# GREENE COUNTY JUVENILE DIVERSION

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#### WHY WE STARTED

- In 2017 we received the Missouri Juvenile Officer Performance Standards
- As a result, we started diversion-specific officers
- We now have 3 dedicated Juvenile Officers as a completed unit
- It's important these officers are a separate unit because they do not have the same opportunity to push them further into the system as our other officers
- We know we have improved outcomes for youth that do not enter the juvenile office, courtroom, detention, or have a record created.

## WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM LOOK LIKE

- Legally Sufficient Reports
- Legally Insufficient and FYI only Reports
- Parental Assistance Forms
- Completely Voluntary
  - Few Exceptions (legally sufficient with restitution and victim involvement)

#### Parent Assistance Form

Diversion Services- Greene County Juvenile Office

Phone: 417-868-4008 Address: 933 N Robberson Ave. Springfield, MO 65802

Email: paf@courts.mo.gov

Address:	
Race:	Gender:
children 16 years of age ar process, it the facts you se formal action may need to with the court. If that action	wided to any families voluntarily looking for help finding resources for and younger. Our goal is to prevent youth from entering our formal court of forth in this form rise to the level of a law violation or status offense, more be taken up to and including informal probation or the filing of a petition on occurs, a thirty dollar cost will be assessed by the juvenile office/juvenile your situation and one of our officers will try and contact you. (Additional on the back)
	o law enforcement?

#### SERVICES AVAILABLE

Circle all interested in:

Counseling Referrals Psychiatric Referrals Anger Management Community Service

Tutoring Girls Group Programming Substance Abuse Treatment

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### WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM LOOK LIKE

- 3 full time officers
- We Divert 60% of all reports that to our office

- Officers Utilize the CANS Assessment
- Complete Action Plans with Each Family
- Most cases are closed in 60-90 days of assignment

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Social Functioning		0	0	0	0
Recreational		0	0	0	0
Developmental/Intellectual <sup>1</sup>		0	0	0	0
Job Functioning		0	0	0	0
Legal		0	0	0	0
Medical/Physical		0	0	0	0
Sexual Development		0	0	0	0
Sleep		0	0	0	0
School Behavior		0	0	0	0
School Attendance		0	0	0	0
School Achievement		0	0	0	0
Decision-Making		0	0	0	0

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Optimism		0	0	0	0
Educational Setting		0	0	0	0
Vocational		0	0	0	0
Talents/Interests		0	0	0	0
Spiritual/Religious		0	0	0	0
Community Life		0	0	0	0
Relationship Permanence		0	0	0	0
Resiliency		0	0	0	0
Resourcefulness		0	0	0	0
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Supervision		0	0	0	0
Involvement with Care		0	0	0	0
Knowledge		0	0	0	0
Organization		0	0	0	0
Social Resources		0	0	0	0
Residential Stability		0	0	0	0
Medical/Physical		0	0	0	0
Mental Health		0	0	0	0
Substance Use		0	0	0	0
Developmental		0	0	0	0
Safety		0	0	0	0

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Impulsivity/Hyperactivity		0	0	0	0
Depression		0	0	0	0
Anxiety		0	0	0	0
Oppositional		0	0	0	0
Conduct		0	0	0	0
Adjustment to Trauma <sup>2</sup>		0	0	0	0
Attachment Difficulties		0	0	0	0
Anger Control		0	0	0	0
Substance Use <sup>3</sup>		0	0	0	0

CHILD BEHAVIORAL/EMOTIONAL NEEDS

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Suicide Risk		0	0	0	0
Non-Suicidal Self-Injurious Be	havior	0	0	0	0
Other Self-Harm (Recklessnes	s)	0	0	0	0
Danger to Others <sup>4</sup>		0	0	0	0
Sexual Aggression <sup>5</sup>		0	0	0	0
Runaway <sup>6</sup>		0	0	0	0
Delinquent Behavior <sup>7</sup>		0	0	0	0
Fire Setting <sup>9</sup>		0	0	0	0
Intentional Misbehavior		0	0	0	0

RISK BEHAVIORS





#### INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT MODULES (rate if indicated on prior sheets)

Ī	<sup>1</sup> Developmental Disabilities Module
	<sup>2</sup> Trauma Module
	<sup>3</sup> Substance Use Module
	<sup>4</sup> Violence Module
	<sup>5</sup> Sexually Aggressive Behaviors Module
	<sup>6</sup> Runaway Module
	<sup>7</sup> Juvenile Justice Module
	<sup>8</sup> Decision Making Module
	<sup>9</sup> Fire Setting Module

