

Juvenile Services Division

Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan 2023-2025

LPSCC Presentation
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**DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY JUSTICE**

Goal of the JCP

The goal of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Program is to reduce juvenile arrests, reduce juvenile recidivism (new offenses by juvenile offenders) and reduce the need for beds in facilities operated by the Oregon Youth Authority.

[ORS 423.565](#)

Local public safety coordinating council shall develop and recommend to the county board of commissioners a plan designed to prevent criminal involvement by youth. The plan must provide for coordination of community-wide services involving treatment, education, employment and intervention strategies aimed at crime prevention.

Youth Development Division (YDD)

[ORS 417.855](#) identifies the target population for JCP funds as youth who have more than one of the following risk factors:

- antisocial behavior;
- poor family functioning or poor family support;
- school failure;
- substance abuse or negative peer association;
- clearly demonstrating at-risk behaviors

The Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) Program provides intervention for youth at risk of juvenile delinquency. Local planning processes allow communities (counties and tribes) to fund services based on local needs, decrease problem behavior and reduce risk for juvenile crime. Services can be grouped into direct interventions such as tutoring and academic supports, family counseling or substance abuse treatment, case management including coordinated review and monitoring of a youth's needs and services, and support services including the provision of basic needs services such as housing assistance or medical assistance.

YDD Juvenile Crime Prevention Grants support a variety of diversion and prevention programs designed to keep young people from entering the juvenile justice system or engaging in high-risk behavior, through a variety of pro-social activities and programs.

JSD Current State

Senate Bill 1008 ended the automatic transfer of youth to adult criminal court. The juvenile system has assumed responsibility for processing and providing services to young people adjudicated on very serious person-to-person felonies.

January 1, 2021 - October 1, 2022

140 youth referred to Multnomah County Juvenile Services Division that previously would have been automatically transferred to the adult system.

40 - cases dismissed

2 - waived to adult system

98 - petitions filed in juvenile court

High quality, culturally responsive services are needed more than ever to positively impact youth outcomes.

JSD Current State

- Trauma informed spaces: juvenile detention and probation offices.
- Transforming Juvenile Probation initiative - 150+ staff members, community partners, and stakeholders.
- Detention utilization reduced by 50% over 5 years: 15.6 daily in 2021, below full capacity of 29 bed.
- Restorative practices in juvenile detention.
- Return to pre-pandemic visitation protocols to re-introduce family and supports in Assessment & Evaluation.
- Juvenile Court Counselors have resumed all home visits and in-person meetings.

Key Data

- BIPOC youth continue to be overrepresented in the Multnomah County Juvenile Justice System:
 - 2022 data indicates that **BIPOC youth are 4x more likely to be referred to JSD as White youth.**
- 82% of youth benefiting from the services from JCP Funding identify as Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Color.
- 387 youth served on probation in FY 2022.
 - 89% of those youth did not receive a new adjudication within 1 year post disposition.
- JSD stayed under funded bed capacity for all of FY 2022.

Commitments

Committed to focusing on family and community

Uplifting & including justice-involved voices

Collaborative family-engaged case planning

Positive youth development

Youth voice and resilience

Racial and ethnic equity

Incentive driven

Transformation

Innovation

Priorities

- Continue to fund and expand use of culturally responsive services and supports across youth service systems for youth of color, particularly Black, Indigenous, and Hispanic/Latino youth, and their families.
- Create continuous opportunities for feedback, engagement, and support for staff and youth.
- Provide training on the benefits, best practices, and strategies for engaging families. Ensure that staff and service providers have the training and resources to conduct family assessments and the case management capacity to develop service plans that address family needs.
- Develop and implement meaningful incentives and opportunities for youth (e.g. Youth Justice Council).
- Partnering with PPS and other county schools for de-escalation training or training related to restorative justice approaches.
- Increased connections between JCCs, youth, and teachers within schools.

