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OF TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

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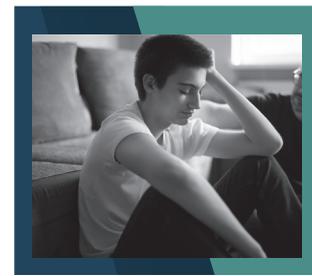


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OUR MISSION

“Improving our community through prevention, diversion, intervention and empowerment with the youth and families we serve.”

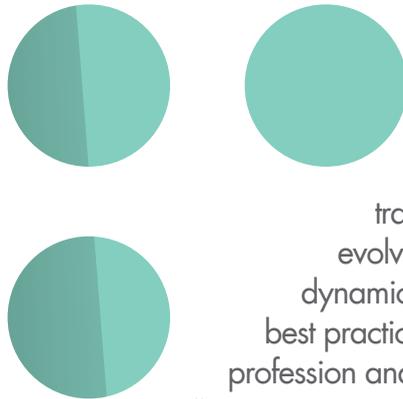
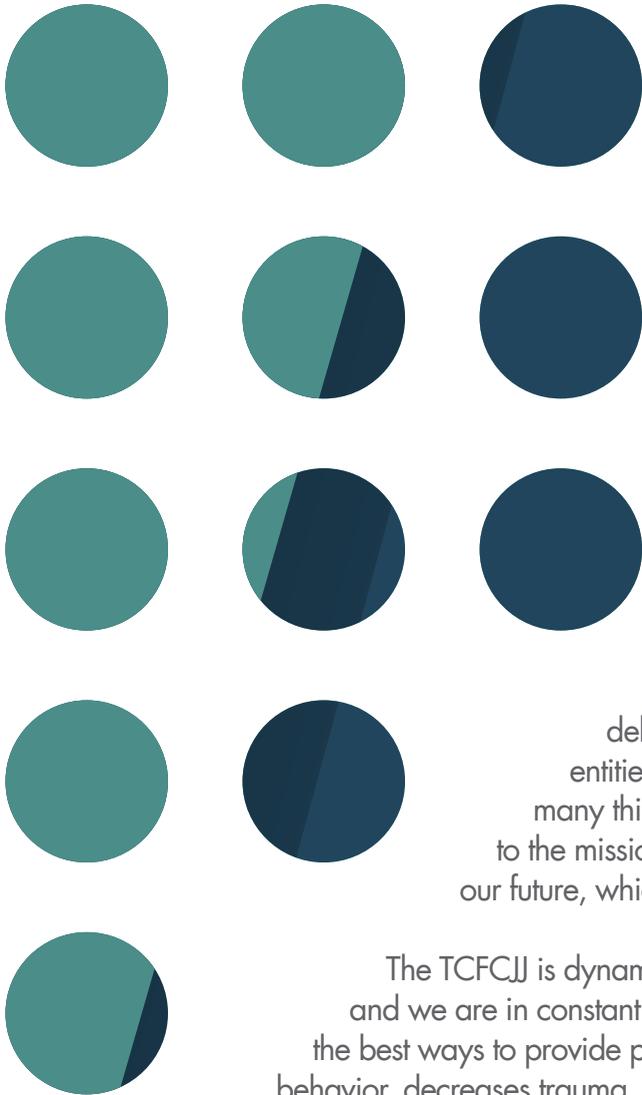
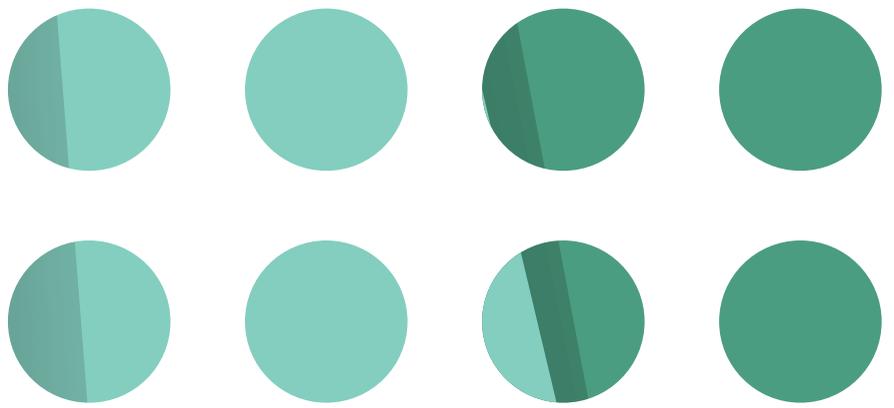
ABOUT THE TULSA COUNTY FAMILY CENTER FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE

In 1950, the Tulsa County Juvenile Court opened with one distinctive juvenile judge. In 1968, a Tulsa County Juvenile Court House was constructed to include an attached juvenile detention center.

The Tulsa County Family Center for Juvenile Justice (TCFCJJ) will open in the fall of 2019. It replaces the aforementioned original buildings. TCFCJJ provides access to services for youth and their families including prevention, intervention, deferrals, justice, and treatment programs. TCFCJJ is the Tulsa County District Juvenile Courthouse that also provides services such as Safe Babies' Court, Family Drug Court, Adoptions, Children in Deprived Status and Juvenile Delinquency. TCFCJJ includes offices for Tulsa County employees, Department of Human Services, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, public defenders, assistant district attorneys, judges, teachers, and volunteers.

Research indicates 75% of youth involved with the juvenile justice system have experienced some sort of trauma. Because of this knowledge, TCFCJJ continuously evaluates programs and ensures that best practices are implemented to reduce re-victimization of youth and their families. TCFCJJ serves more than 4,000 youth and their families each year.

