

Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers' Research Committee:



Advancing Pennsylvania's Commitment to Research and Data Driven Policy and Practice

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Workshop Agenda

- I. Research Committee Overview
- II. Research Snapshots
 - A. National
 - B. Pennsylvania
 1. Bucks County
 2. Allegheny County
- III. Research Tools
- IV. Data and Research: An Objective View from Within

Research Committee Overview

JJSES Statement of Purpose



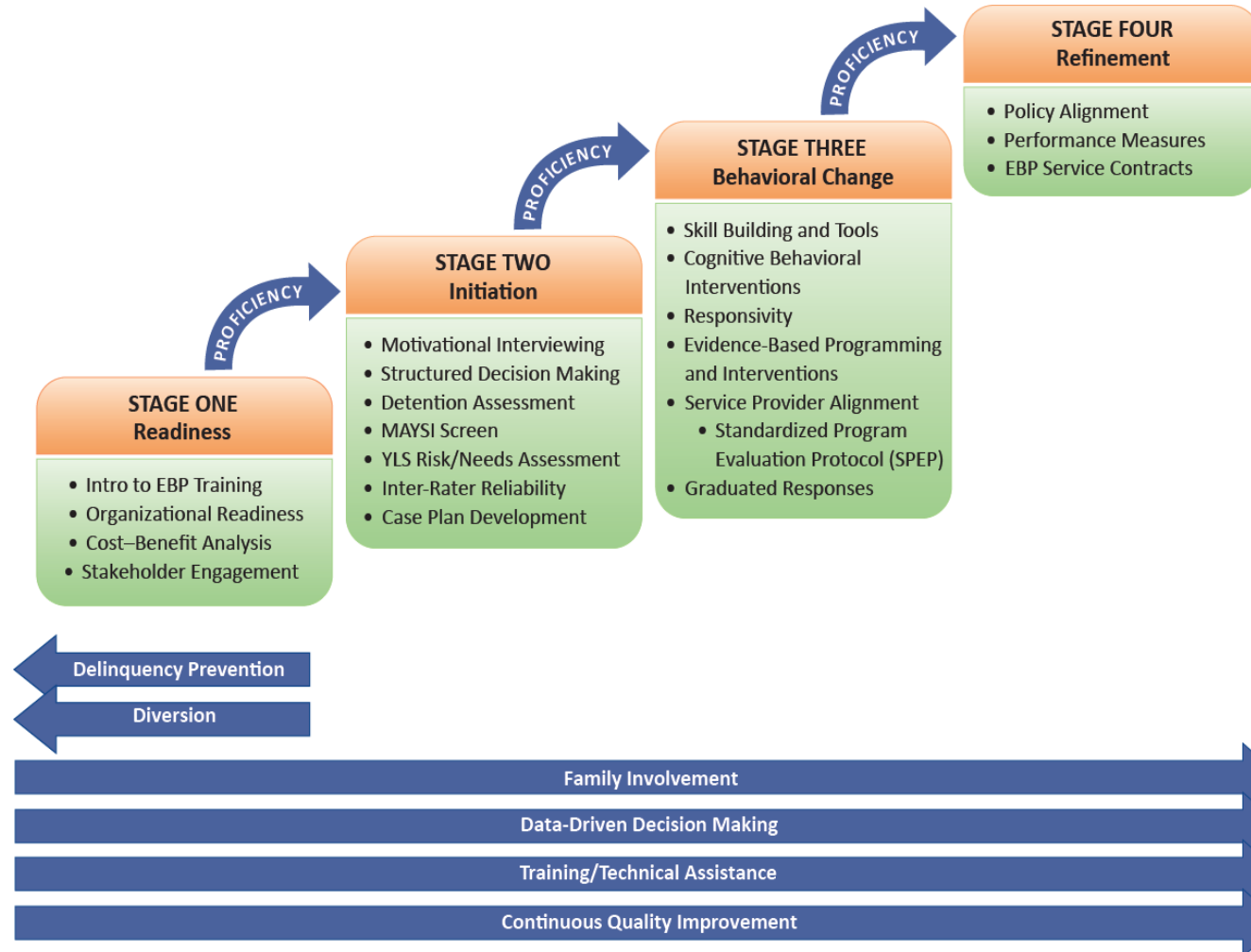
We dedicate ourselves to working in partnership to enhance the capacity of Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system to achieve its balanced and restorative justice mission by:

