Systemic and Sustained Reform in Juvenile Justice: Data-Driven Decision Making in Florida

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Department of Juvenile Justice
State of Florida
United States of America
Roadmap to System Excellence

Involve only as necessary (prevent, divert).

Appropriately place.

Optimally serve.

Realign Resources.
Florida Delinquency Declines

Delinquency Arrests
Lowest in More Than 40 Years

Preliminary 2016-17 Data
Results: Delinquency Trends

• Nationally 2010-2014
  • Total Delinquency: -26%

• Florida FY 2010-11 to FY 2016-17
  • Total Delinquency: -41%
    110,290 to 64,824 total arrests
  • Felonies: -19%
  • Misdemeanors: -56%
  • “Other” Offenses: -38%
Civil Citation Process

12-Month Recidivism Rates

- Civil Citation: 3.80%
- Prevention: 4%
- Diversion: 12%
- Probation: 14%

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PART OF THE COMMUNITY. PART OF THE SOLUTION.
- Prevention Assessment Tool (PAT)

- Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI)

- Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT)

- Residential Positive Achievement Change Tool (R-PACT)
Juvenile Justice System Improvement Project (JJSIP)

- Created Framework for implementing system-wide best practices
- Developed and validated a disposition matrix for structured decision making tool; re-validated in 2017
Results: System Impacts
FY 2010-11 to FY 2016-17

- Better matching of youth to service and interventions
  - right service, right child, right time, right intensity

- Youth served in secure detention: -33%

- Youth served in residential commitment: -48%

- Serious, violent, and chronic offenders: -47%

- Youth transferred to adult court: -54%
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