COMMENTS FROM THE DIRECTOR



The Tulsa County Juvenile Bureau presents this annual report in an effort to educate stakeholders, document progress and enhance transparency. The Bureau, is an evolving agency that maintains a dynamic nature to ensure evidence based best practices coincide with an ever changing profession and clientele. Our mission statement of “Improving our community through prevention, diversion, intervention and empowerment with the youth and families we serve”, best describes what the Bureau is being rebranded as, which is **The Tulsa County Family Center for Juvenile Justice (TCFCJJ)**.

The Judges, public defenders, prosecutors TCFCJJ staff and other stakeholders who office at the TCFCJJ do so much more than delinquency. The engagement of the families, service providers and other entities involved with the youth that we serve expands our realm from what many think of as juvenile justice. Everyone connected directly and/or indirectly to the mission are in their respective professions for the correct reason...investing in our future, which is the youth of today.

The TCFCJJ is dynamic and unique in that many of our protocols are considered bellwether and we are in constant evolution of best practices. This is a great asset to the county as one of the best ways to provide public safety is through best practices that reduces future unlawful behavior, decreases trauma, improves lives, addresses social illnesses, and educates... thereby reducing victimization and reducing further county cost associated with all aspects of the juvenile justice process.

The Bureau is one of only four in the state. It is a local government agency providing evidence based response to local issues. Tulsa County is very fortunate to have a great history of a Bureau that has served the citizens well.



OUR JUDGES



CHIEF JUDGE CARTER

In January, our new Chief Judge, Martha Rupp Carter was sworn into office. Judge Carter was elected to the 14th District Court in November 2018. Although we posted her bio in our previous newsletter, we want to highlight her accomplishments. Judge Carter served over seven years as a Special Judge in the Tulsa County District Court. Her work in four of the Court's five divisions provides a broad range of judicial experience. Judge Carter has presided over countless trials and hearings in divorce, child custody, civil litigation, mental health, guardianships of exploited and vulnerable adults, criminal preliminary hearings, and protective orders. In her role as Chief Judge of the Tulsa County Family Center for Juvenile Justice, Judge Carter presides over all aspects of the juvenile court system.



SPECIAL JUDGE WILMA L. PALMER

A graduate of Booker T. Washington High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She received her undergraduate and Law degree from the University of Tulsa. In February 2007, she became the first African American woman to be appointed as a Special Judge to the Tulsa County District Court bench.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge Palmer was a solo practitioner in Tulsa for 17 years. Her general law practice included experience in domestic, probate, civil and criminal matters. She also served as general counsel for the Housing Authority of the City of Tulsa for 8 years.

Currently, Judge Palmer is assigned to the Juvenile Division of the Tulsa County District Court where she presides over the Dually Adjudicated Youth Docket, Delinquent Docket and Juvenile Protective Order Docket.



SPECIAL JUDGE RODNEY SPARKMAN

A 1983 graduate from Muldrow High School. He received his BS in Business Administration from Oklahoma State University and his JD from the University of Kansas. His first job as an attorney was with Western Arkansas Legal Service in Fort Smith, Arkansas. In 1994, he accepted a staff attorney position with the Department of Human Services, Child Support Enforcement Division, Tulsa County where he remained on staff for nine (9) years. In 2003 he was appointed as a District Court Referee in the Domestic Division of Tulsa County. Since 2005 has served as a Special Judge for Tulsa County assigned to the Domestic Division. In July 2014 he was assigned to Tulsa County's Juvenile Division.



SPECIAL JUDGE THERESA DREILING

Judge Theresa Dreiling is newly assigned to the Juvenile Court, beginning in February 2019. She was appointed a Special District Judge for Tulsa County in January 2007. During her tenure as a Special Judge, she has been assigned to several other dockets, including family court, civil, mental health, guardianship, probate, and adoption.

Before her appointment to the bench, Judge Dreiling had served as a law clerk for the Court of Civil Appeals, drafting and editing appellate opinions for Judges Jane Wiseman, Joe Taylor, Dan Boudreau, and William Means and had practiced law in the areas of insurance defense and medical negligence. Judge Dreiling received a Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Tulsa and a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from Washburn University of Topeka.

Judge Dreiling has received the Neil E. Bogan Award for Professionalism from the Tulsa County Bar Association, the Family Judge of the Year Award from the Family Law Section of the Oklahoma Bar Association, and the Mona Salyer Lambird Spotlight Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association.

