



Miami-Dade County Juvenile Justice Model

Juvenile Services Department

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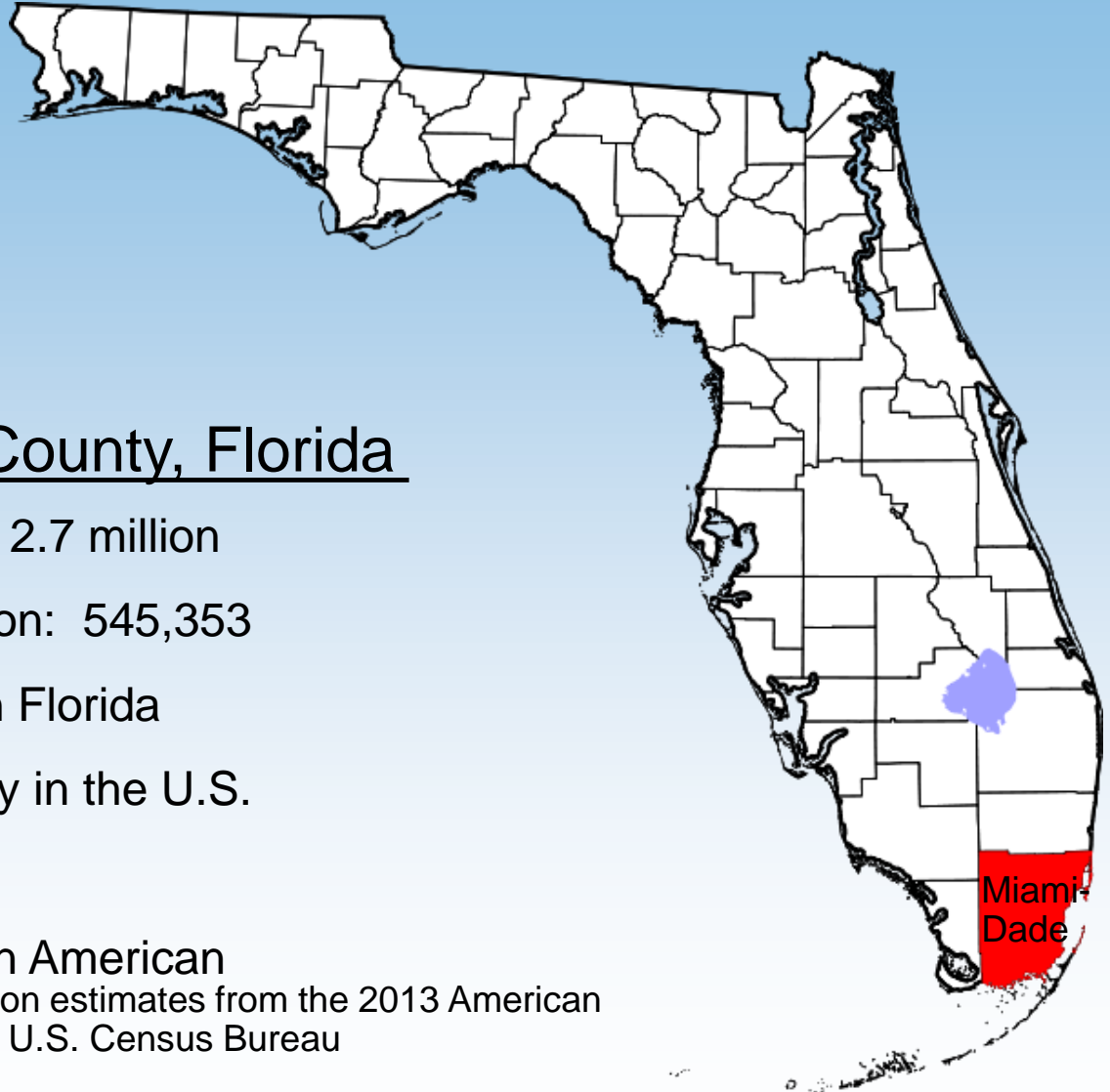
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Florida, United States

- Total Population: 19.5 million
- 4th largest state in U.S.

