



Youth Early Intervention Partnership

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Overview:

1. Description of Services
2. Collaboration
3. Program Model & Outcomes
4. Cost & Funding
5. Capacity & Development Goals



Collaborative Development

The program was designed by a collaborative multistakeholder working group.

Probation

District
Attorney's
Office

Public
Defender's
Office

CCCOE

Office of Reentry
and Justice

CBOs

LOGIC MODEL TEMPLATE

Instructions: Please provide a program logic model describing the linkages between the program targeted population, resources, activities, outputs, and initial, intermediate- and long-term outcomes related to the proposed service's overall goals/objectives. This logic model should detail how the program will operate and make explicit the sequence of events that are presumed to bring about change associated with the program's outcomes. (This logic model template will not count toward page limit for the Project Narrative Section.)

Program/Initiative/Project Name: ___ Youth Early Intervention
Partnership _____

| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Target Population</u> (who the program is for)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Inputs or Resources</u> (what is invested)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Activities</u> (program events or strategies, what is done)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Outputs</u> (products of activities, results of the activities)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Outcomes</u> (these can be short, intermediate and long term)</p> |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| 1) Youth at risk of formal justice | 1) YEIP Attorney 2) Client Services | 1) Provide legal counsel for youth | 1. Increased number of | Short- 1) Youth has |

Using the Logic Model We Looked at the Problem to Address

What causes system involvement?

Unaddressed Educational Challenges & Mental Health Needs

Substance Use & Housing Instability

Difficulty Navigating Services & Inadequate Family Supports

Over reliance on the system to provide services for low risk youth

Using the Logic Model We Looked at the Problem to Address

Why try to minimize system involvement?

Formal system involvement is costly. Research shows formal system engagement leads to deeper contact with the system & worse outcomes.

There are significant racial & class disparities for youth with formal system engagement. Racial & ethnic disparities become more exacerbated the deeper the person is pushed into the system.

Lack of alternatives to formal system processing.

Description of Services YEIP Goals Using the Logic Model

Expand prevention efforts so that fewer children have formal engagement in the youth legal system.

Expand access to and accessibility of services *before* a child is charged with a crime so that we can reduce the likelihood that the child *will* be charged with a crime.

Provide high quality, less restrictive **alternatives** for law enforcement to formal arrest, booking & charging for youth whose needs do not require that level of intervention.

The Mission of YEIP

The mission of the Partnership is to provide service connection, legal advocacy and support to youth who have had contact with law enforcement – or are at risk of such contact – but who have not been formally charged with a crime.

The program is designed to prevent or minimize system involvement for youth whose contact with law enforcement has not resulted in formal processing in the youth legal system.



Program Description

YEIP TEAM



Client Services Specialist:

- Detailed strengths and needs assessment
- Service referrals & follow up
- Regular check-ins
- Data collection to document our work



YEIP Attorney:

- Legal consultation with referred youth
- Formulates Family Action Plan
- Represent youth at school discipline hearings
- Presents to law enforcement agencies & schools to strengthen & expand community partnerships

Program Description & Referral Sources

Youth ages 10-18 who have had contact or are at risk of having contact with law enforcement are referred to our office by:

- The District Attorney's Office
- Law Enforcement officers
- School administration and educators
- Concerned parents
- Community based organizations
- Miranda advisement by our office



Description of program:

Examples of being at risk of law enforcement contact

Youth who are not attending school regularly, have poor grades and / or have behavioral problems at school

Youth who are having difficulties with their parents, not following rules, or are aggressive towards family members

Youth who are associating with a negative peer group

Youth with substance abuse concerns

Youth who have mental health issues, particularly if their treatment needs are not currently being addressed

