

COMMISSION ON BLACK GIRLS

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Franklin County Court of Common Pleas

Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch

BHJJ RESEARCH PROJECT

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/JUVENILE JUSTICE

- Funded by the Ohio Department of Youth Services and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addictions Services.
- Since 2006, the project involves collaboration with partners in Franklin County.
- A component of BHJJ is a longitudinal research project headed by Dr. Jeff Kretschmar, the Managing Director of the Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education at Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Kretschmar provided the information in this section which describes the Black Girls participating in the project.

MORE ON BHJJ

- About half of screened Franklin County youth involved in the justice system trigger mental health assessments that qualify them to participate in BHJJ.
- BHJJ requires the youth, parent and caseworker to complete questionnaires used in the research.
- The information in this section represents responses from and about **56 Black Girls** from our County who have participated in this project.
- These results shed light on the issues encountered by many Black Girls involved in Franklin County Juvenile Court.

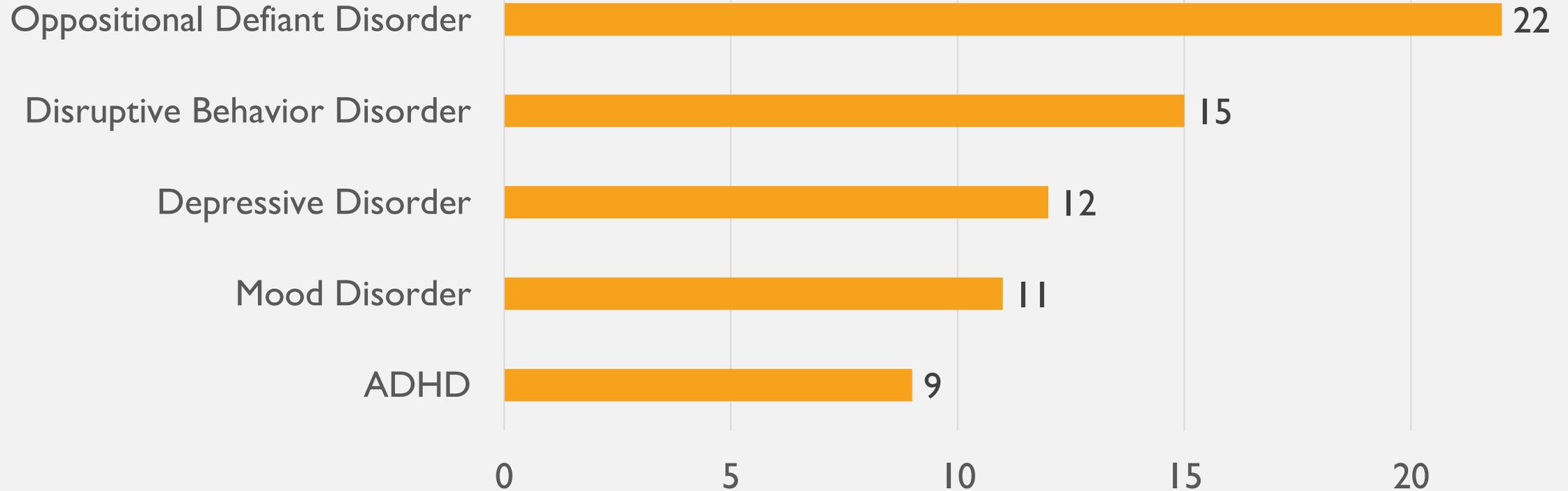
ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY PARENT PART I

Issue	Percent
Has lived in household with someone convicted of a crime.	47%
Has run away.	46%
Has a biological family member with a drinking or drug problem.	40%
Has a biological family member diagnosed or showing signs of depression.	36%
Has talked about committing suicide.	30%
Has a biological family member with mental illness other than depression.	26%