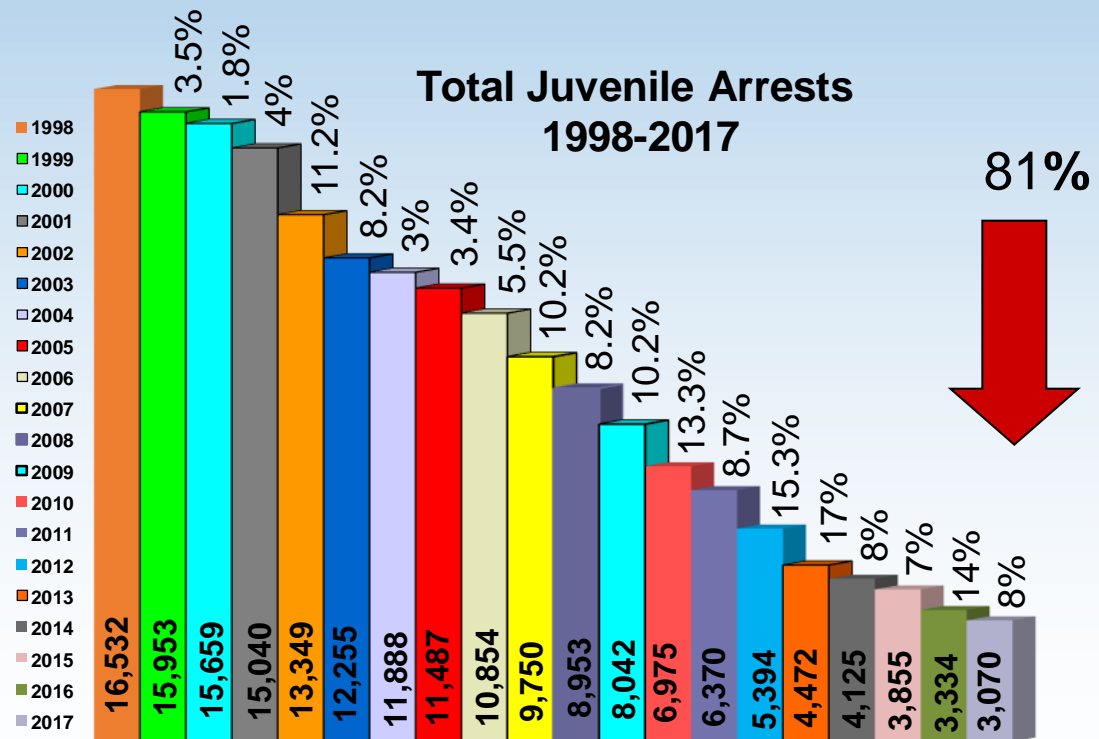
Miami-Dade County, Florida

- Total Population: 2.7 million
 - Juvenile Population: 545,353
 - Largest County in Florida
 - 7th Largest County in the U.S.
 - 66% Hispanic
 - 19% Black/African American
- * Based on population estimates from the 2013 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau



Overall Accomplishments

- Reduced juvenile arrests by 81%
- Reduced Juvenile Detention Center population from 300 to less than 70 a day
- Generate \$33 million dollar gross systemic savings annually



JSD Partners

- All 37 Law Enforcement Agencies
- State Attorney's Office
- Public Defender
- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Administrative Office of the Courts
- Clerk of Courts
- Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department
- Department of Children & Families
- Research Universities
- Community and Faith-Based Organizations
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Agencies
- Miami-Dade County Public Schools
- Career Source Workforce

Elements of a Successful Model

- Buy in from Juvenile Justice Partners
- Model created by National Researchers, Licensed Clinicians, and Criminal Justice Professionals
- Clinical support throughout all components of the operation
- Multi-disciplinary Staffing on the most severe cases
- Vetting of Community and Faith-based Organizations
- Establishing Standard Operating Procedures sensitive to the needs of the population
- Open to innovative approaches when addressing the needs of at-risk and arrested youth
- Prioritize in the training and selection of staff
- Documenting all of the successes and learning from the failures

Major Efficiencies

- All law enforcement agencies have a central processing location for arrested youth.
- Youth receive immediate evidence based interventions.
- Divert at the Intake stage.
- Consolidated several agencies functions under one point of accountability.
- Information is gathered from numerous sources and shared with Juvenile Justice partners to provide a comprehensive picture of client for the court.



Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) Centralized Intake Screening & Assessment

*Revolutionized the management of the juvenile justice population in
Miami-Dade County*

- One point of accountability for all juvenile booking 24/7.
- Effective Positive Identification Process (PID).
- Risk to the community can be determined at intake.
- Recommendations to the State Attorney's Office (SAO) on judicial process.



Intake

- Digital Inventory of Personal Property
- Electronic Arrest Affidavit System
- Medical and Mental Health Clearance Form (JAC Admission Questionnaire)
- Law Enforcement Recommendation

Booking

- Civil Citation Eligibility
- Criminal History Search
- Positive Identification Process
- Parent Notification
- Court Case Creation
- DNA Sample Collection

Clinical Protocol

Assessment & Diversion Referrals

- The JAC allows the assessment process to take place immediately with clinical oversight
- Licensed Clinicians are available during every shift, 24/7
- Utilizing age and gender specific assessments
- Referrals for immediate crisis stabilization

Screening for Risk & Service Needs

Instruments used:

- Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT)
- Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument (MAYSI)
- Global Appraisal of Individual Needs (GAIN-Q)
- Youth Level of Severity-Casemanagement Inventory
- Early Assessment Risk List
 - Boys/Girls



Diversion Services

- Develop individualized Treatment Plans:
 - Family participates in developing a contract
 - Referrals to Community-based organizations/ Faith-based organizations
 - Monitoring educational goals
- Monitor services for compliance and stabilization:
 - Home visits
 - School visits
 - Site visits
- Case completion:
 - Notification to State Attorney's Office
 - Initiate sealing and expungement process

Civil Citation Program

- The Miami-Dade County Model of Civil Citation has been replicated and mandated across the State of Florida (Statute 985.12).
- Eligible misdemeanor offenders.
- Requires SAO and victim approval.

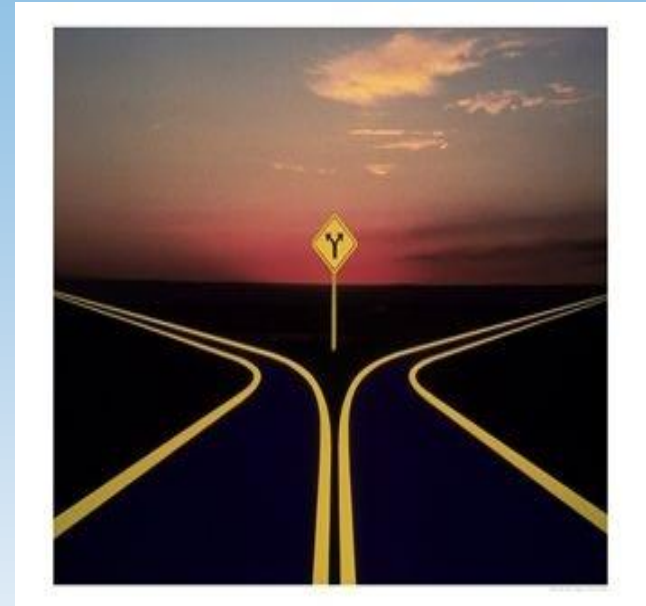
Benefits:

- Uniformity in the process.
- Decrease court population.
- Cost savings to police departments and juvenile justice agencies.
- Reduce misdemeanor arrests and incidents of disproportionate minority overrepresentation.
- 3% recidivism within 1 year for youth successfully completing
(Based on the Department of Juvenile Justice Florida Comprehensive Accountability Annual Legislative Report FY 2014-2015).

Civil Citation Program

Represents true systemic change

- No arrest record
- Addresses Issues
 - Assessment, service referrals, case management
- Participation from all 37 arresting agencies



Results

- Over 19,700 participants since April 2007
- Reduced Arrests 24%
- 96% of participants are minorities
- 83% Successful Completion Rate
- 54% Offsite Referrals

