

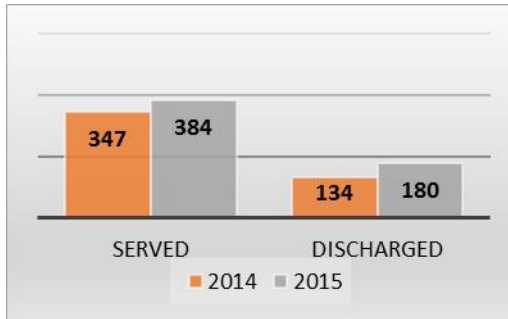
2015 Program Report Card: Fostering Responsibility, Education and Employment

Program Expenditures	State Funding	Federal Funding	Other Funding	Total Funding
SFY 15	\$3,261,220.00	0	0	\$3,261,220.00

Partners: Youth and families, Community agencies and services, Congregate Care facilities, DCF

How Much Did We Do?

The number of FREE served and discharged.

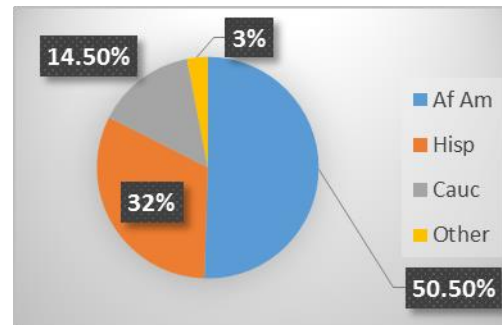


Story behind the baseline:

There are 6 teams serving the state, one serving each region. This reflects an increase in the number served and discharged. During FY15, the ratio of those served in the community increased as a result of shorter lengths of stay at CJTS and congregate care. 13.5% of those served are female. While this is commensurate with the population of all committed delinquents, the % in each region ranged from 7% to 24%. The increase is reflective of efforts to ensure youth were referred and enrolled in a timely manner. Additionally, alternative services had been used in towns not covered by the previous contract. Use of those services diminished through by attrition in FY 14 as new cases were referred to FREE.

How Much Did We Do?

Racial breakdown of youth served:

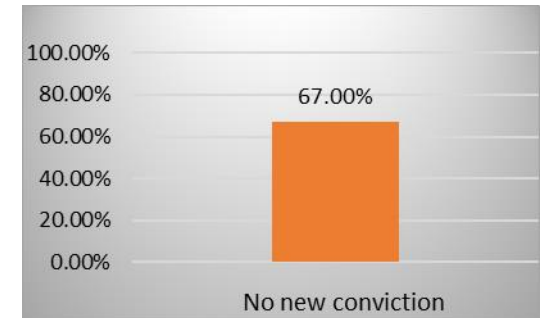


Story behind the baseline:

The racial composition of the youth served in the FREE program was within two percentage points of that for the total population for youth committed delinquent in SFY 15.

How Well Did We Do It?

Percentage of youth who discharged from FREE and did not experience a new adjudication.



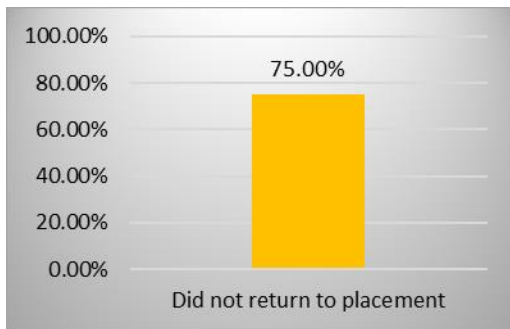
Story behind the baseline:

The conviction information reflects that reported by the providers concerning individual youth. Some of the reported convictions were the result of arrests while the youth was still in congregate care

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How Well Did We Do It?

The percentage of youth who did not return to placement during FREE service.



Story behind the baseline: This number reflects those discharged from FREE during FY 15, who did not experience a regressive move while enrolled in FREE services in the community on Parole status. Providers and regional staff report that teamings occur regularly regarding youth who are struggling in the community, in which FREE staff members participate.

How well did we do?

The percentage of youth who were connected to employment.



Story behind the baseline: The number reflects the youth, discharged from FREE during FY 15, who were placed in an employment setting during their course of involvement. 80% of youth served by FREE in FY 15 were provided pre-employment training.

Is Anyone Better Off?

In development:

- build in use of DCF survey
- develop pre and post assessments
- Utilization of L.I.S.T.
- Leveraging Virtual Academy on site in FREE programs to enhance foundational skills
- PIE. As interim measure, merge provider spreadsheets with Condoit reports to enhance analysis of the FREE youth risk and needs

Proposed Actions to Turn the Curve:

Held monthly provider meetings to share ideas and strategies

Ongoing efforts: Programs meet regularly with the regions to discuss cases, struggles regarding youth and family engagement, community conditions such as gang territories.

Programs have been amenable to modifying approaches where barriers were recognized; FREE programs participated in Graduated Responses policy review; programs have individualized approaches based on regional needs; Region 5 FREE Program Coordinator participated in the Permanency forum;

Plan: Data development- Inclusion in PIE; break down of program areas into discreet elements to track, eg. Employment- Completion of pre-employment curriculum- internship placement- subsidized employment- paid employment acquisition
Comparison of program models- adopt successful elements;