Transforming Juvenile Probation

In April 2022, the Juvenile Justice Council held a summit where participants shared strategies for advancing the three pillars of transforming juvenile probation.



Expanding Diversion: Enhancing, expanding and aligning our diversion pathways with community-led solutions that prioritize healing and meaningful accountability.

Decreasing Court-ordered Conditions: Reducing the overall number of court-ordered conditions with a focus on individualizing conditions specific to the needs of youth

Increasing Incentives for Justice-involved Youth: Strengthening the ability of juvenile court counselors to promote positive behavior change through the use of incentives and identifying and building on the strengths of youth and their families.

PROBATION TRANSFORMATION

Limiting System Involvement

Goals

DIVERSION Divert at least 60% of cases including ALL youth with low-level offenses and lower-risk levels.

PROBATION Use probation only as a purposeful intervention to support growth, behavior change and long-term success for youth with serious and repeat offenses.

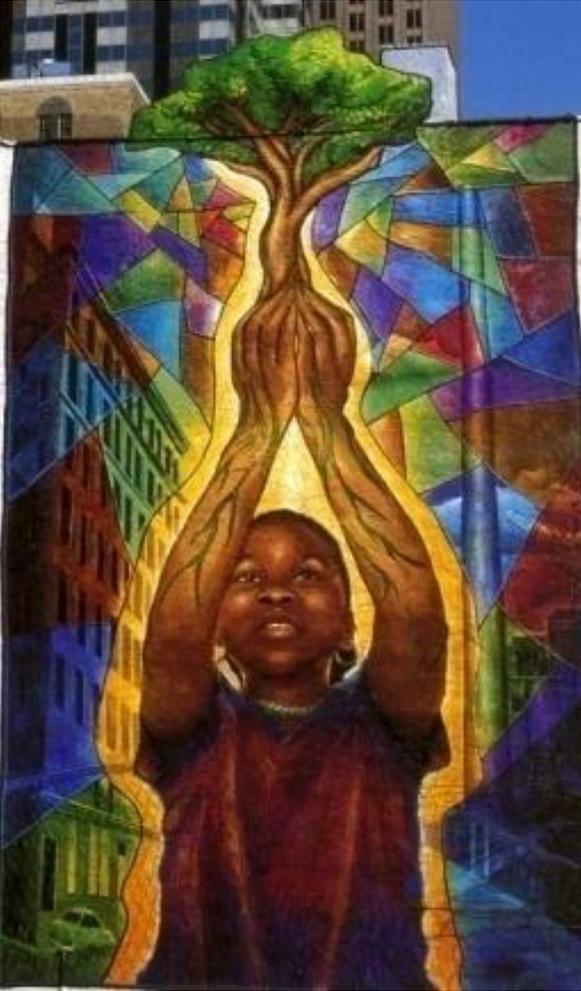
Methods

- Community-Led Diversion
 - No Formal Processing
- Refer to Services, Do Not Order
 - No Probation Lite
 - No Court Consequences
- Expectations and Goals, Not Court Conditions
 - Positive Relationship Building
 - Family-Engaged Case Planning
 - Improve Decision Making and Build Skills
 - Incentives and Opportunities