- Employing evidence-based practices, with fidelity, at every stage of the juvenile justice process;
- Collecting and analyzing the data necessary to measure the results of these efforts; and, with this knowledge;
- Striving to continuously improve the quality of our decisions, services and programs.

Research Committee Overview

JJSES Framework

Achieving our Balanced and Restorative Justice Mission



Research Committee Overview

Chief's Council's Executive Committee's Bylaws: Section 6

Committee on Research - It shall be the responsibility of this committee to evaluate trends and propose changes to the Juvenile Justice System.

Research Committee Overview

Committee Members

Chair

Ed Robbins, Lycoming

Juvenile Court Judges' Commission

Justine Fowler

Kelly Waltman-Spreha

Juvenile Probation

Matt Minnier, Lycoming

Melanie King, Allegheny

Nick Caramenico, Bucks

Nicole Mattern, Dauphin

Rick Ackerman, Franklin

Sue Claytor, York

Academia

Dr. Justin Medina-Lopez, Lycoming College

Dr. Melissa Ricketts, Shippensburg
University

Non-Profits

Heather Perry, EPISCenter

Dr. Melissa Sickmund, National Center for
Juvenile Justice

Providers

Lisa Front, Abraxas

Research Committee Overview

Highlights

- Created mission statement
 - To provide a central location for research materials and resources relevant to evidence based probation practices implemented and sustained within Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system. The research committee will review all materials to ensure their relevance to JJSES and organize the information in a framework that will provide users with a synopsis of the material and its connection to current JJSES projects. This framework will allow for a time efficient review process by interested parties.
- Collected JJSES-related research articles and materials
 - Requested 3 "best" research articles from Executive Council committee chairs
 - Established Google Drive to share material/articles
 - Created Research Committee template
 - Created a webpage
- Surveyed Chiefs in 2016 and 2018
- Expanded committee membership

Research Committee Overview

- How can our committee help you?
- What areas of JJSES research interest you and why?

Research Snapshots: National

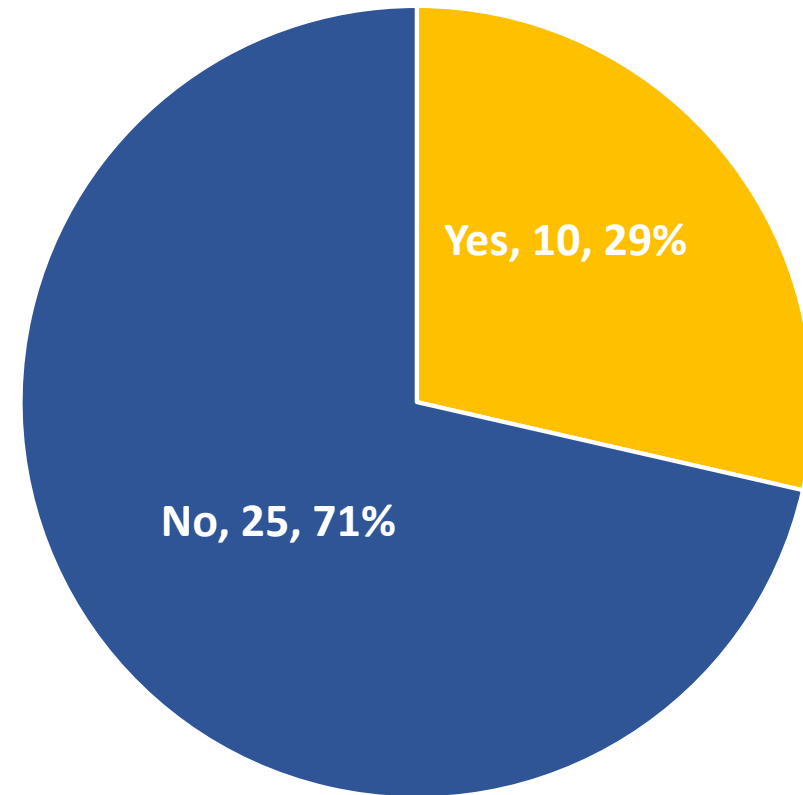
- YLS
- SPEP
- Graduated Response Model
- Electronic Monitoring
- Juvenile Justice