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Communication		0	0	0	0
Developmental		0	0	0	0
Self-Care/Daily Living Skills		0	0	0	0

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Intrusions/Re-Experiencing	П	0	0	0
Hyperarousal	П	0	0	0
Traumatic Grief/Separation	П	0	0	0
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SUBSTANC	E USE MOD	ULE			
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Severity of Use		0	0	0	0
Duration of Use		0	0	0	0
Stage of Recovery	0 0 0 0				
Peer Influences	0000				
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Environmental Influences	0000				
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Physical Force/Threat		0	0	0	0
Planning		0	0	0	0
Age Differential		0	0	0	0
Type of Sex Act		0	0	0	0
Response to Accusation		0	0	0	0
Temporal Consistency		0	0	0	0
History of Sexual Abusive Be	havior	0	0	0	0
Severity of Sexual Abuse		0	0	0	0
Prior Treatment		0	0	0	0

RUNAW	AY MODULE				
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Frequency of Running		0	0	0	0
Consistency of Destination		0	0	0	0
Safety of Destination	0 0 0 0				0
Involvement in Illegal Acts	0000				0
Likelihood of Return on Own	ı	0	0	0	0
Involvement of Others		0	0	0	0
Realistic Expectations		0	0	0	0
Planning		0	0	0	0

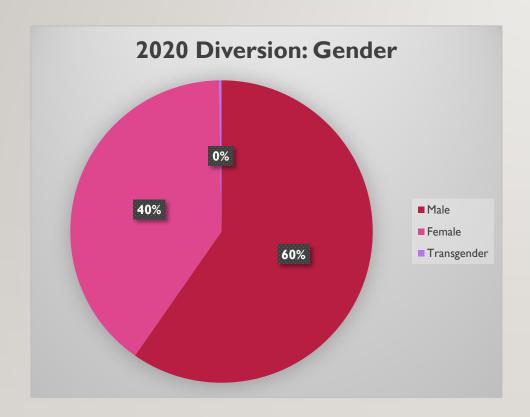
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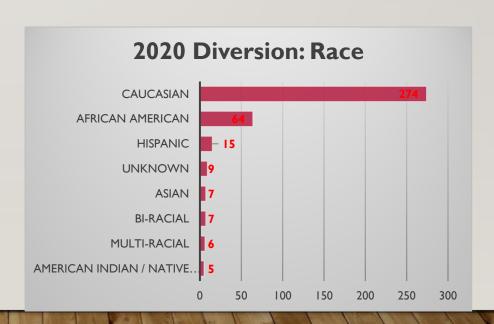
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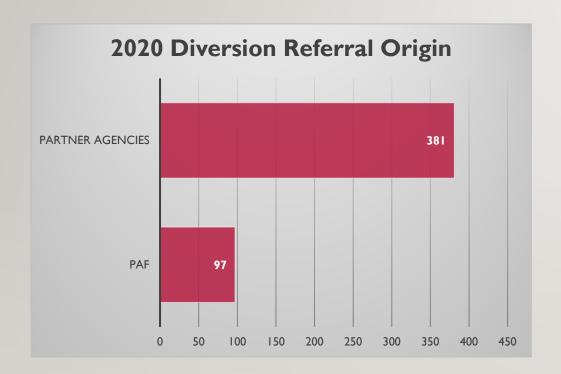
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Community Safety		0	0	0	0
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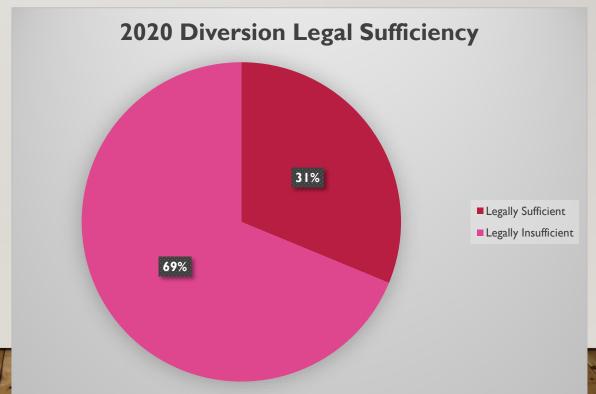
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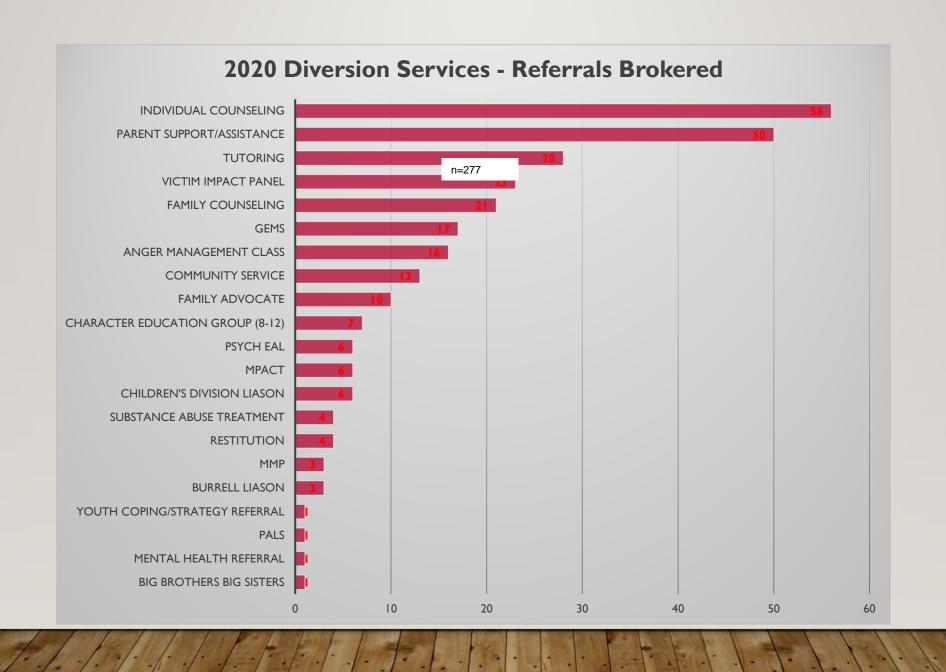
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Parent:		
Completed		
	Concern/ Goal: Engage In Diversion Services	
	Action Steps	Responsibility
	Steps: Family will engage in Diversion Assessment DJO will make appropriate referrals based off needs found in assessment DJO will explain and help family understand recommendations Empower the family moving forward to make own decisions Family will be engaged in services no longer than 3-6 months.	
	Concern/Goal	
	Action Steps	