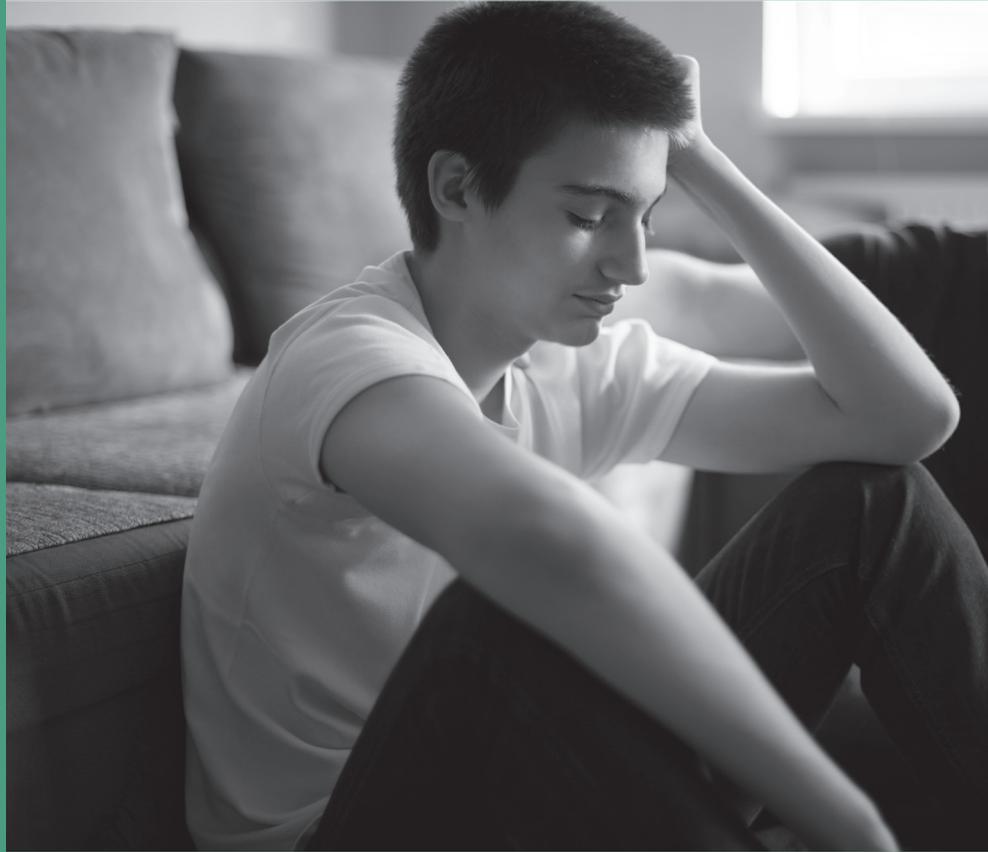
COURT SERVICES

INTAKE & PROBATION

The Court Services division of the Tulsa County Family Center for Juvenile Justice is comprised of two primary groups, Intake and Probation. These two groups provide a continuum of services to youth and their families involved with the Juvenile Justice system in Tulsa County. Our client-centered approach to Juvenile Justice has allowed both departments to provide an enhanced level of case management and supervision to the youth and families in our community.

During FY 19, TCFCJJ continued to focus on mid to high-risk youth. Overall, the TCFCJJ experiences a 23% decrease in referrals and a 25% decrease in offenses. This can be attributed to the statewide and national trends that indicate a decrease in juvenile crime.

The top ten referrals to the agency are as follows: larceny from a retailer (misdemeanor), domestic assault/battery, in need of supervision, obstruction of public officer, possession of marijuana, possession of stolen vehicle, assault/battery, larceny of a vehicle, resisting arrest and burglary II.

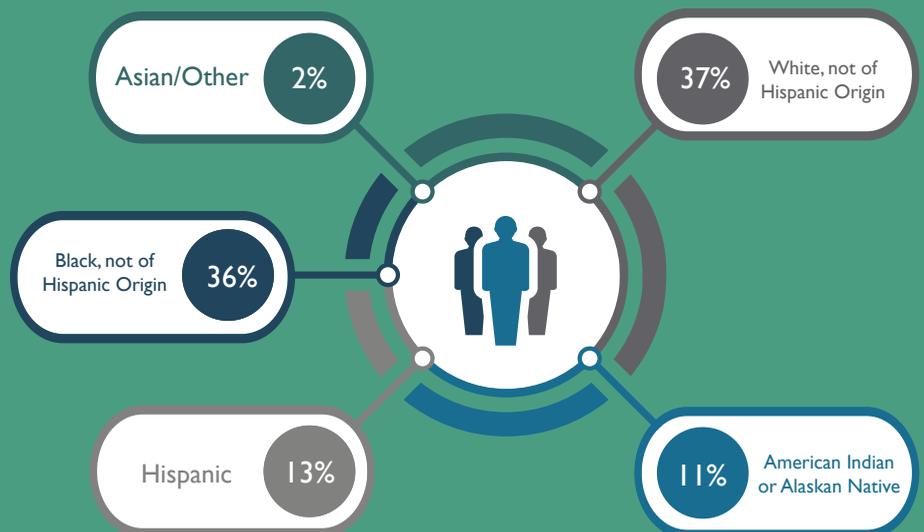


DATA FROM THE 2019 FISCAL YEAR

| Offenses | Referrals |
|----------|-----------|
| 2,539 | 1,706 |

| Ave. Age | Youth |
|----------|-------|
| 15.65 | 1,606 |

| Youth w/Multiple Referrals | Total Adjudicated |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 446 | 33.23% |



INTAKE

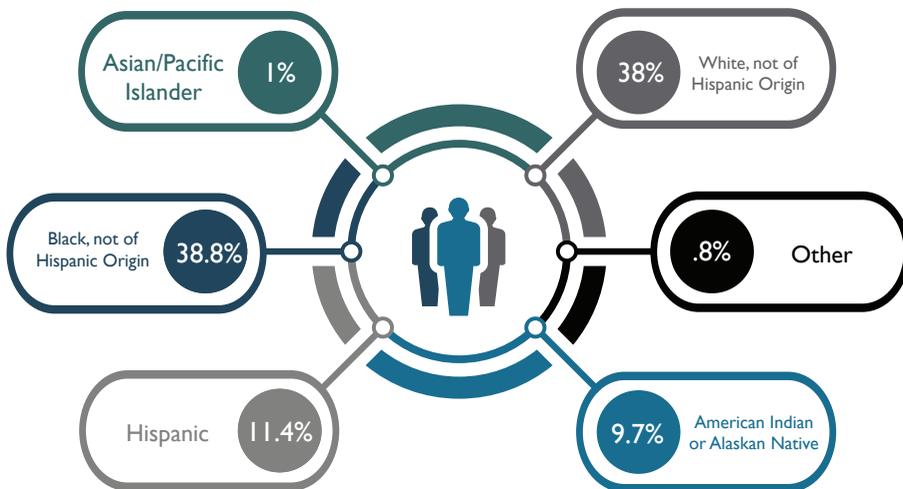
BY THE NUMBERS

The Intake Department serves as the initial contact for the youth and family immediately following their referral to the TCFCJJ. Intake counselors assess the youth's risk and needs by completing an intake risk assessment. Based on the outcome of this assessment, type and seriousness of the referral, intake counselors may have the discretion to divert cases from court involvement. If a referral is directed to court, intake provides recommendations to the court officials on options that will best serve needs of the youth and public.

The Intake Department has agreements with Youth Services of Tulsa and Street School to utilize the Misdemeanant Alternative Program and First Offenders Program to divert first referral misdemeanors. Such services are grant funded through the State Office of Juvenile Affairs.

