

DATA BRIEF: JAN 2017 - DEC 2024

JUVENILE JUSTICE COLLABORATIVE (JJC)

WHAT IS THE JJC?

Justice system partners nominate youth who have committed certain crimes to participate in either Diversion or Deferred Prosecution. Youth receive robust care coordination and connection to wrap-around services tailored to their needs.

WHY IS IT NECESSARY?

Youth of color are over-represented in the justice system.* Involvement in the justice system has substantial negative outcomes,[^] while evidence-based community services can address the root causes of trauma and produce substantial cost savings to the city, county, and state. Social workers can also foster meaningful connections between families and community resources.

REFERRAL BREAKDOWN

1,973 REFERRALS MADE (YOUTH CAN RECEIVE MULTIPLE REFERRALS)



55%



30%



10%



5%

Mental Health/Substance Treatment

Mentoring

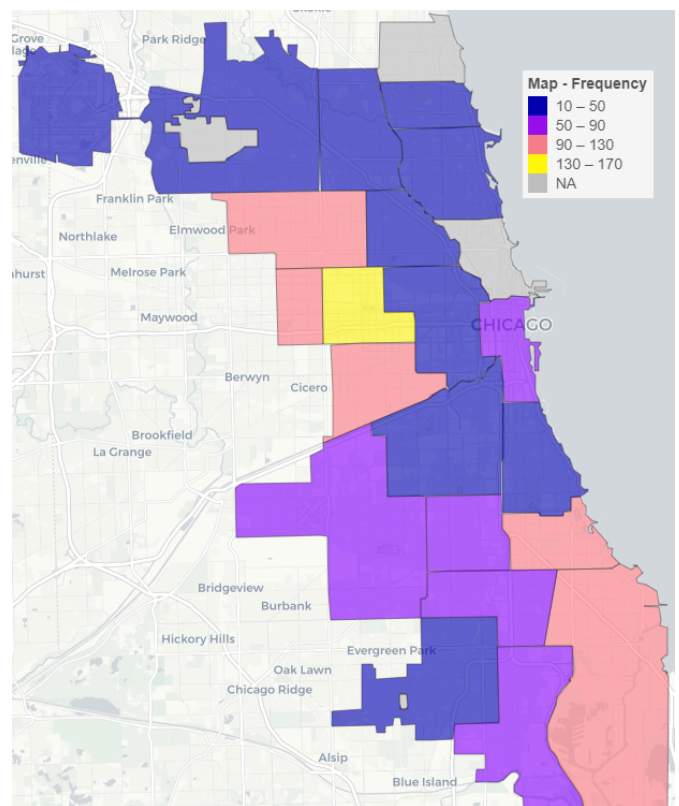
Education/Employment

Other (Restorative Justice, Recreation, etc.)

SERVICE PROVIDER PARTNERS



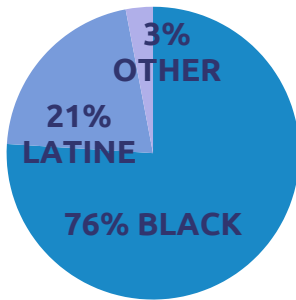
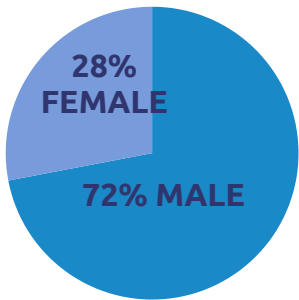
MAP OF YOUTH INTAKES



YOUTH DEMOGRAPHICS

DIVERSION

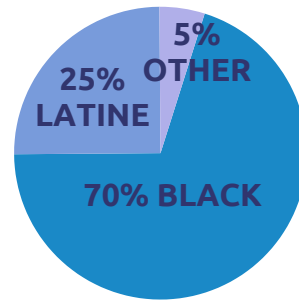
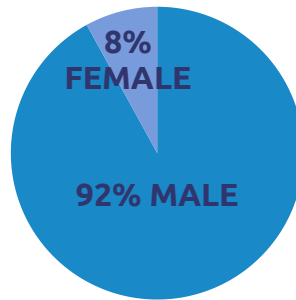
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Top Charges: Assault/Battery (24%), Drug-Related (17%)

DEFERRED PROSECUTION

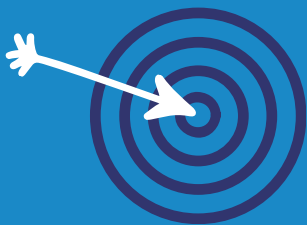
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Top Charge: Weapons possession/use (67%)

OUTCOMES FOR YOUTH WHO COMPLETED AN INTAKE

DIVERSION



68%
Successfully
Completed

DEFERRED PROSECUTION



80%
Successfully
Completed

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES



Youth who successfully completed the program in 2017 through 2019 were re-referred to court 22% of the time, less than the 32% for Chicago youth on diversion after their first arrest in 2016.# Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago will be conducting a robust analysis of the program to better understand its impact on youth, families, and communities.

SUCCESS STORY

A JJC youth named Nate (a pseudonym to protect identity) was about to join a gang. Nate also wanted to get a job and return to school but was unsure about doing so. His care coordinator made a referral to a mentoring program, where his confidence grew. He also got a job from a connection made through the JJC and received transportation assistance to attend school. When gang activity threatened Nate's safety, his care coordinator worked with him to establish a safety plan, including relocation, to help him remain safe. Nate also received a laptop from his mentor to finish school remotely and avoid gang involvement.

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