Outcomes

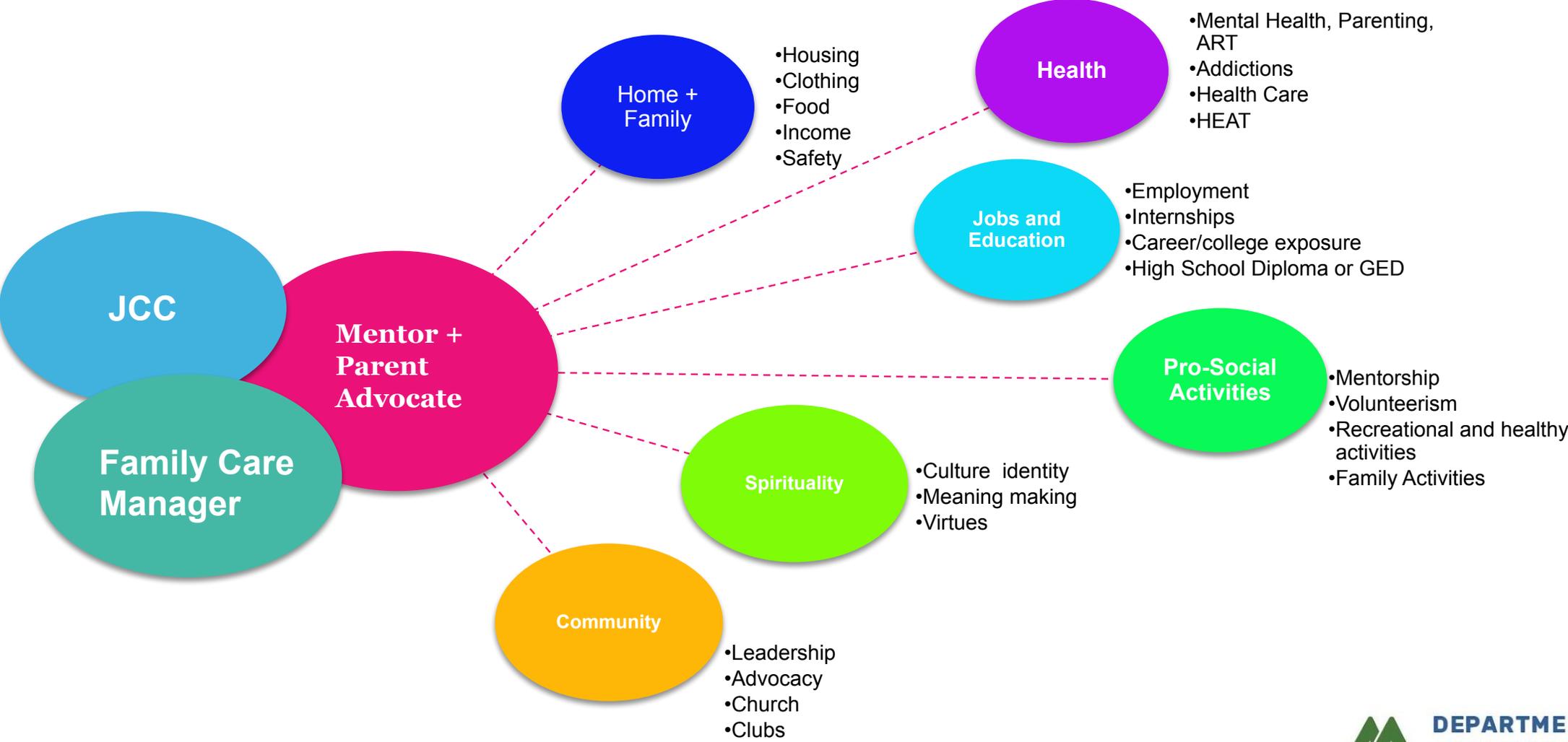
- ↑ Youth Diverted
- ↑ Family Engagement
- ↑ Community Resources
- ↑ Positive Adult Relationships
- ↑ Youth Remaining in Communities
- ↑ Community Safety
- ↑ Racial and Ethnic Equity

Community Healing Initiative (CHI)



- Started in 2011 as a partnership between Multnomah County and community providers: Latino Network, Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center (POIC), Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization (IRCO).
- Focus on youth on probation who have 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.
- Services can continue after probation ends.

CHI Service Delivery



CHI Data

110 youth served - 86 JSD youth & 24 community youth

Tracked outcomes for JSD youth (n=86):

- 87% Male, 13% Female
- 69% Black, 28% Latino(a), 1% Caucasian, 2% Unrecorded
- 80% remained law abiding while in CHI
- 77% received no new referrals within the 1-year recidivism window

Parent Summit 2022



Questions?