The following charts reflect data on all referrals through the Intake Department.

INTAKE BY RACE



TOP 3 REFERRAL TYPES TO INTAKE



| | |
|--|-----|
| Larceny from Retailer <\$500.00 21-1731 | 230 |
| In Need of Supervision 10-1101.3 | 204 |
| Domestic Assault/Battery and Assault/Battery | 174 |

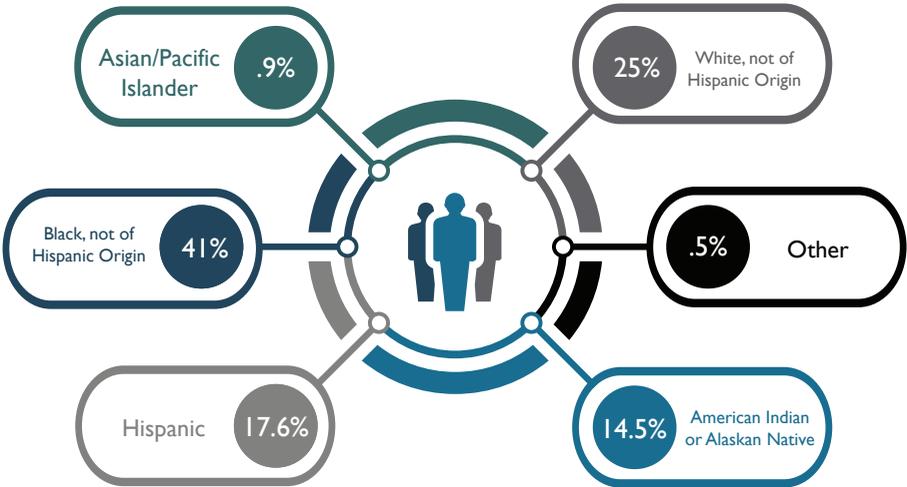
PROBATION BY THE NUMBERS

The Probation Department has a myriad of responsibilities in regards to the youth and families they serve, both in the courtroom and in the community. By utilizing assessments, details of the adjudicated offenses, youth and families' current circumstances, probation designs an evidence based treatment plan for the youth with the primary goal of eliminating future delinquent behavior.

The Probation Department has implemented evidence based practices to improve services to the youth and families. Areas of increased focus include youth victimized by sex trafficking, addressing trauma, and improving services and the process of addressing delinquent youth who are in DHS child welfare custody. The Probation Department also increased bilingual staff members in order to better serve our Hispanic population.

The data below reflects all referrals sent to Probation in FY 19.

PROBATION BY RACE



TOP 3 REFERRAL TYPES TO PROBATION



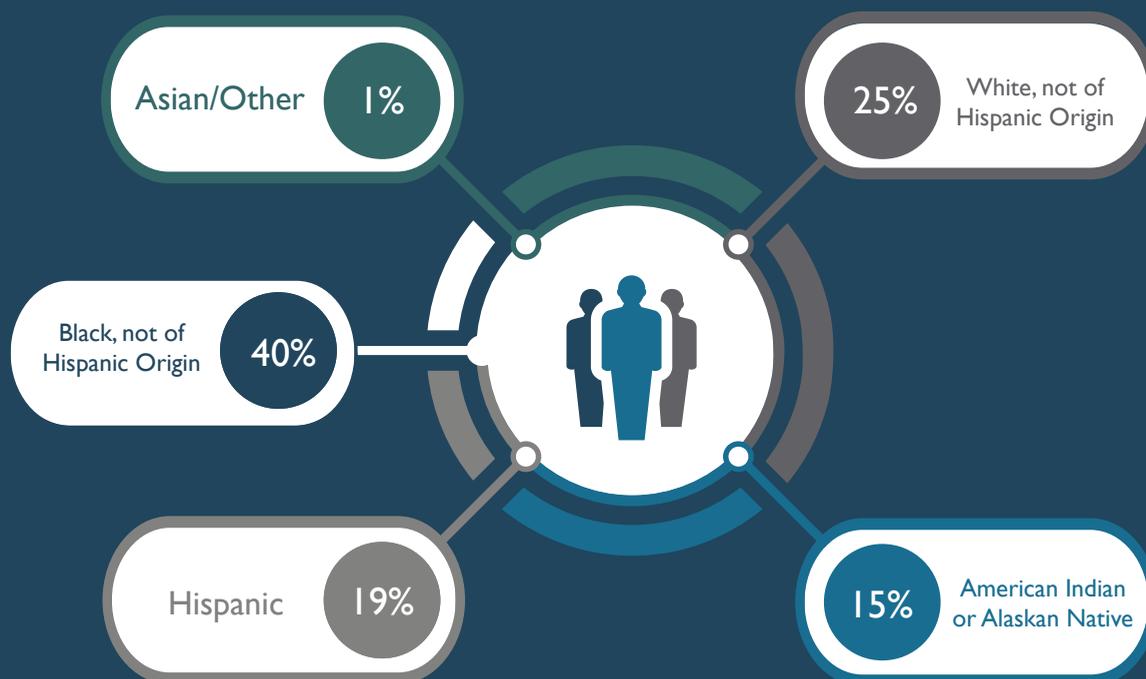
Average Case Load: 24
Number of Youth Served through Probation: 522

INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROGRAM

This program is within the Court Services Division. The Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) is a program designed to be an alternative to detention while providing increased levels of accountability supervision and family contact while youth are on homebound detention status or have been deemed through behavioral issues to be in need of increased supervision protocols. ISP workers make contact with youth at their home, in school or at their place of employment. This contact occurs at all hours during the day and evening, with each youth being seen multiple times during a 24-hour period. ISP provides after hours assistance and is on call to receive communication from parents or guardians regarding issues or emergencies at the home of the youth. ISP experienced an approximate 9% increase in youth served this fiscal year. Without the ISP program, many of these youth would likely have served days and or additional days in detention.