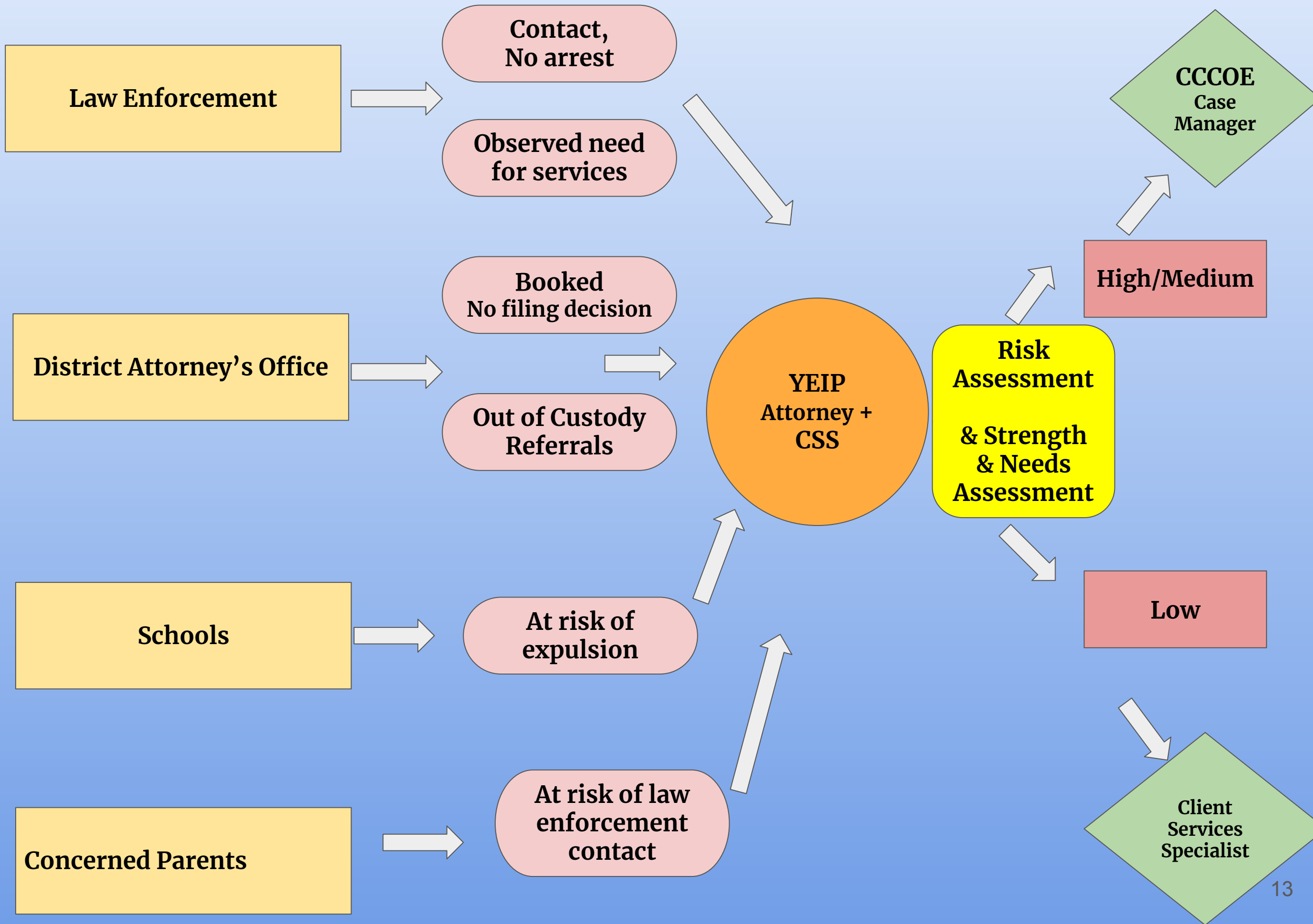
Description of Program: Who We Serve & Where

Youth of all genders and races, 10-18 years old who live in or near Contra Costa County.

We meet the youth and their families where it works best for them.

We serve youth in English and in Spanish.