#### WHAT ARE OUR CHALLENGES

- We are always battling net widening
  - Net widening is when we bring youth into the juvenile justice system unnecessarily and keep them there
- Approximately 70% of youth arrested for first time offense are never arrested again
- We allow Law Enforcement to submit "FYI" only reports to our diversion officers
  - This may have created a loop hole for officers to have youth enter our system and we are in the process of reviewing a correcting this
- We can always use more resources
  - Our officers have very high case loads and are still located at the juvenile office
  - It is preferred for diversion services to be with outside agencies

#### WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED

- We have learned to treat these cases different than all others
  - Net widening can cause a strain on resources that are meant for youth with higher delinquent needs
- We know youth that enter the doors of our court are more likely to come back so we try to help them feel the differences between the two types of services
- We have these youth go to our community based services building, Ideally this would be even more separate like a community building or agency
- Our officers go into the homes, community, and schools to meet our families where they are

#### WHAT ARE OUR SUCCESSES?

- We divert 60% of our cases
  - 60% of the youth brought to our attention initially avoid formal case processing and having a "record" created
- We do not count these cases against our youth but partner with other officers to help them understand the dynamics of the families when necessary
- Our diversion officers have really honed in on ways to target the needs of our families and utilize our community partners
  - Mental health partnerships in our office
- We have had some conversations with a partner for VIP/VOM to get referrals straight from law enforcement

#### MORE SUCCESSES

- We are able to offer preventative groups in our local middle schools to keep youth from needing referrals sent to our office
- We are building relationships with our schools to access us for resources
- We are learning to pivot to make sure we doing the right things for the right reasons with our families
  - We are looking to limit the interaction we have with families but instead getting them directly to the resources they need

# DIVERSIONS WE ARE NOT INVOLVED IN

- CSTAR assessments in schools
- Mental health providers in schools

# **CITATIONS**

 Widening the Net in Juvenile Justice and the Dangers of Prevention and Early Intervention. Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice. (2001, August) www.cjcj.org