

HENNEPIN COUNTY

MINNESOTA

Youth Justice Council Meeting Minutes

Date: July 19, 2023

Time: 3:30pm-5:30pm

Location: Hybrid/Virtual

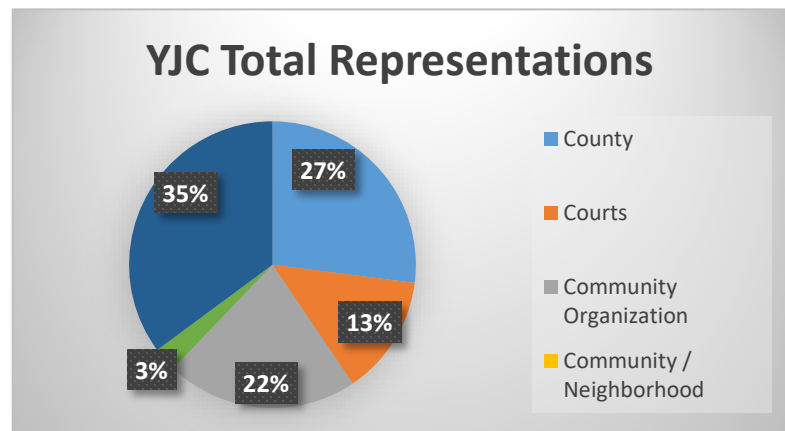
Minutes

- **Courtroom Risk Assessment Instrument Report (CRAI)**

- Researcher from court services did a presentation on the Courtroom Risk Assessment Instrument Report (CRAI) providing background and an overview of the assessment tool.
- Presented Descriptive Statistics from 2022 compared with 2017-2021 (previous five years)
- Judicial Decision and Deviation from RAI (upward/downward departure)
- Majority of those receiving RAI are Black/African American
- Looked at deviations by race and gender.
- CRAI was re-validated, changes were made and implemented in January 2023

- **Pre-Trial Services**

- Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCCR) Juvenile Probation did a presentation on Voluntary Pre-Trial Services – pilot began April 2023.
- Participation has no bearing on disposition.
- There is a Community Resource Navigator on-sight for those families he would like to receive services after court.
- Program was created to provide services to youth who are not on probation and/or involved with Hennepin County Human Services, as well as address recidivism during the pre-trial stage.
- Went over eligibility criteria – if youth does not meet eligibility criteria, they can self-refer to an organization on the resource list given to youth.
- Youth data as of end of June: 156 total youth screened, with 87% taking advantage of Pre-Trial Services.
- PowerPoint presentation will be shared on the [Youth Justice Council website](#).



- Currently tracking youth that are eligible vs not eligible but not those who decline services.
- Are there other options besides what is on the resource guide? How can a resource/organization be added? Organizations who would like to be included on the resource guide please contact Alyssa Benson: Alyssa.Benson@hennepin.us
- List was put together by Field Services Client Programming (FSCP) and will be shared on the Youth Justice council website.
- **Youth Advisory Board (YAB)**
 - YAB seeking feedback on pamphlet they are currently creating that includes ten questions that young people can ask their attorney, a list resources, and summary about the Youth Advisory Board.
 - What are some areas that the pamphlet should be distributed? What languages should be included for the pamphlet?
 - Suggestions from YJC members:
 - Mail with court date information
 - Give to youth/families at court
 - QR code to go to website
 - Juvenile Detention Center
 - Community Organizations
 - Metro Transit Team (brochure holders would be a great addition)
 - High School Counselor Office
 - Hospitality House
 - Street Outreach Groups
 - Library
 - Resources: Community Specialists, Mental Health Resources, QR Code to Community Base Array of Services Resources
 - Languages for pamphlet: Somali, Spanish, Hmong
 - Youth Advisory Board is finalizing pamphlet and should be ready for distribution by the next Youth Justice Council meeting in September.
- **Hennepin County Attorney's Office (HCAO)**
 - HCAO did a presentation on changes particularly around auto theft behaviors and interventions.
 - Reviewed HCAO Youth Prosecution Framework, which focuses on accountability, treatment, and healing, not punishment.
 - HCAO youth auto theft early intervention pilot – proactive, collaborative, voluntary interventions that are aligned with evidence-based practices.
 - Shared current intervention pathways, and early intervention pilot initiative.
 - Social worker in unit that conducts outreach to those identified (youth/families).
 - Stabilization services – another support in place. Collaboration across HCAO's Children and Families Division - can help families navigate county system to identify/maximize supports. Brochure will be available on the Youth Justice Council website.
 - Nexus is the community organization providing [Family Response Stabilization Services \(FRSS\)](#).
 - Voluntary interventions – one way information sharing with law enforcement.
 - This pilot is truly a collaborative effort.
- PowerPoint Presentations and other documents shared in today's meeting will be posted on the [Youth Justice Council website](#).