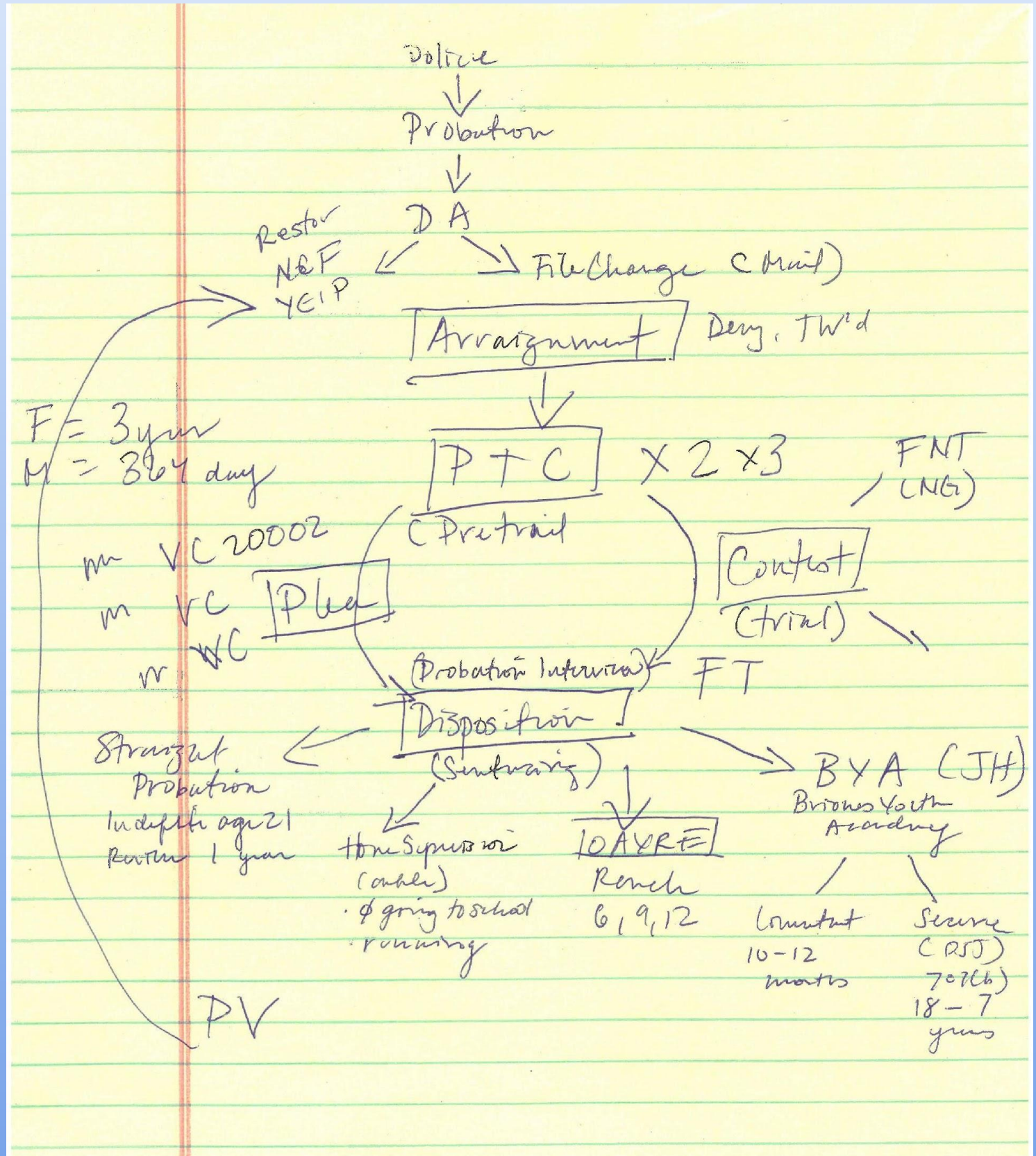
We don't turn any referrals away, unless there is a legal conflict.




Intake: The Legal Consultations

Every youth is apprised of the consequences that could result if they are formally charged.

These consultation go a long way toward getting youth to participate and change behavior.



Intake: Risk Assessment

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YOUTH EARLY INTERVENTION PARTNERSHIP (YEIP)
Psychosocial Assessment
Confidential Intake Form

Interviewed by: _____
Date: _____
Location of interview: _____

| Youth Information | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Name: | Phone: |
| Age: | Grade: |
| Address | DOB: |
| School: | Email |
| Parent/Guardian Name: | IEP: <i>yes / no</i> |
| Address | Parent/Guardian Name: |
| Phone: | Address |
| | Phone: |

FAMILY AND HOUSING

Intake: Risk Assessment

- Family and Housing
- Education
- Substance Use
- Mental Health Services Screening
- ACE's Screening
- Strengths and Support
- Connecting to Pro-Social Activities



Youth Early Intervention Partnership (YEIP)

Pre/Post Survey Youth

Complete these sentences on a scale from 1 – 5 (5 being the best)

