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*Community Safety Through Positive Change*

Gun Violence Prevention  
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# DCJ Adult & Juvenile specific services



## Specialty Caseloads

- Culturally responsive
- Gang unit
- Women & family services
- Domestic violence
- Mental health
- Sex crimes
- Y.E.S.S. (Youth Empowerment Supervision Services)
- REACH (Recognize, Engage, and Aspire to Change)



## Programming

- H.E.A.T. Curriculum
- Community Healing Initiative
- Call-in sessions
- African American Program
- Hands of Wonder
- Culinary institute



## Partnerships

- Operation Ceasefire
- Law Enforcement Missions
- Community based organizations
- Restorative practices
- MultCo Departments
- District Attorney



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# DCJ gun-involved cases

## Adult

*Unique JIIs on supervision who had charges with key words that include "firearm" in the ORS description of charges*

- FY22: 486 (6.45%)
- FY23: 494 (6.96%)
- FY24: 546 (7.73%)
- FY25 (to date): 380 (5.46%)

## Juvenile

*Unique youth who had referrals to JSD involving firearms charges based on ORS description*

- FY22: 60 (11.45%)
- FY23: 87 (19.82%)
- FY24: 73 (12.41%)
- FY25 (to date): 32 (11.47%)

*Represented as a percentage of total JIIs on DCJ supervision or referred*



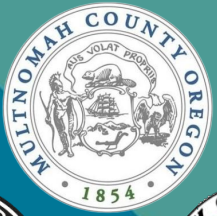
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## Key Initiative Highlight:



## Program

- H.E.A.T. - Habilitation Empowerment Accountability Therapy
  - Culturally responsive program for African American justice involved youth and adults supporting education, vocational training, access to resources while strengthening family relationships and positive mentorship.
  - Focused on gun violence prevention with high risk youth and adults.
  - Launched in 2020 in the Adult Services Division & in 2024 in the Juvenile Services Division, now with in-house trainers.
- Nearly 100 H.E.A.T. participants through DCJ programming:
  - Adult Services: 75 participants since 2020 virtual & in-person
  - Juvenile Services: Over 20 participants since 2024
    - *Active efforts to expand*



## Key Initiative Highlight:

## Ceasefire call-in sessions

- Partnership with Portland and Gresham, Police and Ceasefire teams
- Initiated in 2024 as a strategy to decrease community violence, particularly gun-related violence
- “Call-ins” engage adults on supervision with DCJ’s gang unit, with influence in the community
- Majority of individuals on this caseload are high and medium risk levels ~ 3 - 5 year supervision
- 6 call-in sessions held to date with representatives from individual gang units including the Bloods, Crips, Hoover and 18th Street Gang, with over 30 gang members
- Participants in call-in sessions are invited to participate in the H.E.A.T program, with 2 recent graduates participating



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## Key Initiative Highlight:

### CHI Probation

- Launched in 2011 as a partnership between Multnomah County and community providers: Latino Network, Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center (POIC)
- Focus on youth on probation with recent involvement with high-risk activities and behaviors such as violence/gun violence, gangs.
- Culturally specific support and services are tailored to meet both the needs of individual youth and family needs.
- Works with the entire family system.
- FY 2023 - FY 2024 data: 110 youth served - 94 JSD youth & 16 community youth
  - 89% Male, 11% Female
  - 47% Black, 30% Latino(a), 15% Caucasian, 8% Unrecorded
  - 77% remained law abiding while in CHI
  - 77% received no new referrals within the 1-year recidivism window



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