Total youth served by ISP: 333
Average age: 15

ISP BY RACE



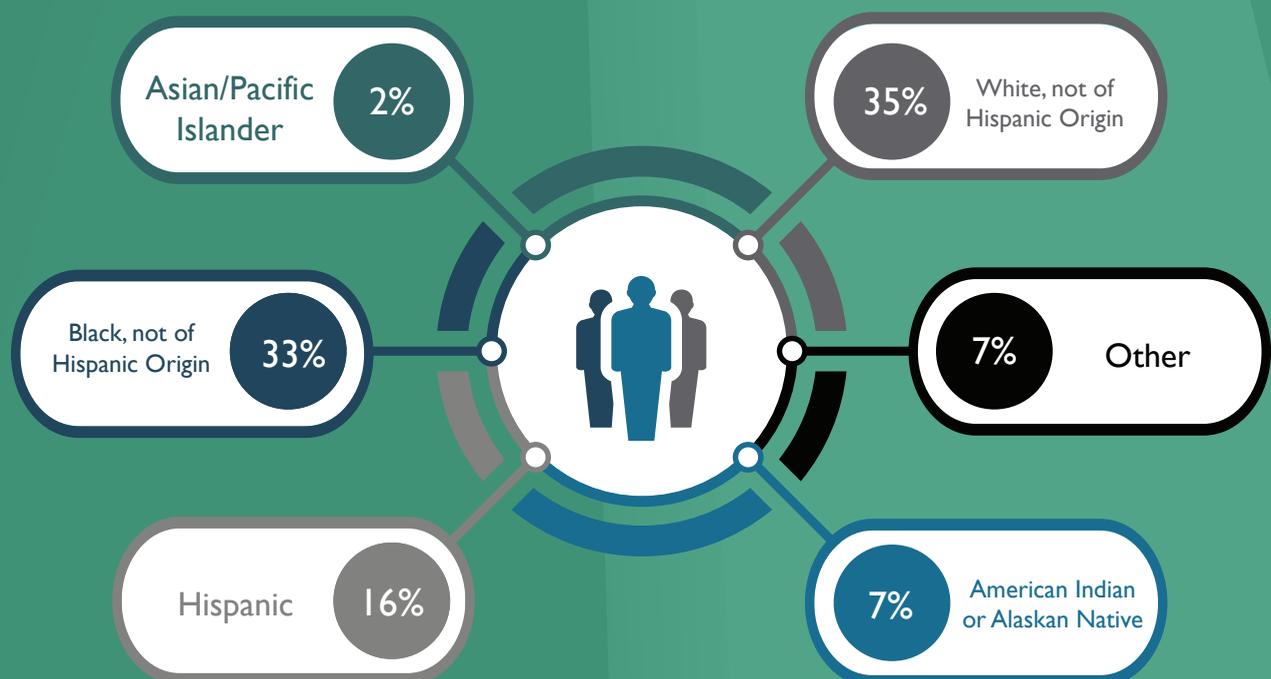
CHILDREN IN NEED OF SUPERVISION PROGRAM

Also encompassed under the Court Services Division is the Children in Need of Supervision Program (CHINS). This program is designed to divert youth from entering the juvenile system by connecting families to community resources. When a youth is enrolled in the CHINS Program by the parent, they receive referrals to services such as counseling, inpatient and outpatient treatment, alternative education options, transitional living, GED/job skills, drug testing services, domestic violence resources, and teen pregnancy resources.

CHINS is also intended to assist parents with children who have runaway. This service provides a pickup order signed by the appropriate officials to apprehend a youth who has been reported as a runaway. Through this pickup order, the youth is returned to his or her home or to a shelter.

CHINS served 125
The average age was 15.35 years old.

CHINS BY RACE



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

Mental Health and Psychological Services are provided to address the mental health needs of the clients and parents we serve. Through Psychological Services, our full time Psychologist provides training to complete remediation services with juveniles determined to be incompetent and perform parenting capacity evaluations. Our Psychologist also provides valuable psychological evaluations, consultation and referrals to other psychologists for specialist evaluations for the Probation department on an ongoing basis.



Other Mental Health services include a full time therapist at the Phoenix Rising Alternative School who is available for many services including completing intake assessments on every student, providing therapy and crisis intervention, consulting with teachers and staff members, and assisting students in meeting their mental health needs. We also have two full time therapists at our Detention Home as well. Through partnerships such as the Tristesse Grief Center, our mental health staff provide many valuable resources for the families we serve.

984

**Individual
Therapy
Sessions**

132

**Group Therapy
Sessions**

Topics of grief, substance use disorders, mindfulness, healthy relationships, and parenting

56

**Crisis
Interventions**

Suicidal or homicidal idealizations, threats of aggression and violence, grief, and symptoms of psychosis

42

**Family &
Adolescent
Resilience Groups**

17

**Family
Therapy
Sessions**

9

**Master's Level
Therapy Interns**

Representing the
University of Oklahoma,
Oklahoma State University,
and Northeastern State University

FAMILY DRUG COURT

Through a partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health, Centers for Therapeutic Interventions, and the Department of Human Services, TCFCJJ created the Tulsa County Family Drug Court. This court serves families in Tulsa County who have an open child welfare case where substance use has been identified as a contributing factor in the removal of the children. In FY 2019, we restructured our court with an emphasis on a treatment-based approach. With this change, the court is now called the Family Treatment Court (FTC). FTC is a non-adversarial, parallel specialty court that combines judiciary aspects with treatment, social services, and education. This combination has proven effective in allowing children to be reunited with their parents at an earlier date.

Progress is tracked on a more frequent basis, which eliminates non-productive time and increases accountability. Parents obtain skills to become sober, employed, independent, and financially stable. Parenting classes are included as well as case management services, family counseling, and medically assisted treatment as needed. Successful participants complete a five-milestone process, receive incentives, certificates, and are included in a graduation ceremony.