1. My school attendance is ...
2. Things with my parents/caregivers are....
3. I have some skills to use if things get hard
4. I have connections to positive, supportive people in my community
5. My parents/caregivers have support in the community

Pre/Post Survey Parent/Caregiver

Complete these sentences on a scale from 1 – 5 (5 being the best)

1. My child's school attendance is ...OR My child is on track to graduate ...
2. My relationship with my child is.... OR My child's behavior worries me

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Costa
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Separating Attorney
Jonathan Laha

██████████'S FAMILY ACTION PLAN

8/12/22

- 1) Graduate from High School ██████████
 - a) Change school to a credit recovery program like Live Oak or equivalent. ██████████ and ██████████
 - b) Attend school at least 90% of the time. Turn in work. Earn credits. ██████████
 - c) Refer to YSS to assist with school related supports. (Nicole)
 - d) Get credits straight, how many do you actually need. ██████████ to get from counselor ASAP)

- 2) Get Your Mind Right/ Family Harmony-
 - a) Try to do things together at least once a week, have a family dinner, watch a silly old movie, play a board game. It is so hard when you are a busy teenager, but it will feel good to reconnect with your mom. ██████████
 - b) Referrals to MDEFT and FFT for action driven family counselling. (Nicole)
 - c) See a psychiatrist to determine if there are medications to help you with ██████████ and ██████████

- 3) Lay Low: There is a lot going on right now. You need to be thinking about who you get in the car with, making smart decisions about your friends and how you spend your time. I recommend you spend it at home, at school and...that's it. ██████████

- 4) Get a Job -> Getting a License -> Getting a car:
 - a) We must get all of the above items in place before we can start moving on this item. But I want it out there as a goal because this is obviously something ██████████ thinks is important to achieving his other goals. (Music producer, entrepreneur/businessman)

We will meet again on September 7th at 9:00 am in person at the office to see what is working about our plan, what we've accomplish and what we need to add or subtract. All action items have a due date of 9/7/22. In the meantime feel free to reach out with updates or concerns.

Nicole Eland, YEIP Attorney



Addressing root issues and providing support

CBOs We Work With

Many of these programs are the same ones to which youth on probation would be referred.

- **Embrace- MST (Multi-systemic Therapy) and FFT (Functional Family Therapy) counselling programs**
- **Lincoln Families- MDFT program (Multi-Dimensional Family Therapy)**
- **Bay Area Legal Aid**
- **RYSE Center**
- **Counseling Options & Parent Education**
- **Community Health for Asian Americans**
- **REACH**
- **Beat The Streets**
- **Disability Rights CA**
- **First Hope, County Mental Health**
- **AODS Parent Navigators**
- **Concord Youth Center**
- **People who Care**
- **Fresh Lifelines for Youth**



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UC Berkeley Law's Youth Advocacy Project

