

NEW YORK STATE
Partnership for Youth Justice

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New York State Partnership for Youth Justice

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Partnership for Youth Justice Structure



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Partnership for Youth Justice History

- Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative in NYS
- Increased State Level Collaboration
- Accomplishments
 - Alignment of Priorities
 - RBL and RBA Trainings
 - Regulatory and Policy Changes
 - Targeted Workgroups
 - Coordinated Data Sets

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Historical Workgroup Impacts

| Workgroup | Outcomes |
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| DRAI Validation | Re-validated Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI) Identified additional variables and policy factors for field validity and confidence |
| Diversion | OPCA worked with OCA to change the language for more flexibility on eligibility and suitability criteria |
| Violation of Probation | Scaled up graduated responses in probation departments |
| PINS Reform | Held convening targeting high-detention/placement counties Legislative changes Elimination of detention of youth for PINS and significant reduction in youth out-of-home placement for PINS |



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Historical Workgroup Impacts

| Workgroup | Outcomes |
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| Racial and Ethnic Disparities | Reduction of disparities are small, but promising! |
| Data | Finalized detention quarterly data packets for public distribution/posting; coordination amongst OCFS, DCJS, OCA |
| Training | Results Based Leadership and Results Based Accountability trainings statewide since 2016 |
| Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program | Foundation for development of service domains, data-informed decision-making, and intentional focus on addressing disparities |



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Vision



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The System provides the right intervention, for the right amount of time, at the right intensity, to the right youth



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When court involvement is necessary, cases move efficiently from petition to disposition and due process rights are protected



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If confinement is necessary, the least restrictive setting is used



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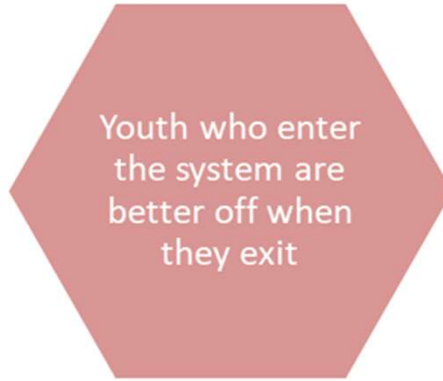
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Public safety is maintained or improved



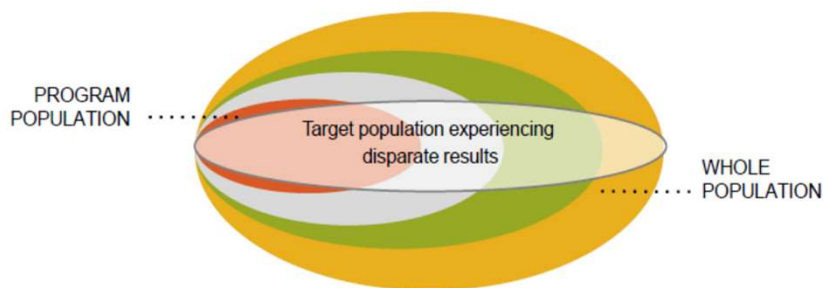
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Whole, Program and Nested Populations

Understanding the “Nested Egg” of Whole to Program Populations



Adapted from Mark Friedman's *Trying Hard is Not Good Enough*, PARSE Publishing, 2015



Partnership for Youth Justice Population Result and Nested Population

Population Result

- Youth in NYS, at risk of, or involved in the juvenile justice system are thriving, productive members of their communities

Nested Population

- Intentional focus on outcomes for black youth



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State-Level Vision Goals

- Preventive strategies to reduce entry into youth justice system
- Serve youth with status offenses in the community
- Exhaust all community-based alternatives prior to arrest, while not compromising public safety
- Eliminate the unnecessary use of detention



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State-Level Vision Goals

- Petitions filed only after all opportunities for diversion have been offered and exhausted
- Youth successfully complete probation in the community
- Out-of-home placement is only used for youth who cannot be successfully and safely maintained in the community
- Re-entry support and services are provided to maintain youth in the community and prevent re-placement



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All through an Equity Lens !

Race
 Ethnicity
 Gender/Gender Identity
 Sexual Orientation
 Geography



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Youth and Family Partnership Strategies

- Include youth and family partnership at all system levels
- Include youth voice to inform guidance on positive school climate and standards for school suspensions
- Inclusion on multi-disciplinary service and policy-level teams
- Development of toolkit with youth and families on system processes
- Develop consistent youth-led standards to create successful youth reentry plans
- Include youth voice to understand the impact that violence in the communities has on youth and families



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Community-based Program Capacity Building and Support Strategies

- Youth mental health and substance abuse screening and crisis intervention services
- Peer support services
- Telehealth
- SNUG
- Alternatives to Arrest, Alternatives to Detention and Alternatives to Placement practices
- Support investments in in grassroot approaches
- Positive youth development opportunities, evidence based and promising practices
- Common language for system of care teams



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Restorative Practices/Healing Centered Framework Strategies

- Expand capacity of Restorative Practices in schools to reduce punitive responses to discipline
- Restorative practices in re-entry services to repair, restore, and reconnect relationships and connections in the community
- Expand the capacity of Community Dispute Resolution Center services



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Multi-disciplinary Strategies

- Enhance collaboration between state and local youth serving agencies
- Assessment and allocation of resources by geographical demonstrated need (resource mapping)
- Case review team models at various points of the youth justice system
- Policy Equity Academy
- Co-located behavioral health professionals along the youth justice continuum
- Implementation of multi-disciplinary teams with blinding process



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Equity Impact

- Eliminating implicit and explicit bias in youth serving systems
- Equitable access to positive youth development supports and opportunities, and evidence informed services
- Equitable access to a continuum of culturally responsive, healing centered behavioral health services and supports
- Reduction in disparities in arrests, petitions filed, detention utilization, out of home placement utilization, length of stay in out of home placements, and return to placement
- Decreasing the disproportion of minority youth that experience negative consequences
- Increase youth of color being served in their communities
- Increase graduation, High School Equivalency Diploma, and employment rates among youth of color



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Preventing Violent Behavior

Goal area: Prevention

Outcome: Reduce youth and young adult violent offenses

Strategy: Identify prevention practices and programming to engage and work with young people to prevent violent behavior



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Law Enforcement Training

Goal area: Arrest

Outcome: Youth with behavioral health, substance use, and developmental needs are connected to appropriate services, supports and opportunities in lieu of arrest



Strategy: Expand LE trainings to include CIT-Y Training, and other trainings specific to the population (youth with behavioral health, substance abuse, and developmental needs)



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Questions?



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