FAMILY DRUG COURT SERVED:

| Parents | Children | Graduates |
|---------|----------|-----------|
| 64 | 74 | 18 |

POST ADJUDICATION REVIEW BOARD

The Post Adjudication Review Board (PARB) is a group of volunteers who are employed or reside in the judicial district of which the board serves and are appointed by the Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) after consultation with the judiciary of the district.

PARB reviews the cases of many adjudicated deprived children at least once every six months to consider and evaluate the appropriateness of: (1) the goals and objectives of the treatment and service plan, (2) the goals and objectives of the permanency plan, and (3) the service provided to the child, parent, step-parent, other adults living in the home, legal guardian, or custodian. Reviews of the cases and recommendations are made to members of the court team prior to the next regularly scheduled court review of the case. (Oklahoma Statutes Title X, Chapter 51, Section 1116.3)

FEMALE PROGRAMMING

The female programming coordinator facilitated Girl Power groups on a weekly basis at 10 sites and served an average 150 females weekly. Girl Power is a group that facilitates information that encourages girls to make healthy and empowering choices concerning their education, sexual health, relationships, and their futures. The coordinator collaborates with other youth serving agencies in our community to provide youth with community connections and appropriate adult role models.



The female programming coordinator co-chairs the Child Sexual Exploitation Task Force, conducting monthly meetings and bringing awareness of exploitation to youth and adults. In FY 2019, the female programming coordinator educated over 2500 individuals on child sexual exploitation and human trafficking.



DETENTION HOME

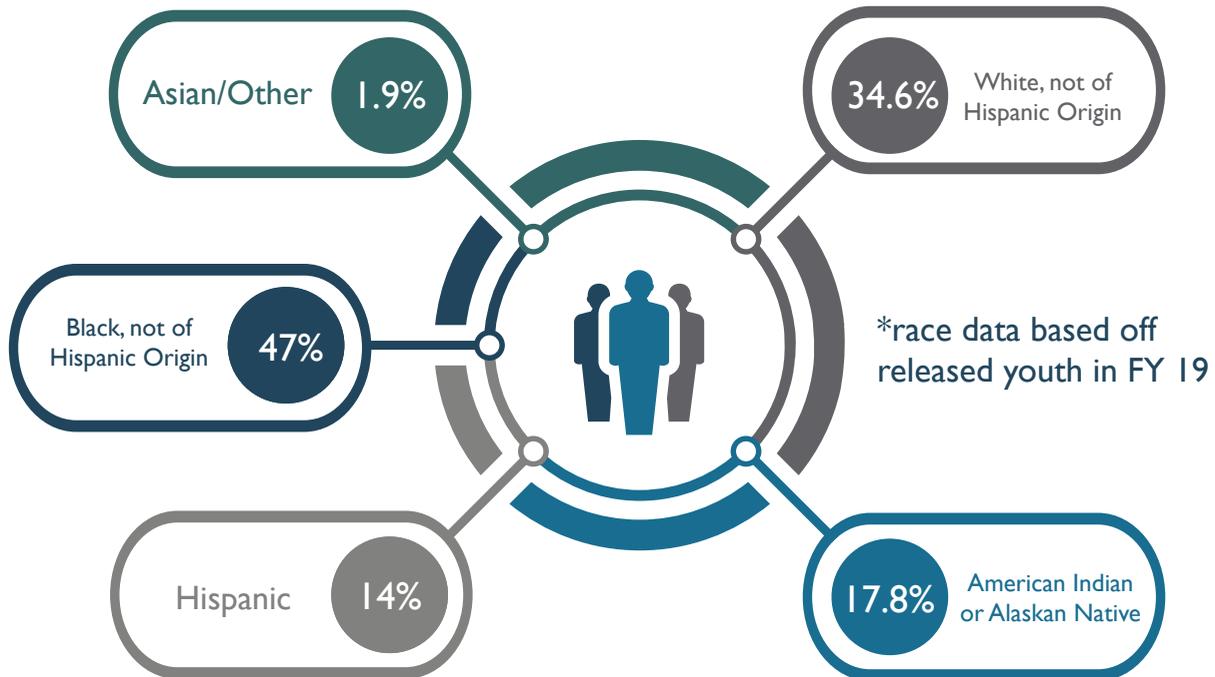
The Oklahoma Juvenile Code allows for the creation of the Detention Home to be a part of the Tulsa County Juvenile Bureau of the District Court and Tulsa County Family Center for Juvenile Justice, which has been in operation since 1969 and was expanded in 1995. The facility is fulfilling its legally defined purpose and function to operate as a “secure detention” facility utilized for the **temporary care** of juveniles who require secure custody while under the jurisdiction of the Oklahoma Juvenile Justice System.



The Detention Home operates as a twenty-four hour a day programmatic and secured custody environment with a rated capacity of 55 youth, housing both male and female. Currently, the Detention Home has 10 rooms designated for out-of-county regional custody holds and as such, remains to be the second largest juvenile detention facility in the state. The facility operates under the direction of the Detention Service Administrator with a dedicated full and part-time staff of more than 70 positions. The setting within Detention remains safe and secure and is extremely service oriented with the goal to provide individual mentoring, intervention, and counseling. The facility, in cooperation with the Tulsa Public Schools, continues to provide a full-time school and individual evaluation process to meet the resident’s specific educational needs. All residents have equal access to and are allowed to participate in all programs provided by the Detention Home. Some examples of the programs and services offered by the facility are non-denominational religious programming, visitation, mail, telephone calls, exercise, recreation, art, reading, vocational opportunities, independent living skills, individual and group counseling, and other programs and activities as needed. The meals served meet the highest nutritional standards in compliance with the Child Nutrition Program administered by the Oklahoma State Department of Education and the facility’s medical program addresses all resident medical needs. The City-County Health Department provides professional instruction to the residents on healthy living skills and current health related issues that affect youth today.