Research Snapshots: Pennsylvania

2016 Research Committee Survey

Is your department involved with any research projects locally, with the state, or with outside universities/research entities?

- JJ-TRIALS
- Trauma Screen Research (workshop)
- YLS Implementation Study (workshop)
- YLS Validation/Cost Effectiveness
- SPEP
- DRAI Validation and Implementation
- Graduated Response Model
- Quality Assurance



Research Snapshots: Pennsylvania

- What is your county doing?
- Do you have the infrastructure to engage in research projects?
- What fears or hesitations do you have about research/outcomes?

Research Snapshots: Bucks County

- Strategic “baby steps” to begin the research process

Research Snapshots: Bucks County

Current Projects

- Data Project
- Service Matrix
- Provider Outcome Sheets
- Case plan goals and activities
- Stressful life checklist
- Stages of Change
- YLS and case plan connection
- Electronic Monitoring

Research Snapshots: Bucks County

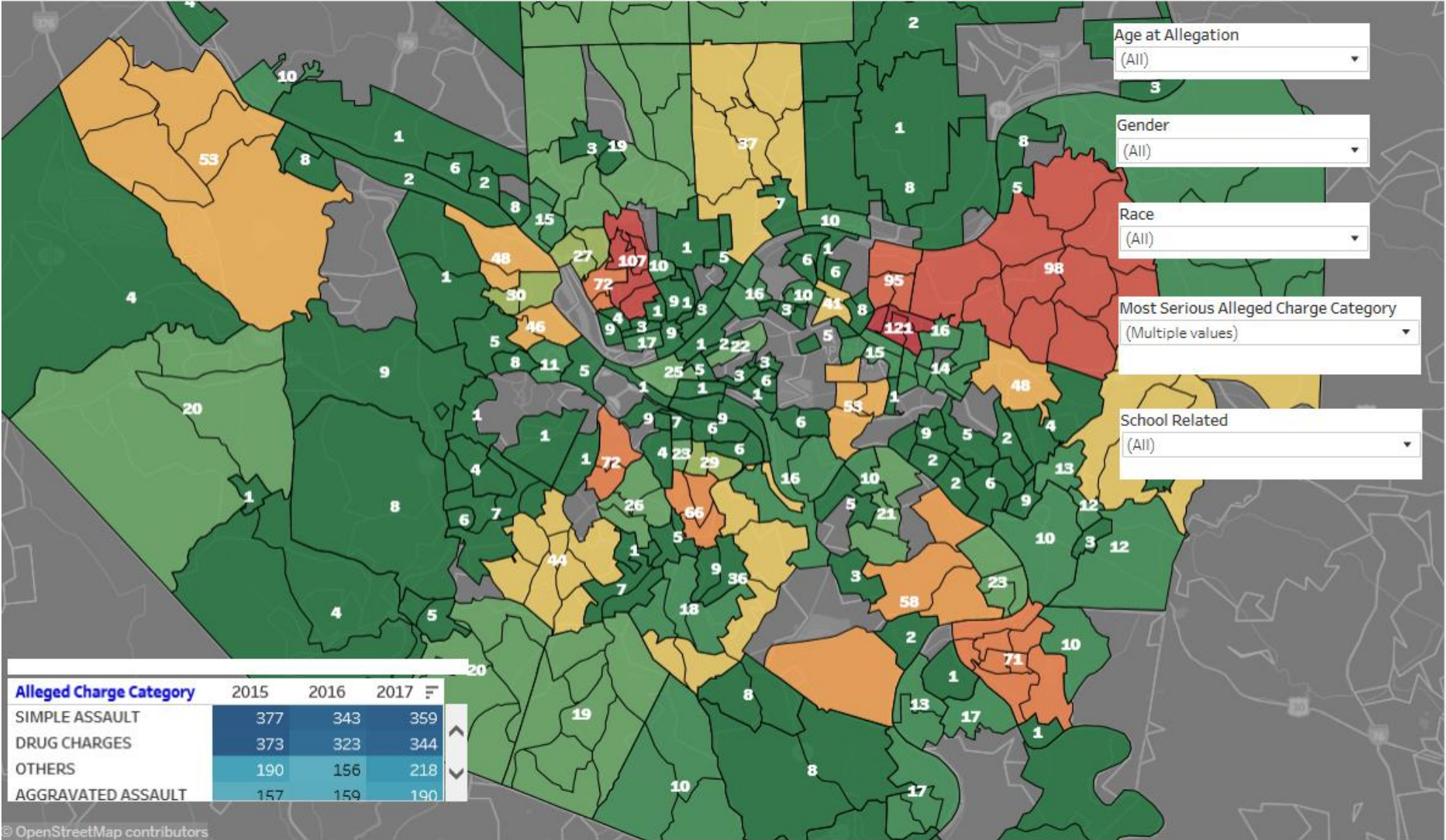
- What have we learned on our research journey thus far?

