

### Our Mission

To engage, guide and empower Douglas County youth and families to achieve positive outcomes within the child welfare and juvenile justice systems through community partnerships designed to offer unique and innovative opportunities to decrease further system involvement.

### Our Vision

To provide a unique and innovative way to give families a greater voice in decisions affecting their lives and to decrease further involvement in the juvenile justice system.

### Our Goals

- Ensure greater youth and family involvement
- Collaborate with community partners
- Focus on family strengths  
Improve system accountability
- Engage and collaborate with youth, family and stakeholders
- Identify system gaps and barriers

### Who We Serve

A Youth that has been referred to the County Attorney's office for either a status offense, or, law violation with an open child welfare case or closed within the last twelve months, both court involved and voluntary.

## WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT...

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### CHILD ABUSE and NEGLECT as a RISK FACTOR for DELINQUENCY

- Increased likelihood of arrest as a juvenile by **55%** and for a violent crime as a juvenile by **96%**
- Increased likelihood of arrest as an adult by **28%** and for a violent crime as an adult by **30%**
- Increased the odds of future delinquency and adult criminality overall by **29%**

### DUAL STATUS or CROSSOVER YOUTH

- Are often in the child welfare system for **long periods of time.**
- **Are** more likely to be **female** as compared to the general delinquency population.
- Minorities, particularly African Americans, appear to be **over represented.**
- Most are placed **out of the home** and often experience **multiple** placements.
- **Are** often **truant** and/or **performing poorly** in school.
- Over half are **detained** prior to adjudication.
- Have higher rates of **substance abuse** and **mental illness**
- Have higher **recidivism** rates
- Have higher rates of **criminal involvement** as adults
- Have higher rates of **child welfare** involvement as parents/perpetrators of **maltreatment**

*Herz & Ryan, 2008b; Halemba, Siegel, Lord, & Zawacki, 2004; Kelley, Thornberry, & Smith, 1997; Saeturn & Swain, 2*

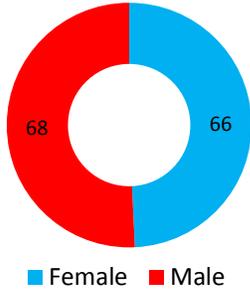
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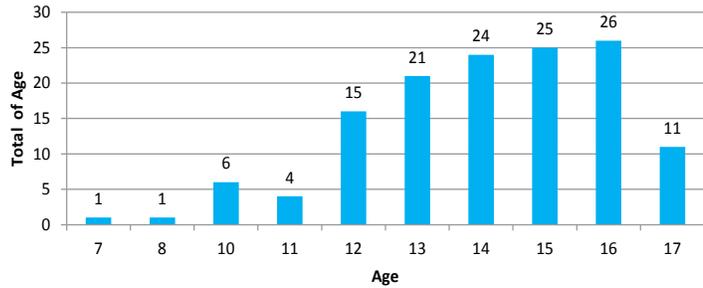
## Youth Impact! 2015 Team Eligible Data

To date there has been a total of 671 youth (47% female and 53 % male) identified as dual status in Douglas County. The data below is specific to youth identified as team eligible during the calendar year 2015 and case decisions made by the county attorney as a result the team meeting process. There were 49 (37%) of cases that were eligible for aftercare and a total of 85 (63%) open child welfare cases that were identified as team eligible.

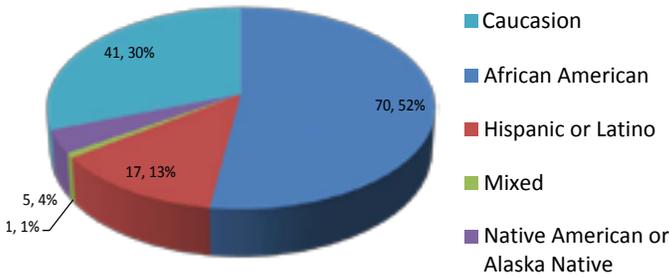
Gender of Youth Impact! Team Eligible (n=134)



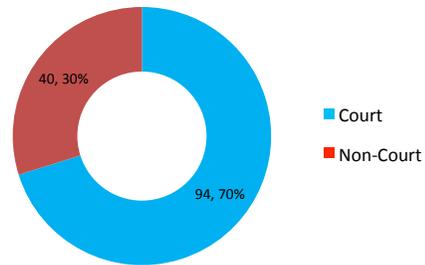
Age of CYPM Youth Served Data



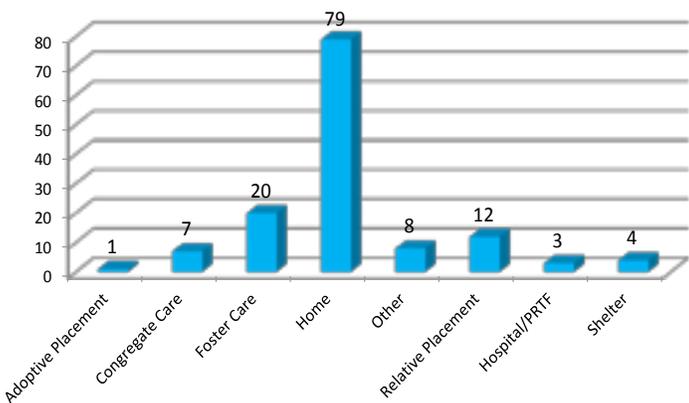
Ethnicity of CYPM Youth Served to Date (n=134)



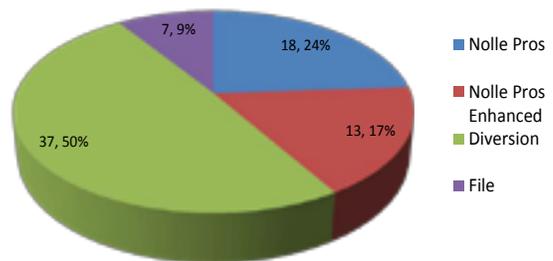
Court Status for Youth Impact! Team Eligible Youth (n=134)



Placement Status for all Youth at time of Identification (n=134)



Decisions By County Attorney (n=75)



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