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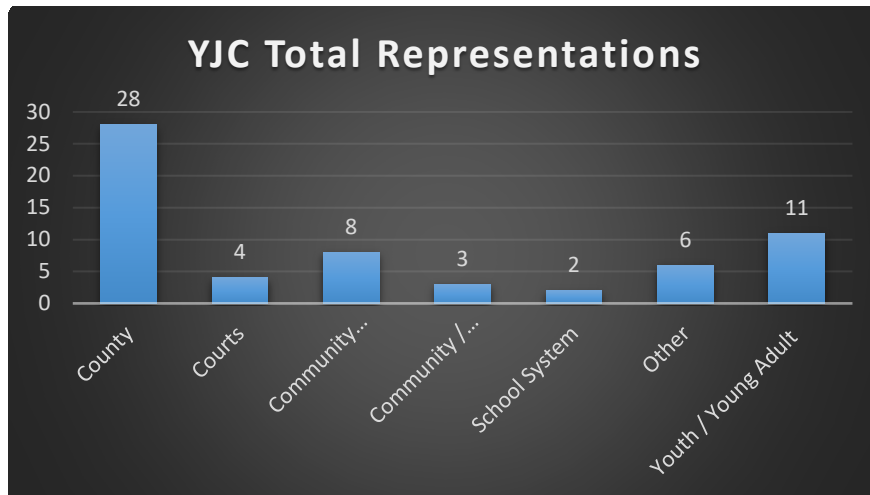
Youth Justice Council Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Time: 3:30 – 5:30 PM

Location: Virtual on Zoom.

Notes



Youth Panel Key Take Aways:

There were four young women who shared their experience with the juvenile justice system.

- Provide mental health services during and after the process of serving time in the juvenile justice system
- Speed up the process
- County Attorney's office look at the charges to see if they really fit the situation
- Re-evaluating out-of-home placement to ensure it's a safe and healthy environment
- Provide more programs that teach the following
 - Life skills
 - Develop empowerment
 - Anger management

- Financial management
- Job readiness
- Provide more mentors
- Exhaust every option before taking a young person out of the home and putting them into an out-of-home placement program
- Provide opportunities for young people to get out of the city for various activities
- Have more people of color in community organizations
- Support for the LGBTQ+ youth
- Community organizations be genuine with young people
- Diversity throughout the criminal justice system

The youth panel had questions for juvenile justice system people present at the meeting around out-of-home placement (OHP). Questions included when is it decided to place a young person in OHP; what's the criteria; is the system ensuring they are considering the needs of the youth before placing them in a OHP program; and how is the juvenile justice system holding OHP programs accountable?

- There is a criterion that is followed when considering whether a young person needs to go to OHP, but every effort is taken to keep a young person in the home.
- OHP provides the opportunity for parent/guardian and the young person to participate in the OHP screening.
- There are site visits that are conducted by Field Services Client Programming (FSCP) to ensure programs that provide OHP are adhering to the guidelines and contract.

Growth Focus Case Management (GFCM)

Jonathan Cloud gave a PowerPoint presentation on a new initiative taking place within juvenile probation, Growth Focus Case management. The PowerPoint presentation will be available on the [YJC website](#).

Highlights from the Chat:

Jason Oare to Everyone:

I just want to give a huge shoutout to the youth for being vulnerable and willing to share personal experiences and also being a part of the change! You girls are absolute rock stars and there is nothing you all can't do! This is absolutely my WHY like Urban Solution First Lady said!

Erin Bailey to Everyone:

I have to leave but really wanted to thank you for allowing me to join -- I serve as the Executive Director of Minnesota's Children's Cabinet, which convenes state agency leadership to better coordinate state agencies. I learned a lot from you, am grateful for your time and happy to be a resource. My email is erin.bailey@state.mn.us

Sarah Davis to Everyone:

Thank you for sharing your experiences and perspectives with us. Your insights and ideas are invaluable.

Megan Jablonski Johnson to Everyone:

This was phenomenal. Thank you all for taking the time to share with us!

Alyssa Benson to Everyone:

Charles and I would be happy to answer any follow up questions as well.

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