Research Snapshots: Allegheny County

Juvenile Offense Trends in Allegheny County

Community of Offense

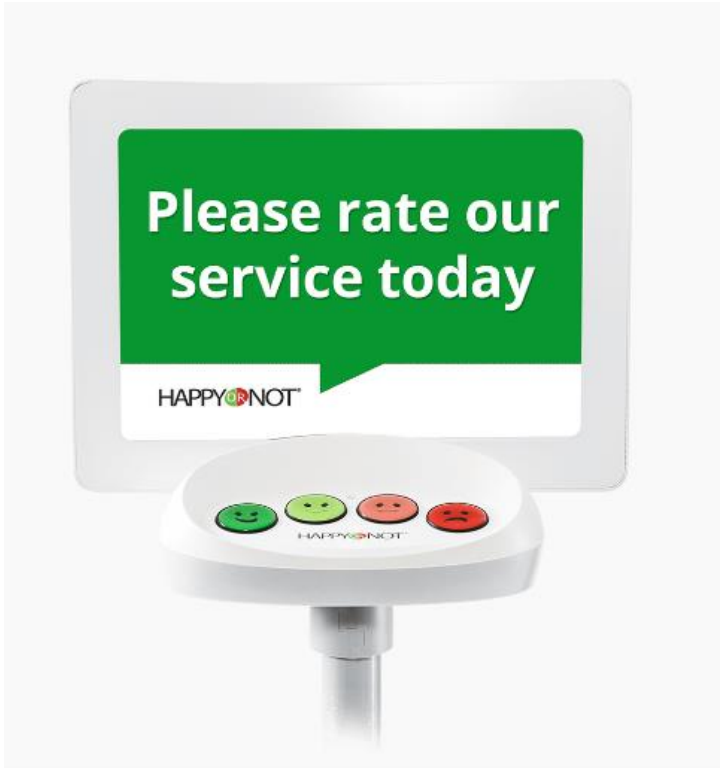
(2017 allegations only - excludes Failure to Comply by default)



