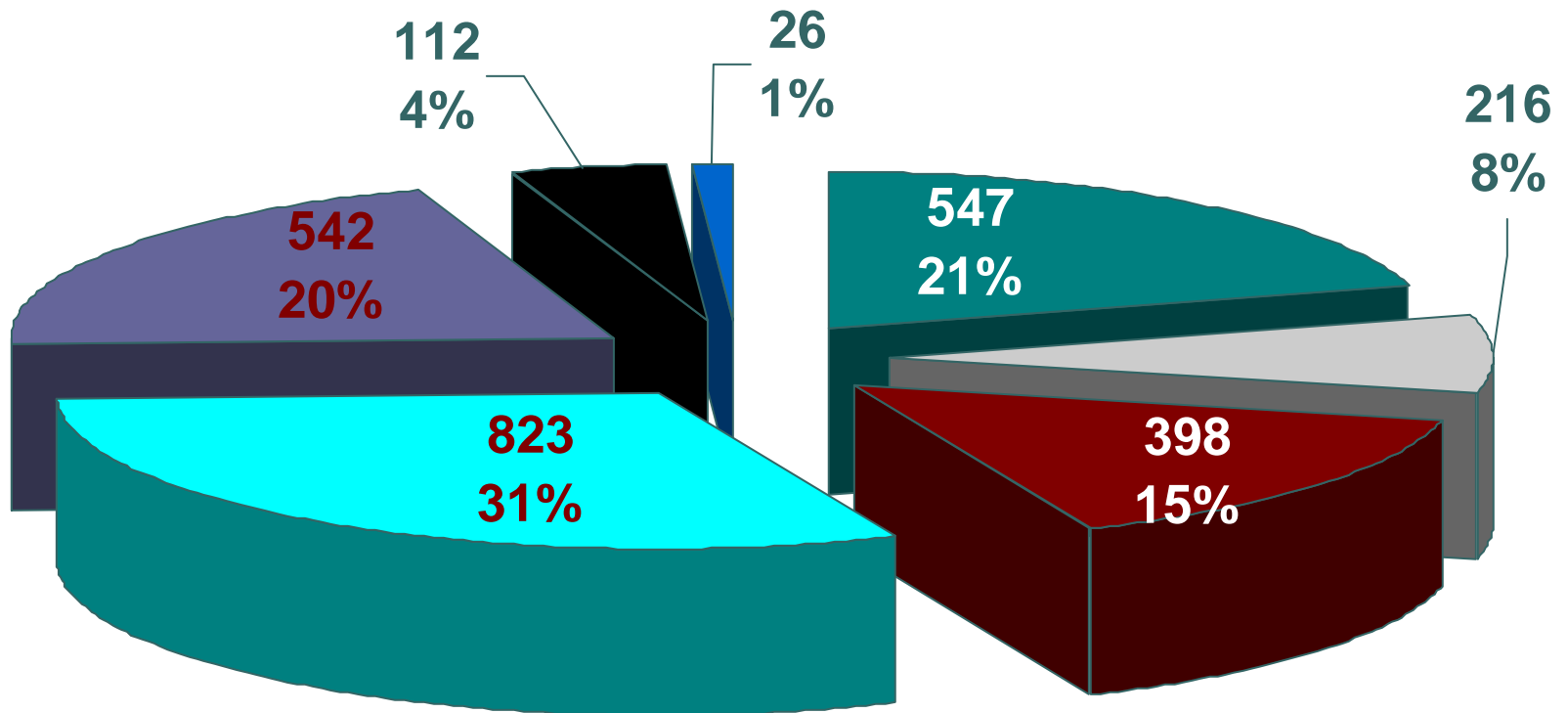
- The Relative Rate Index (RRI) allows for at-a-glance comparisons between decision points
 - Ex: in 2005, Minority Youth were arrested 2.48 times more often than White Non-Hispanic Youth
- Though just one way of looking at DMC, it helps us to address target areas
- While overall minority **numbers are down** at the various decision points, the **disproportions in percentages** are still apparent

RRI for Minority Youth Compared to White Non-Hispanic Youth	2005	2009
Juvenile Arrests	2.48	3.18
Refer to Court / Petitioned	1.39	1.09
Diverted Cases	0.74	0.77
Detention	1.26	1.43
Cases Found Delinquent	1.07	1.04
Probation Placement	0.88	1.01
Secure Custody	1.28	1.26