Young Offenders Process

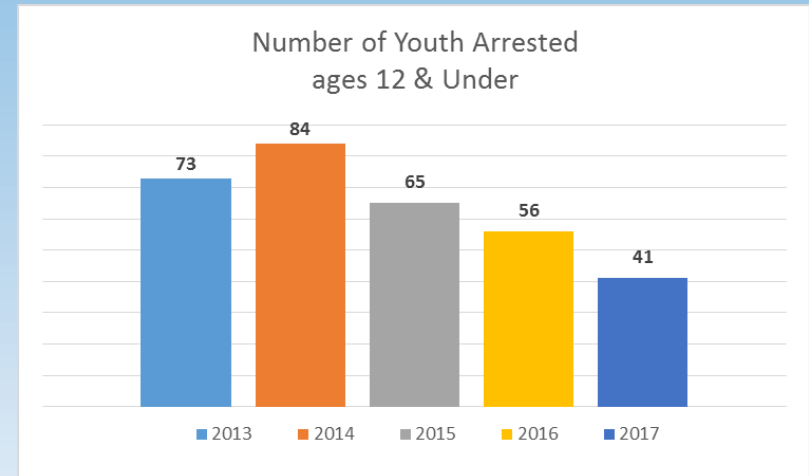
Local agreement with the State Attorney's Office, law enforcement, and JSD to serve children under the age of 12.

- Implemented special protocols for this population.
- Age appropriate, gender-specific, evidence based assessments.
- Cases are lead by a Licensed Clinician and staffed by a Multidisciplinary Team, including: DJJ, School System, DCF, and SAO.
- Services target the family, addressing their needs through appropriate interventions.
- On an average, these cases receive services from 3-6 months.

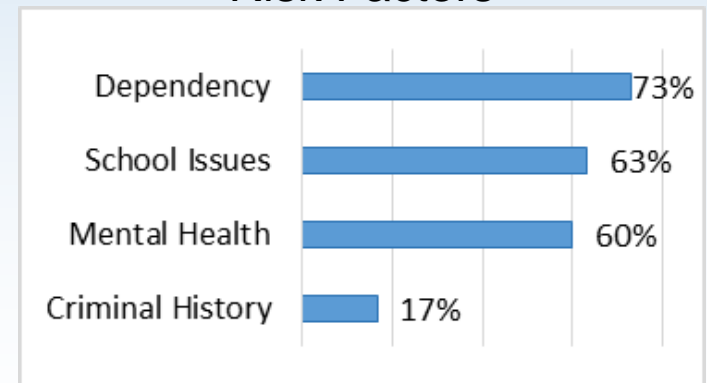
Children Ages 12 & Under 2017

Multi-Disciplinary Staffing Findings:

- 77% Male, 23% Female
- 84% ages 11-12
- 80% are in need of evidence-based family intervention
- 70% of youth 12 and under are diverted from the juvenile justice system



Risk Factors





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2017 YEAR END JUVENILE ARREST REPORT

Juvenile Arrests Continue to Decline



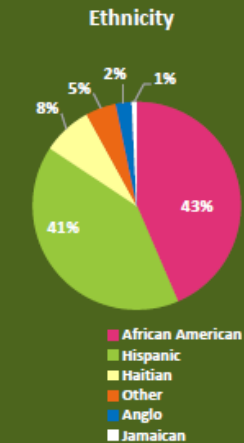
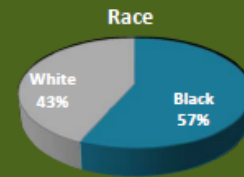
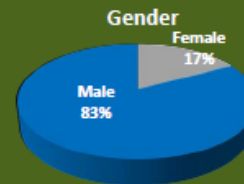
- > Since 1998, a total of **81%** decrease
- > In 2017, a total of **3,070** Juvenile Arrests
- > In 2017, **1%** of the arrested youth were ages 12 and under; **34%** were between 13-15 years of age; **58%** were between ages 16-17; **7%** were 18 years of age and over

Top 10 Zip Codes*
33128
33147
33142
33030
33033
33034
33032
33161
33056
33150

Top 10 Charges**
Grand Larceny (excluding auto theft)
Misdemeanor Obstruction of Justice
Aggravated Assault and-or Battery
Auto Theft
Misdemeanor Drug Laws
Assault and or Battery (not aggravated)
Felony Drug Laws
Burglary
Weapon or Firearm Offenses
Felony Other

*Zip Code represent youth's residence at the time of arrest.
 **Charge is defined as the number of charge counts issued per statute group. Statutes are based on the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice's statute grouping.
 ***Juvenile Arrest is defined by the number of bookings (not number of individuals) for the specified time period and agency.