Youth Advocacy Project

YAP

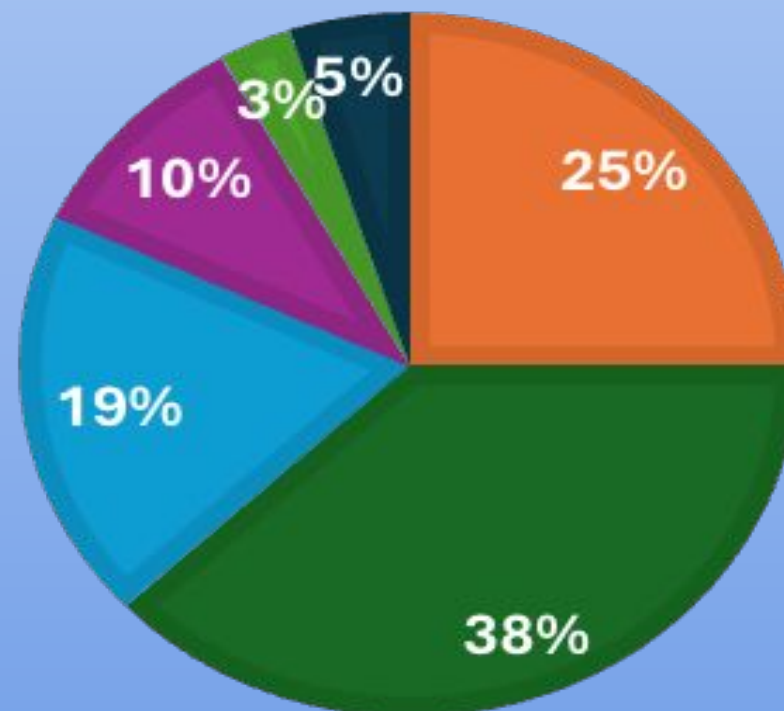
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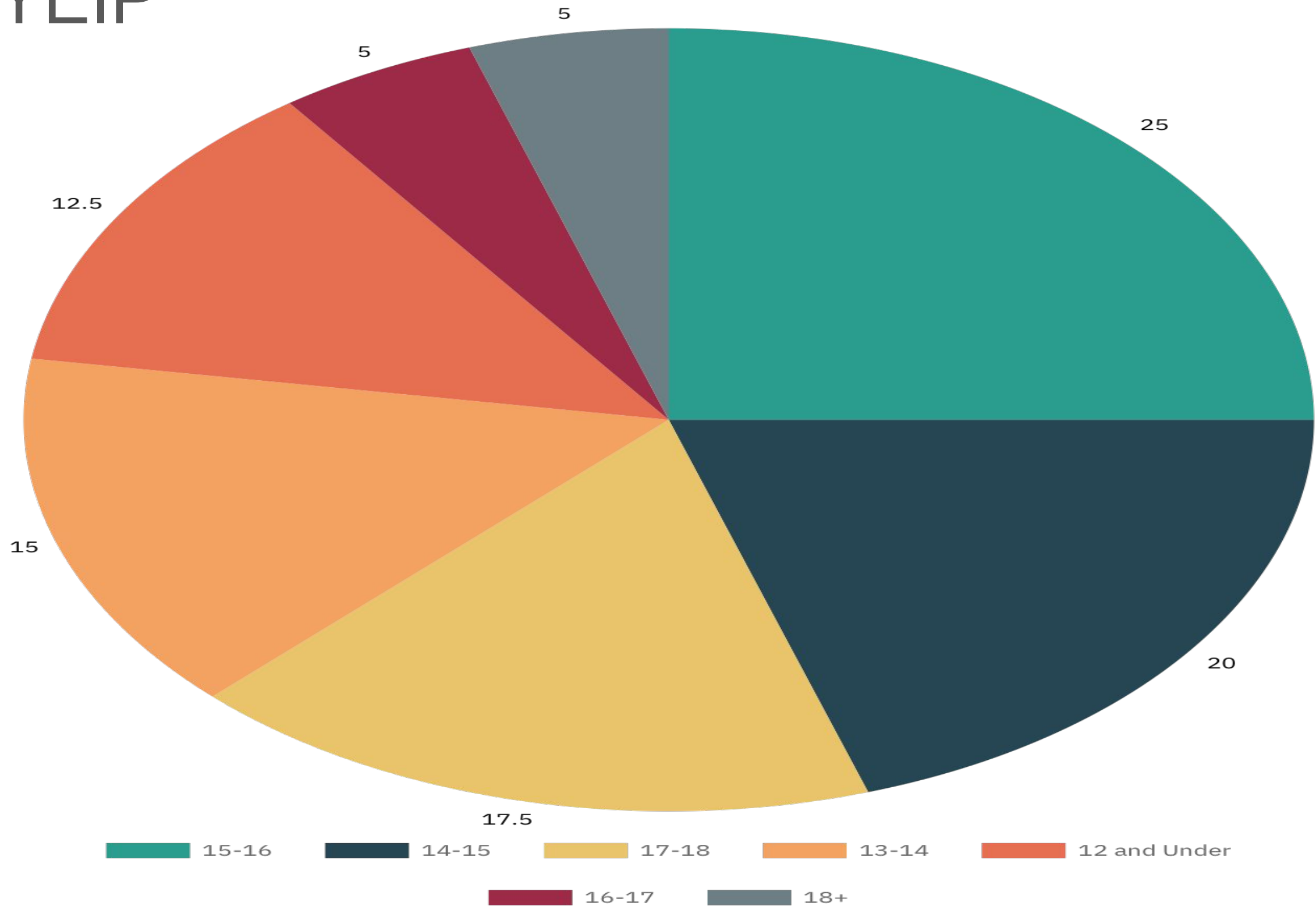
RACE OF YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN YEIP