DETENTION HOME

BY THE NUMBERS



670
youth admitted
(468 new admissions,
202 youth with
multiple visits)

59%
stayed 12 days
or less.

**PREA
CERTIFIED**


55
Bed capacity housing
both male & female
offenders

**22
DAYS**
Average length of
stay.

523
Males


147
Females


TULSA AREA COMMUNITY INTERVENTION CENTER

The Tulsa Area Community Intervention Center (TACIC) is a joint venture between the Tulsa County Family Center for Juvenile Justice and the City of Tulsa. TACIC is governed by rules promulgated and audited by the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA). Many local municipalities also contribute to the support of the program. The TACIC is open 24 hours, seven days per week, making it possible for every arrested juvenile to be held accountable for their behavior, thus, allowing officers to return to active patrol duties within 15 minutes after submission of youth for processing.

During the fiscal year 2019, the Tulsa Area Community Intervention Center (TACIC) served 958 youth from the Tulsa area.



**TOTAL
JUVENILES
SERVED
958**

CIC Statistical Facts

FY 2019

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Total Juveniles Served at CIC | 958 |
| Total Officer Utilization of CIC | 1,916 Visits |
| Avg. Juvenile Time at CIC | 6 hrs., 15 min. |
| Avg. Officer Time - Total Served | 14.59 min. |
| Assessments Scheduled | 13 |
| Assessments Completed | 3 |

| Race of Juveniles | FY 2019 | % |
|-------------------|---------|-------|
| African American | 432 | 45.1% |
| Asian | 1 | 0.1% |
| Caucasian | 367 | 38.3% |
| Eastern Indian | 1 | 0.1% |
| Hispanic/Latino | 97 | 10.1% |
| Multiracial | 20 | 2.1% |
| Native American | 40 | 4.2% |

| Gender of Juveniles | MTD | % |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| Males | 91 | 78.4% |
| Females | 25 | 21.6% |

| Number of Charges | Yr. End | Yr. End % |
|-------------------|---------|-----------|
| Misdemeanors | 1,180 | 66% |
| Felonies | 616 | 34% |
| Total | 1796 | 100% |



PHOENIX RISING

2018 - 2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Our vision is to provide resources, assistance, and opportunities to support students in achieving their educational potential and creating pathways to success.

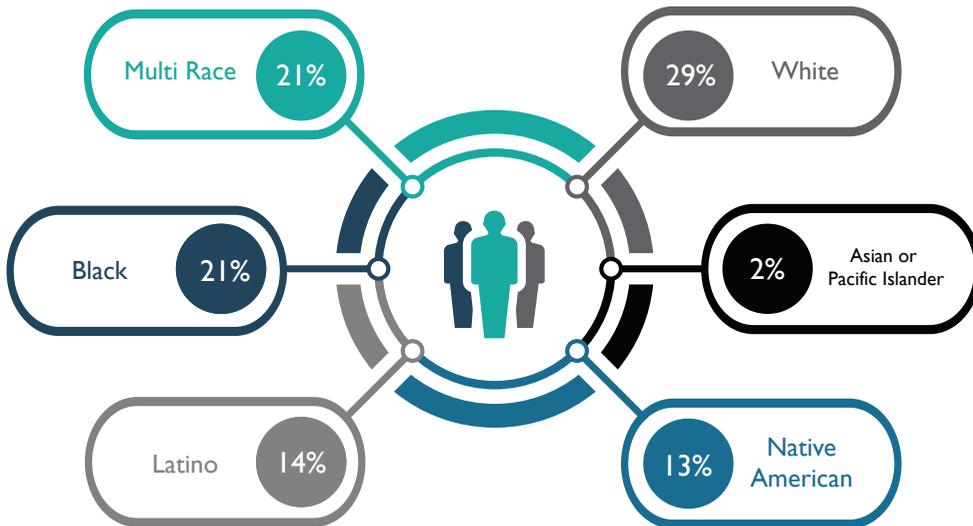
Phoenix Rising Alternative School serves students in Tulsa County, grades 9–12, who are involved with, or are at high risk for, involvement with the juvenile justice system. Typically, PRAS students have not experienced success in traditional public school settings and find PRAS to be a restorative pathway for their educational and life journey. PRAS is a partnership between the Tulsa County Family Juvenile Justice Center (TCFJJC) and Tulsa Public Schools (TPS). The focus of PRAS is on both social/emotional growth, and academic needs which are offered through each student's individualized learning plan. PRAS seeks out innovative and student focused internships and enrichment opportunities for youth to experience on campus, and within the community. In addition, emphasis is placed on students' interests and strengths, leadership skills, goal setting, and workforce development. There are also intensive social/emotional supports and evidence based practices to enhance literacy and math skills provided on a multi-tiered level system. Utilizing Restorative Practices, repairing harm and learning how to resolve conflict is one of the greatest gifts that all of the students at Phoenix Rising receive. Because of the trauma and extreme obstacles many of our students face, we have clinical interventions such as individual counseling, group counseling including a trauma group, substance abuse group, anger/coping group, grief group, men's group, and life skills.

During the 2018-2019 school year, PRAS graduated 22 students, doubling the previous year numbers while decreasing suspensions by 54% (18 students). Many of the successful outcomes can be attributed to the numerous partnerships created with community programs and organizations. A few examples include an expanded music education program through a collaboration with bART School of Music, hiring an art teacher, increasing PE and health education, and the creation of Project Trust.

Below you will see data from the 2018-2019 school year.

