

AJJC REPORT
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Accomplishments within Juvenile Justice

Juvenile Justice Initiatives

Kids at Hope/Assessment Centers

Regionalized/Repurposed Detention

National Instant Criminal Background
Check System (NICS)

Validated Risk Assessments

Minor Victims of Sex Trafficking

Regionalized Detention Centers

- Chief Justice delegated regionalization task force to examine potential uses of unused detention space due to reduced numbers
- Six counties closed their detention center
- Pinal County became the regional center
- Fiscal savings to the county
- Programming developed in unused space

Repurposed Detention Space

Programming developed to address youth needs at the front end of juvenile justice, taking referrals from law enforcement, schools, families

Services include: 23-hour respite, counseling, tutoring and other resources for youth and families

Benefits:

- Provides safe place to assess needs and refer to services
- Reduces reliance on detention and helps to prevent deeper juvenile justice involvement
- Redirects detention costs to programs that target needs of community

Apache, Coconino , Pima and Yavapai counties presented successful programs to AJJC; additional similar programs present throughout the state

Centers supported by the community, schools, parents, and law enforcement

National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)

- Prohibited Possessor Arizona State Law
- Statutory requirement restricts juveniles, with felony adjudications, from purchasing a firearm unless gun rights restored
- Juvenile Data sent to NICS upon their 18th birthday if not restored
- Reporting began 7-11-2021
- Juvenile requires application to court of jurisdiction to have rights restored
- When rights are restored, data is removed from NICS

Validated Risk Assessments

Detention Screening Instrument (DSI)

- Detention tool; assesses risk level immediately following arrest until appearing before a judicial officer. The tool assess risk to reoffend and failure to appear in court; currently, the second validation is underway, including a review of disparity within the tool

Arizona Youth Assessment Survey (AZYAS)

- Assess risk for juveniles post-disposition, on probation; youth reassessed every 6 months or significant life event

Disposition Matrix

- Probation tool; provides officers with recommended disposition consequences based on risk level and offense severity

Minor Victims of Sex Trafficking Screening Tool

- Used at any contact point in system to determine indicators of victimization

Minor Victims of Sex Trafficking

- Partnered with ASU to train all probation, detention and court
- Sex trafficking specialists designated in each probation department
- ASU screening tool utilized by specialists to identify victims
- Collaboratives expanding across state for coordinated responses to address victim needs
- Data collected in CMS of probation statewide
- Specialists partner with LE, local advocacy centers, DCS, AHCCCS and each other

Other Ongoing Initiatives

Juveniles with Sexually Abusive Behaviors

Fentanyl Awareness Project

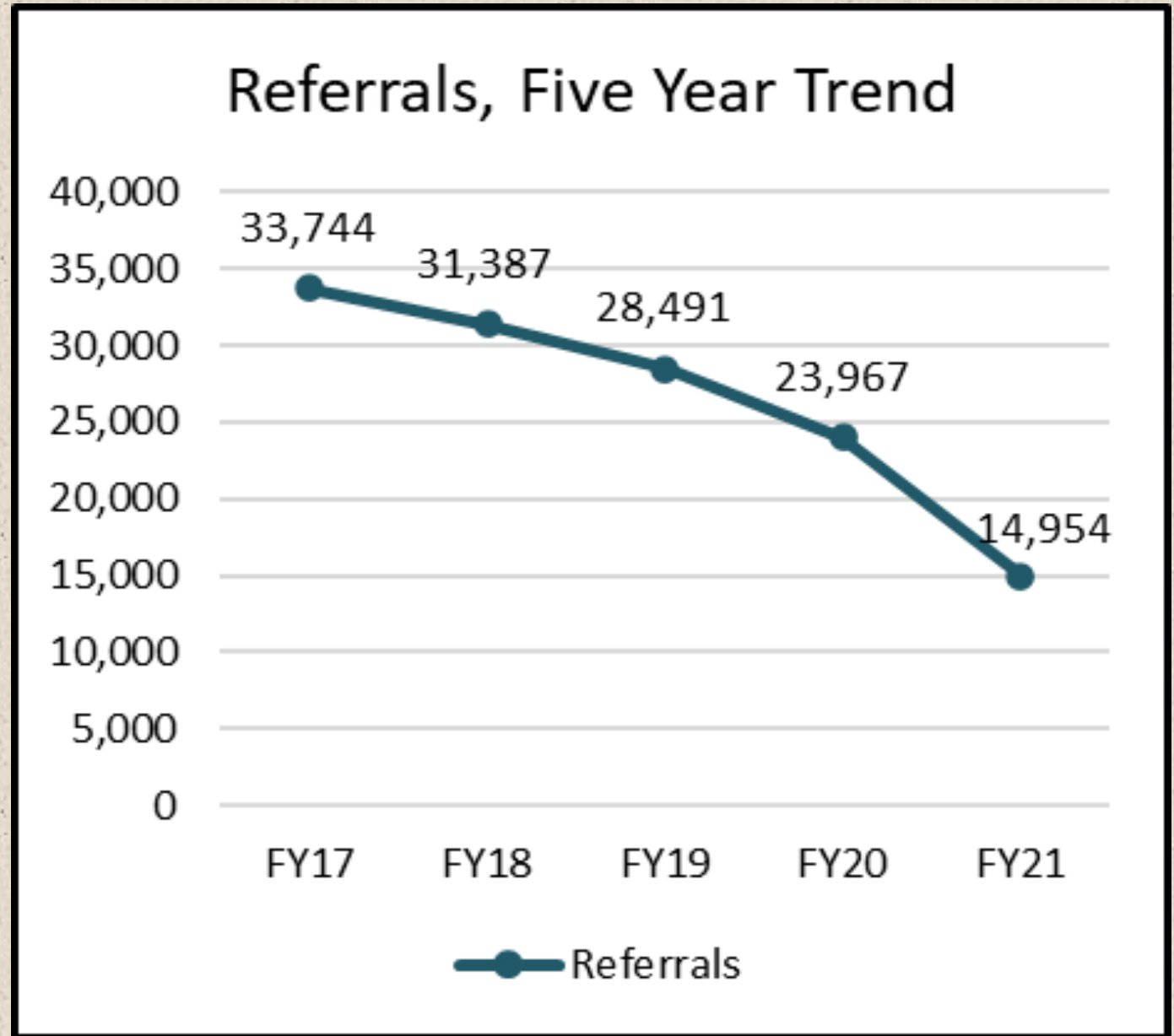
Emerging Young Adults

New Case Management System

Overarching Principles

- All children are capable of success, no exceptions
- Serve the **right youth** at **right place** at **right time**
- Expand community-based interventions
- Emphasize trauma-informed and evidence-based practices
- Prioritize family engagement and keeping juvenile in the home
- Prioritize educational attainment for justice involved youth
- Efforts support fair-justice practices and reduction of disparities

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