RACE Q1-Q4 2024

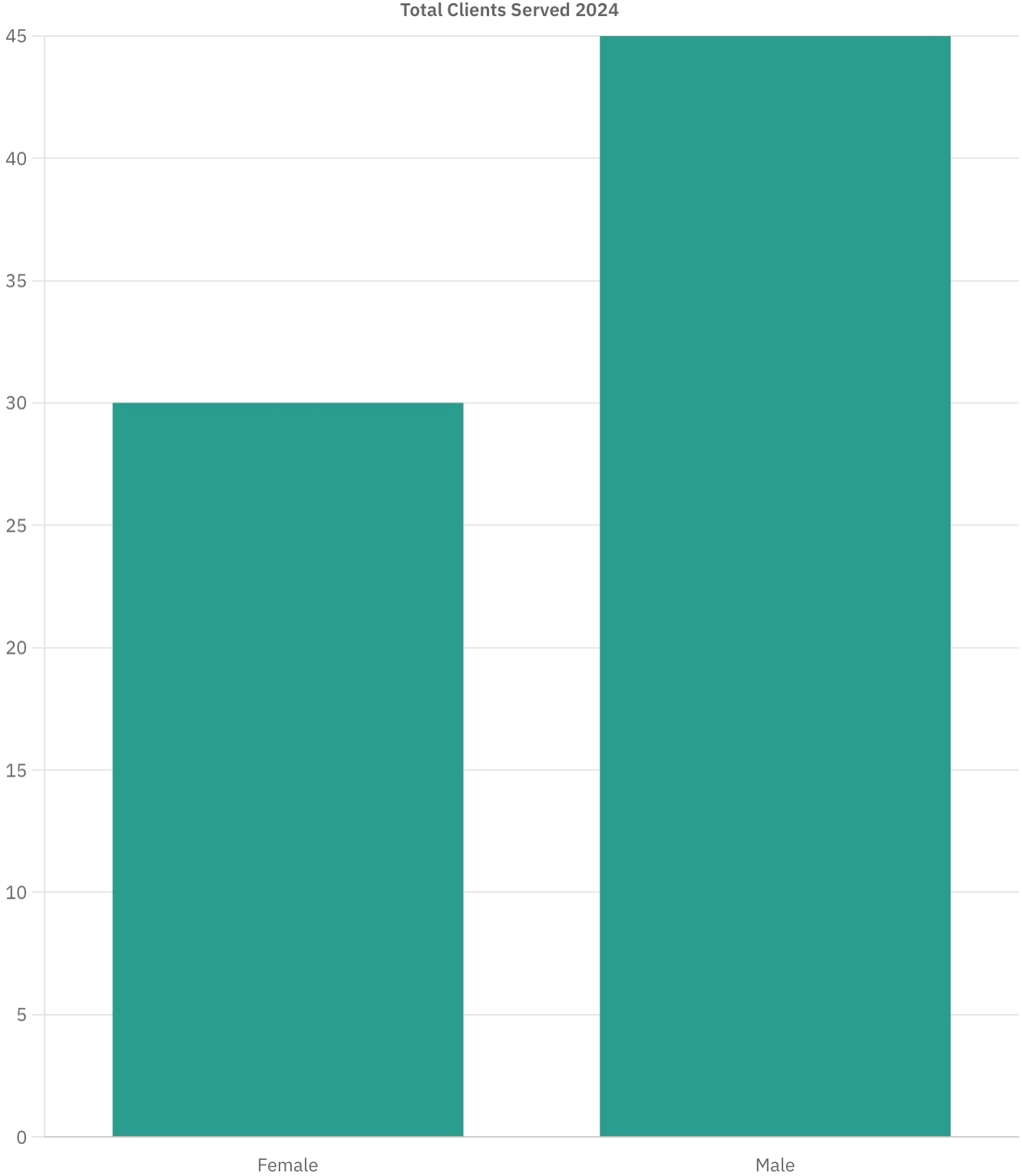
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- Black/African American
- Latino/Latinx
- White
- Two or More Races
- Other
- Prefer not to state