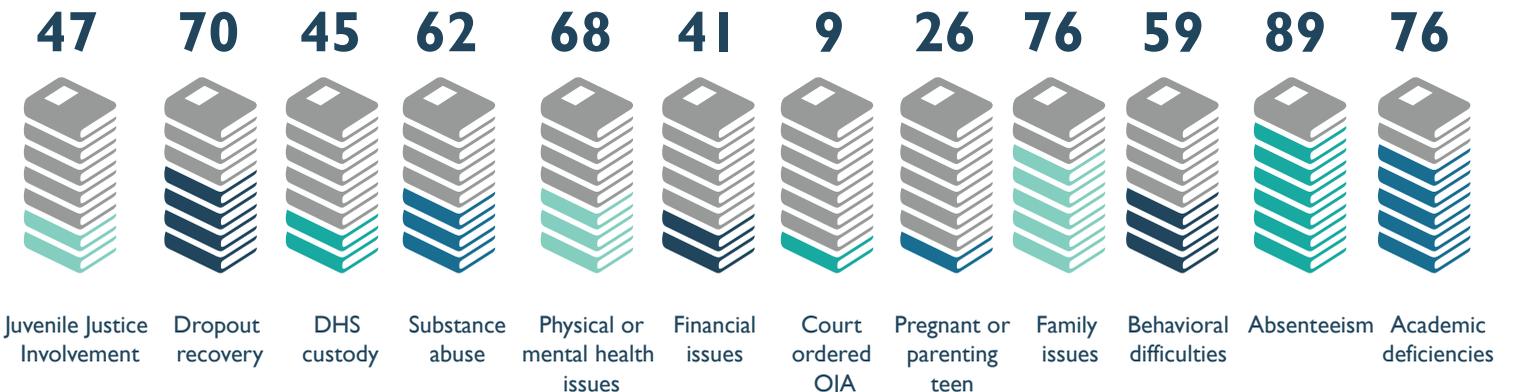


PHOENIX RISING BY RACE

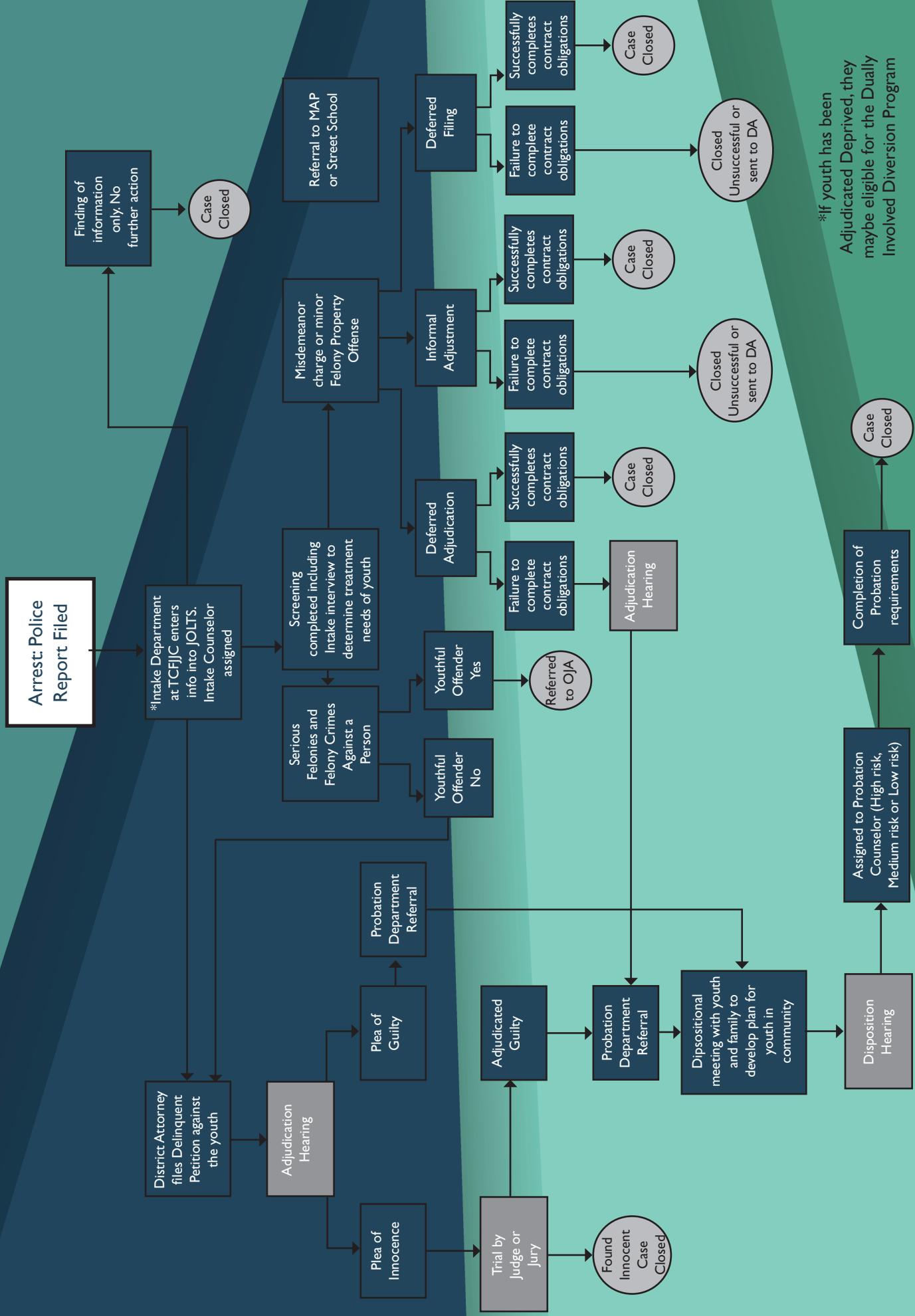


| PHOENIX RISING SERVED: | |
|------------------------|----|
| Total Students | 99 |
| Male | 57 |
| Female | 42 |

REFERRALS TO PHOENIX RISING



*students are counted in multiple categories



*If youth has been Adjudicated Deprived, they may be eligible for the Dually Involved Diversion Program

*Screening tool score and/or assessment score will impact the process for referred youth

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