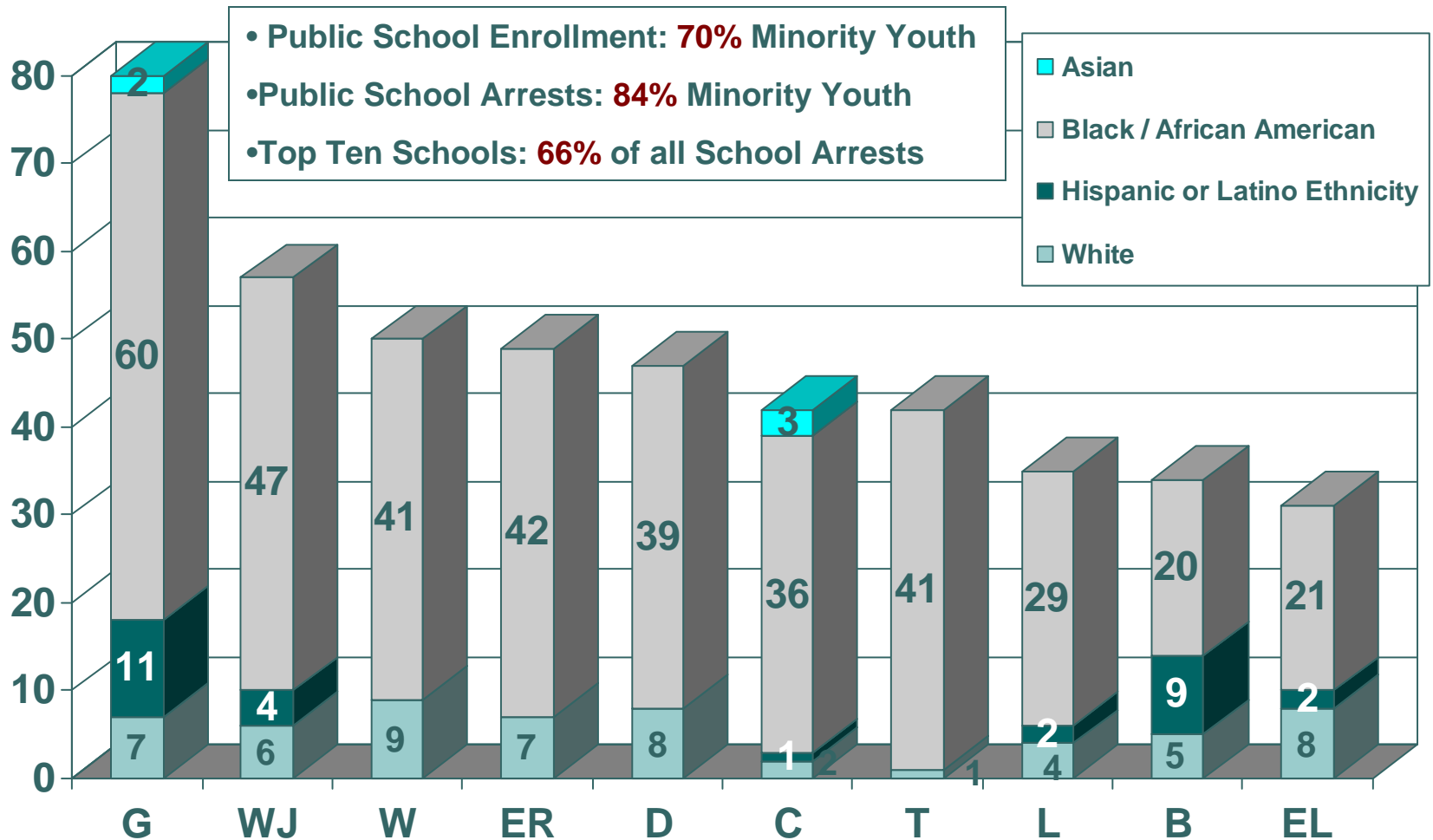
Juvenile Delinquency

January 2009 – December 2009

- Community Complaint
- Court Referral
- Business Complaint
- Secure or Non-Secure Custody Initiated
- Officer Initiated
- School Referral
- Domestic Complaint



Top Ten Arresting Schools 2009-2010 School Year





Probation Division Review

- Comprehensive review of the Probation Division will incorporate data-driven strategies to produce successful outcomes
 - Utilize school data to begin school-based probation; a result of department restructuring
 - Track detention admissions for contempt of court; a result of the implementation of a progressive sanctioning ladder

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