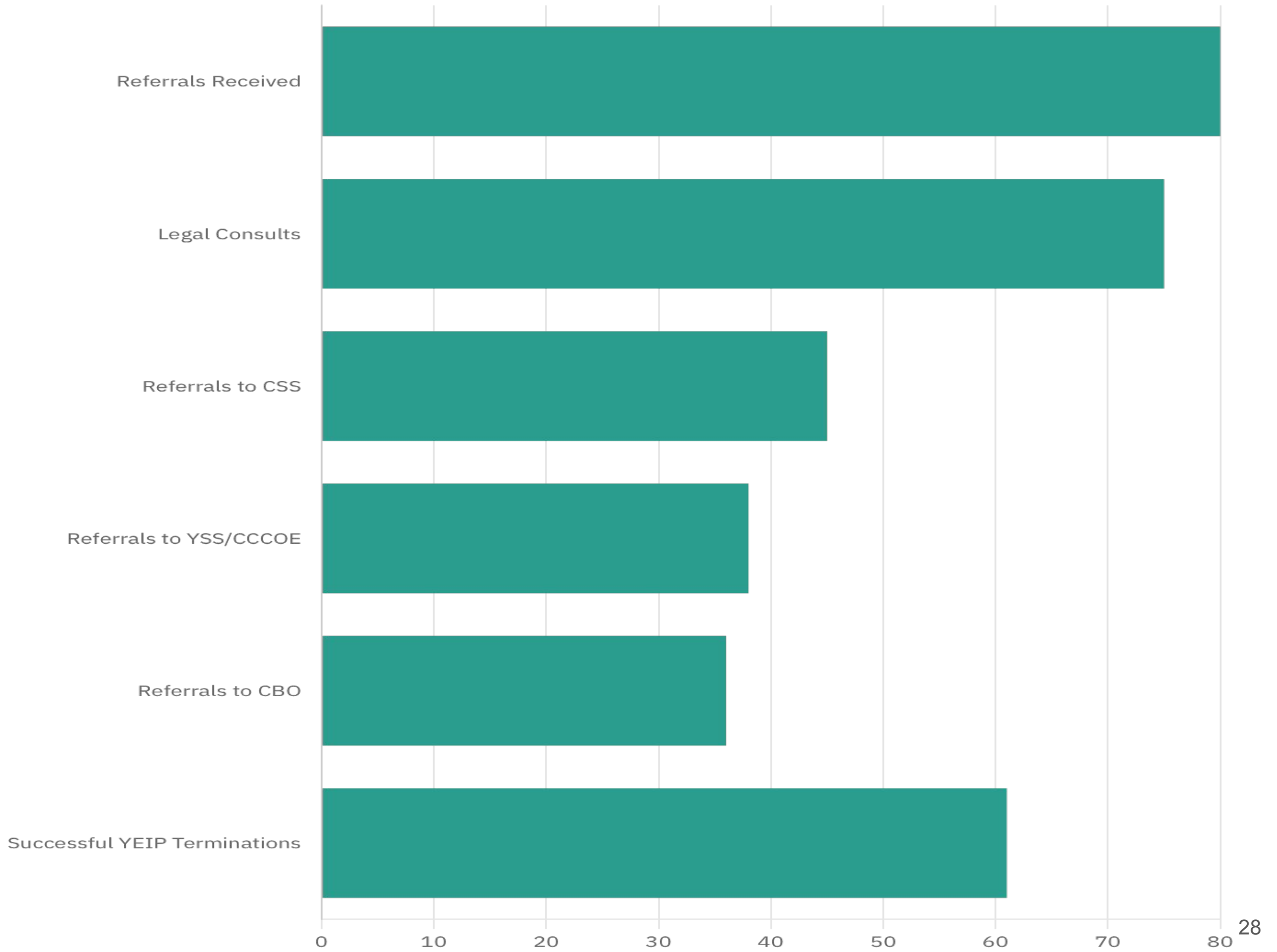


AGE OF YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN YEIP



GENDER OF YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN YEIP





Our Clients Voices on the Impact of YEIP

Chris

Success means to our clients:

- Getting connected to pro-social activities
- Engaging in therapy
- Engaging in substance abuse treatment
- Attending school
- On track to graduate
- Improving peer and family relationships
- Develop coping skills

Success means to us:

- ❑ After referral, we are almost always able to build and sustain a long term relationship.
- ❑ Very rarely are youth engaging in conduct that results in a case being filed against them during or after participating in YEIP.
- ❑ The vast majority of our clients terminate successfully from YEIP.

