



PIERCE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT TACOMA, WA



Empowering Young People | Strengthening Families | Investing in the Community

PROBATION DEPARTMENT - *Shared Leadership Vision*



A healthy community rooted in shared leadership where everyone is appreciated, respected and works together to impact future generations

Mission

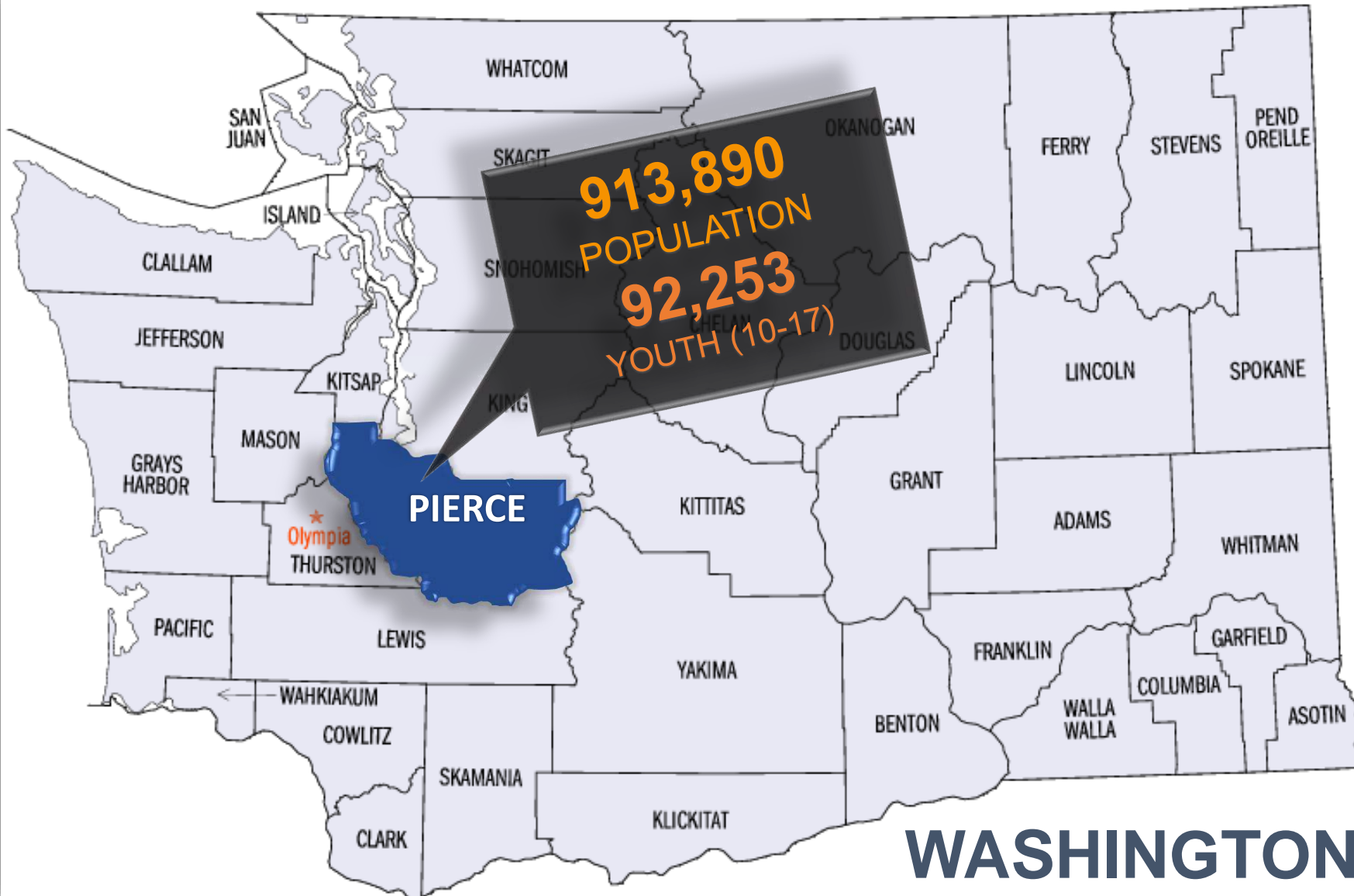
Work together to develop & sustain a healthy work culture by repairing and restoring relationship, engaging in difficult conversations without judgement, extending and accepting grace