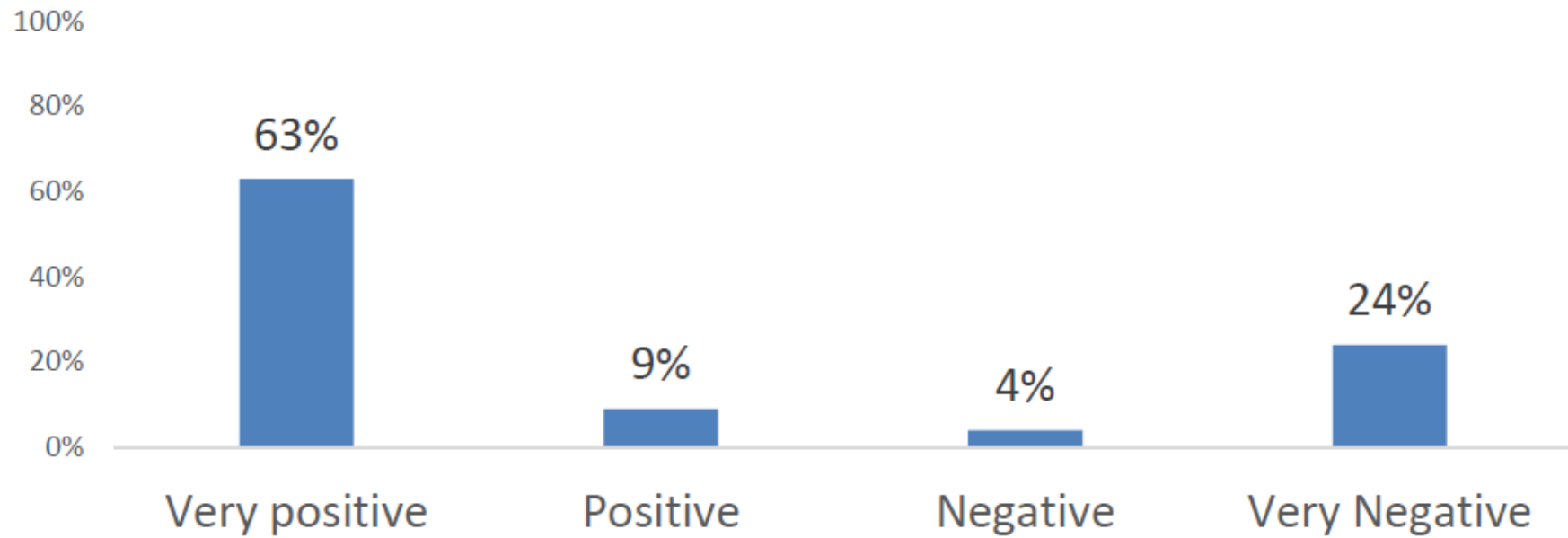
Community Name	Count
Homewood (Nor..)	121
Perry	107
Penn Hills	98
Lincoln-Lemingt..	95
Beechview	72
Marshall - Shade..	72
McKeesport	71
Outside Alleghen..	69
Carrick	66
West Mifflin	58
Moon Township	53
Squirrel Hill (Nor..)	53
Churchill	48
Stowe Township	48
Sheraden	46
Mount Lebanon	44
East Liberty	41
Monroeville	38
Shaler Twp.	37
Baldwin	36
McKees Rocks	30
Mount Oliver Bo..	29
Brighton Heights	27
Brookline	26
Downtown	25
Hampton Towns..	25
Duquesne	23
Knoxville	23
Hill	22

- Allegation Received Year
- (All)
 - 2015
 - 2016
 - 2017

Research Snapshots: Allegheny County



Results (Aggregate):



Research Tools

JCJC Resources

- JCMS Management Tools Reports
- I-Dashboards

AOPC Juvenile Delinquency Caseload Dashboard

National Center for Juvenile Justice

- Statistical Briefing Book
- Easy Access Tools
 - Juvenile Populations
 - FBI Arrest Statistics
 - State and County Juvenile Court Case Counts

Software

- Alteryx
- Tableau

Data and Research: An Objective View from Within

- What can data tell us?

Data and Research: An Objective View from Within

- Who should be involved in the process?