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Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) funded components currently include:

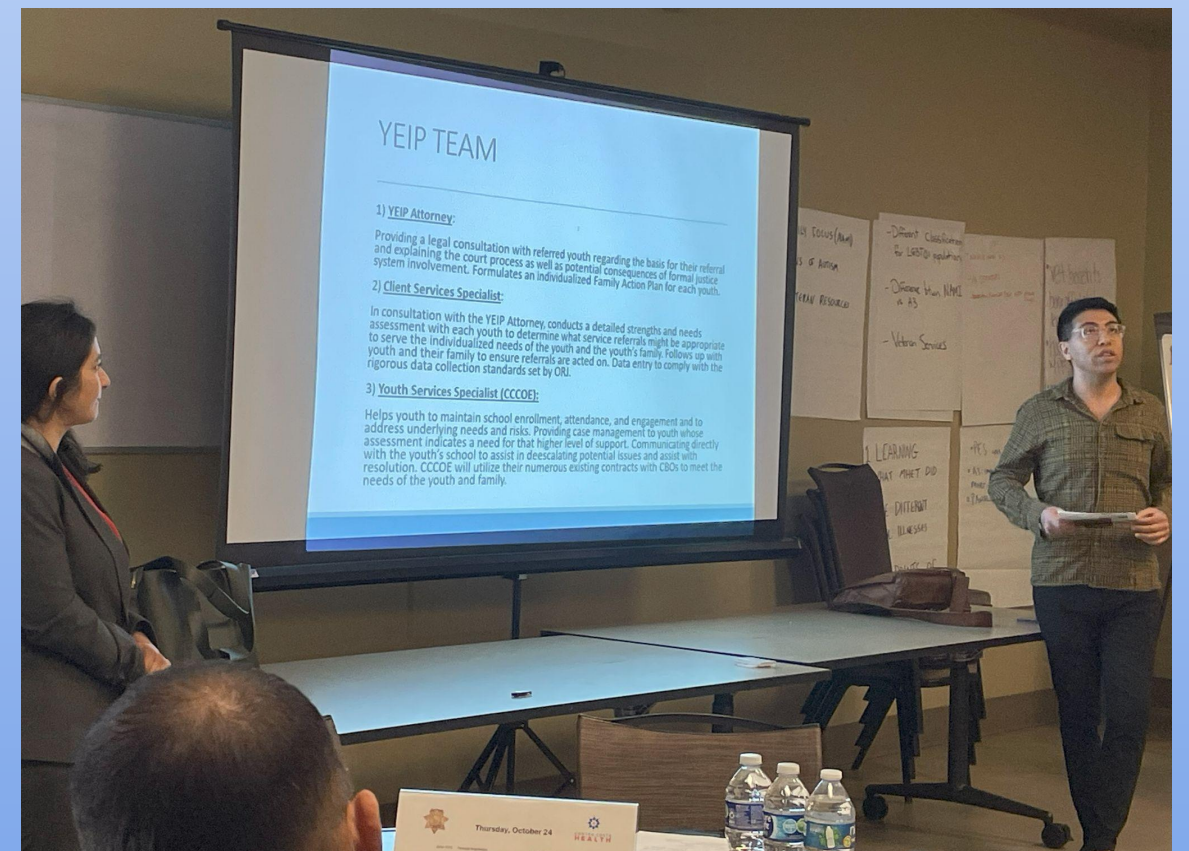
Program design support by Resource Development Associates (RDA)

An Early Intervention Attorney in the Public Defender's Office

A Client Services Specialist in the Public Defender's Office

Case Managers in the Contra Costa County Office of Education

Capacity for Increased Community Outreach



Capacity for Increased Community Outreach

Presentations
to law
enforcement

Presentations
to the District
Attorney's
Office

Presentations
to Schools

Capacity for Increased Community Outreach

- Expand to the point where every law enforcement agency and school in the county are regularly referring youth to YEIP.
- Increase outreach and at least double our numbers which would require additional staff to meet the programmatic needs.

Our Clients Voices on the Impact of YEIP

Avery

Questions