Vision

We listen, We Accept Differences, We Model Integrity and We Trust

Norms

Practice Empathy, Practice Self-Awareness, and Accept Where Others are at in Their Journey



PIERCE
IS THE
2nd
MOST
POPULATED
COUNTY IN
WA



Total Pierce County Population*

913,890

Total Population Ages 10-17*

92,253

Referral to PCJC for alleged offense

1,462 (1.6%)

Cases Not
Charged
438

30%

Pre-File Diversion
373

25%

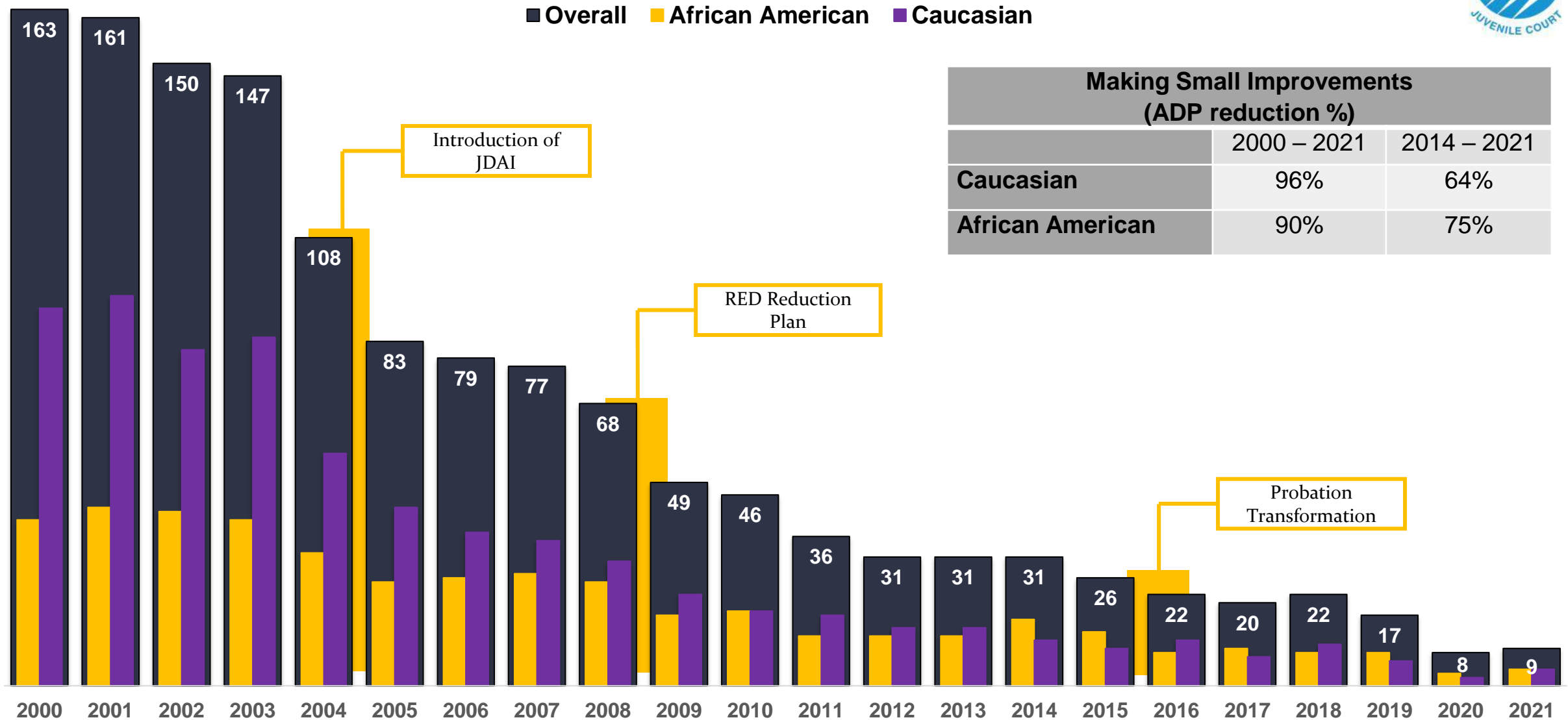
Diversion
261

18%

Charged Cases
391

27%

AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION

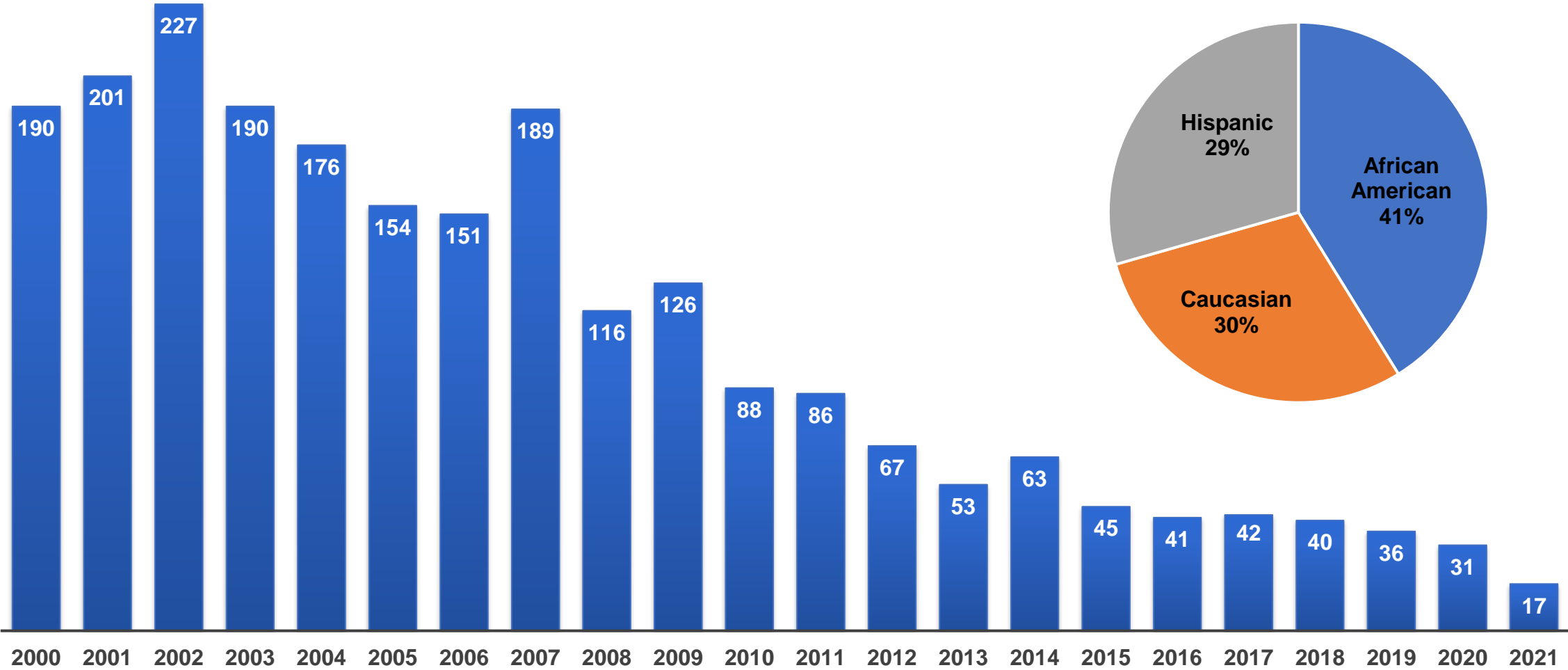


Making Small Improvements (ADP reduction %)		
	2000 – 2021	2014 – 2021
Caucasian	96%	64%
African American	90%	75%