2017 Juvenile Arrests*** Demographics



Source: Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department/Quest Analytics and Department of Juvenile Justice (JJIS)



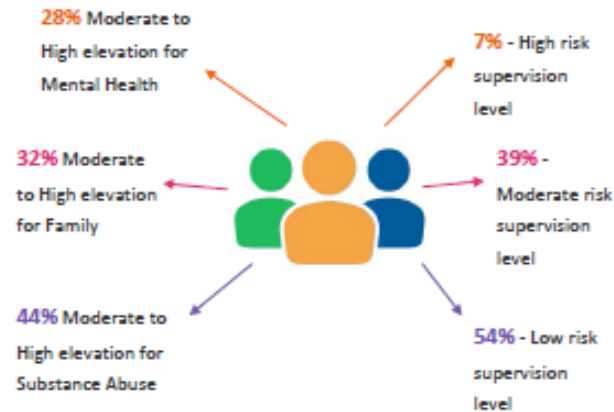
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2017 YEAR END DIVERSION REPORT

- A total of **1,777** referrals for Diversion Services
 - 1,092 Civil Citation* referrals, 83% success rate
 - 685 Diversion** referrals, 72% success rate
- Ages- **4%** of the youth served were ages **12 and under**; **36%** were between **13-15 years of age**; **60%** were between ages **16-18**

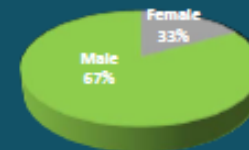


* Civil Citation is an alternative to a formal arrest. Program serves eligible first, second and third time misdemeanor offenders.

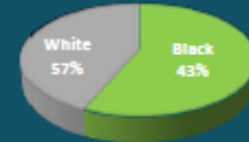
** Diversion Programs (JASS, JDAP) are intervention programs that redirects youths away from formal processing in the juvenile justice system.

2017 Juvenile Diversion Demographics

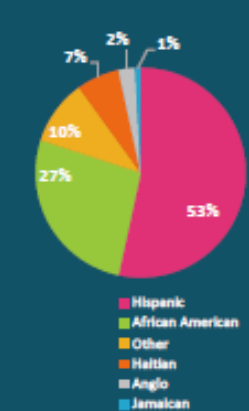
Gender



Race



Ethnicity



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Prevention Program

Youth 17 years of age and under, who may be experiencing behavioral and familial difficulties and those at risk of being arrested.

The program receives referrals through community outreach efforts, schools, parents, and other concerned adults.

Goals of the Prevention Program

- Early intervention
- Individualized treatment plans and linkage
- Prevent youth from entering the juvenile justice system through an efficient and systemic approach

Prevention Services

Referrals are made to a formal network of Private and Public Community and Faith Based Organizations that will address issues such as:

- Anger Management
- Disruptive Behavior
- Family Issues
- Drug Experimentation
- Negative Peer Association



Eligibility

- 17 years of age and under
- Youth that are experiencing
 - Behavioral and Family Issues
- Areas addressed:
 - Substance Abuse
 - Poor Academic Performance
 - School Attendance/Truancy
 - Disciplinary Problems
 - Run Away History
 - Mental Health Issues



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES DEPARTMENT 2017 YEAR END PREVENTION REPORT

- Since inception, over **1,600** youth served
 - In 2017, **160** cases were referred
 - 79% successful completion rate
- **Top 3** referral sources:
 - Parent/Guardian
 - Miami-Dade County Public Schools
 - Miami-Dade Schools Police Department
- **Ages**- 26% of the youth served were ages 12 and under; 51% were between 13-15 years of age; 23% were between ages 16-17
- **Moderate-High Risk Level**- Substance Abuse (18%); Mental Health (50%); Family (60%)

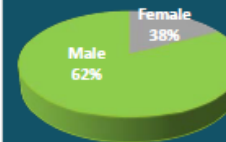


**The Miami-Dade County Prevention Initiative is designed for any youth 17 years of age and under who may be experiencing behavior and family difficulties, as well as those at risk of being arrested.*

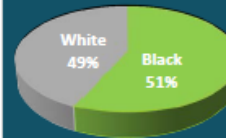


2017 Prevention* Demographics

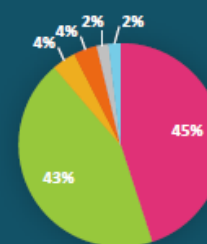
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Race



Ethnicity



- African American
- Hispanic
- Anglo
- Other
- Haitian
- Jamaican

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Questions