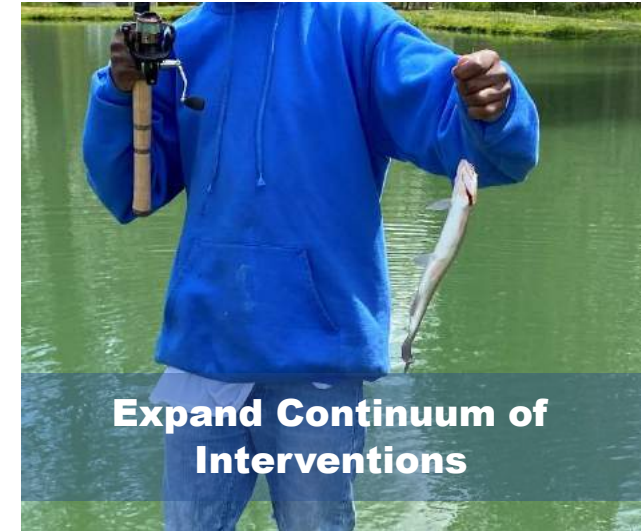
STATE COMMITMENTS



The number of commitments from 2000 to 2021 reduced by **91%**



WHY PROBATION TRANSFORMATION & DEEP END?



Justice for Families (J4F)

- Families Unlocking Futures: Solutions to the Crisis in Juvenile Justice Report released in 2012



The Fundamentals of Family and Youth Engagement

- Family Engagement is a meaningful partnership with families and youth at every level of the agency and system.
- Meaningful engagement happens when families are truly valued, are appreciated as experts and critical stakeholders in shaping positive outcomes.
- Not limited to families as experts on their own children, it also includes drawing on their experience and expertise throughout all the stages of system reform.

FAMILY COUNCIL

The Family Council is a group of family members and young adults with experience in the juvenile justice system, who gather together regularly to give advice and recommendations to Pierce County Juvenile Court staff.


Family Council Est. 2015

12 voting members

With lived experience in the juvenile justice system




9 parents/caregivers and 3 young adults



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**A partnership program of the
Pierce County Juvenile Court**

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Opportunity-Based Probation

Using the science of adolescent development and behavior change to support youth,
connect them to their communities and assist them with successful transition into
adulthood

Opportunity Based Probation Steps

Pre-Trial

- Provide OPB overview
- Provide points for attending hearings, staying crime free & other goals at PO discretion

Assessment

- Conduct risk assessment as usual

Parent Meeting

- At risk assessment or other time, hold parent-only meeting
- Discuss parent goals & plans for addressing “relapse” behaviors

Feedback & Planning

- Briefly review the court order
- Develop the feedback goal sheet
- Ask youth to identify community opportunities & desired material rewards

Supervision

- Check in weekly, in person bi-weekly
- Set weekly goals to move youth towards community opportunity
- Coach parents on restorative plans when youth not adherent with responsibility & probation goals
- Reduce time at PO discretion following community opportunity
- At end of probation, have youth participate in quarterly graduation ceremony

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATE ADVISORY GROUPS



- **Push for, fund, and bring to life policy and practice changes that support probation transformation, including:**
 - case planning that is youth-centered, family-engaged and strength-based;
 - increased community-based diversion so that fewer youth end up on probation or in out-of-home placement;
 - fewer standardized probation conditions;
 - incentives (including early release from probation) for youth achievement; and
 - partnership with families, youth and directly affected community members at all points of system reform.
- **Ensure meaningful inclusion of directly affected youth, families and community members on the SAG itself**



THANK YOU

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