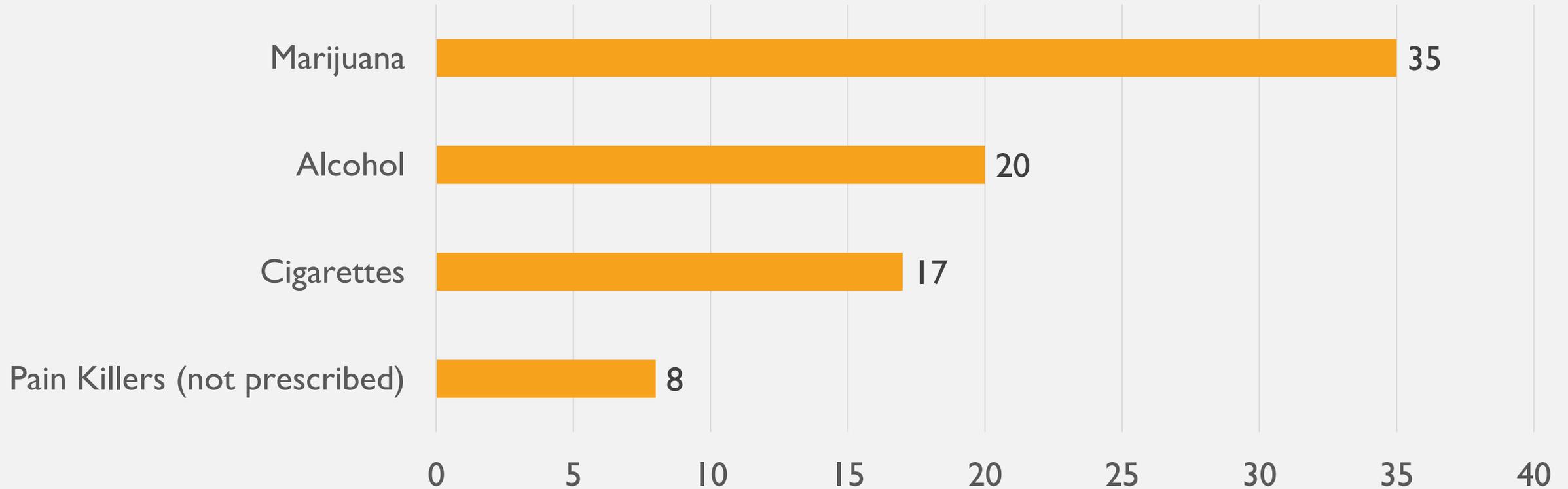
ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY PARENT PART II

Issue	Percent
Has been exposed to domestic violence or spousal abuse of which she was not the target.	25%
Has had a problem with substance abuse.	23%
Is currently taking medicine for emotional or behavioral symptoms.	16%
Has been sexually abused.	11%
Has attempted suicide.	11%
Has been physically abused.	11%

MOST FREQUENT DIAGNOSES



SUBSTANCE USE - SELF REPORT

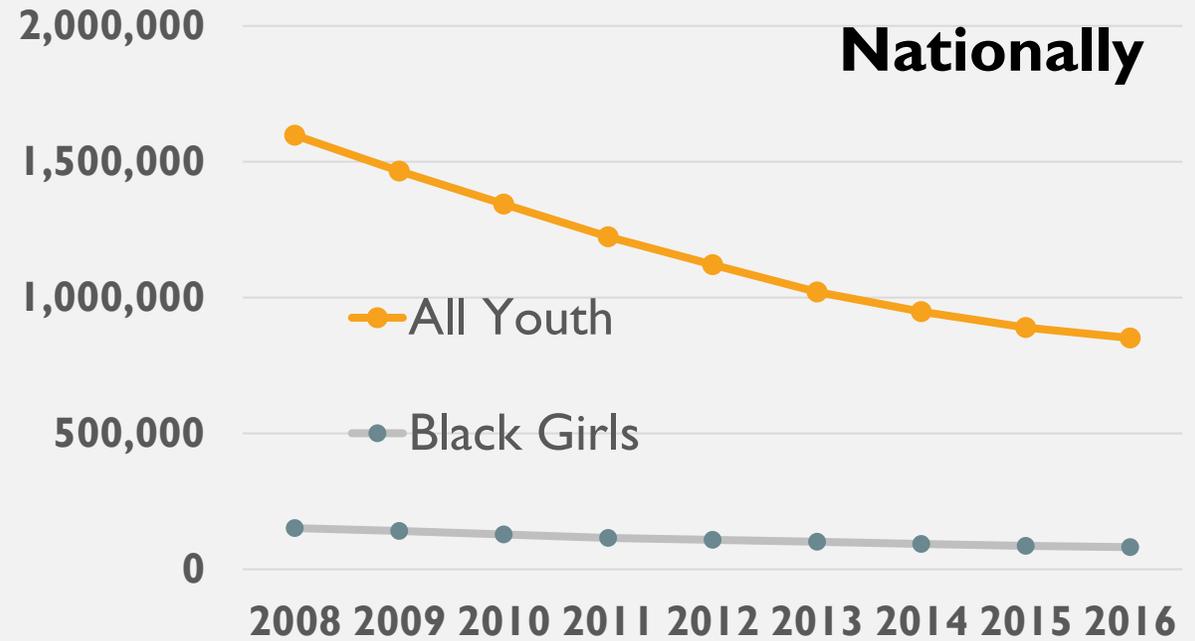


FILINGS IN JUVENILE COURT

National Juvenile Filings down 47%

National Black Girls Filings down 47%

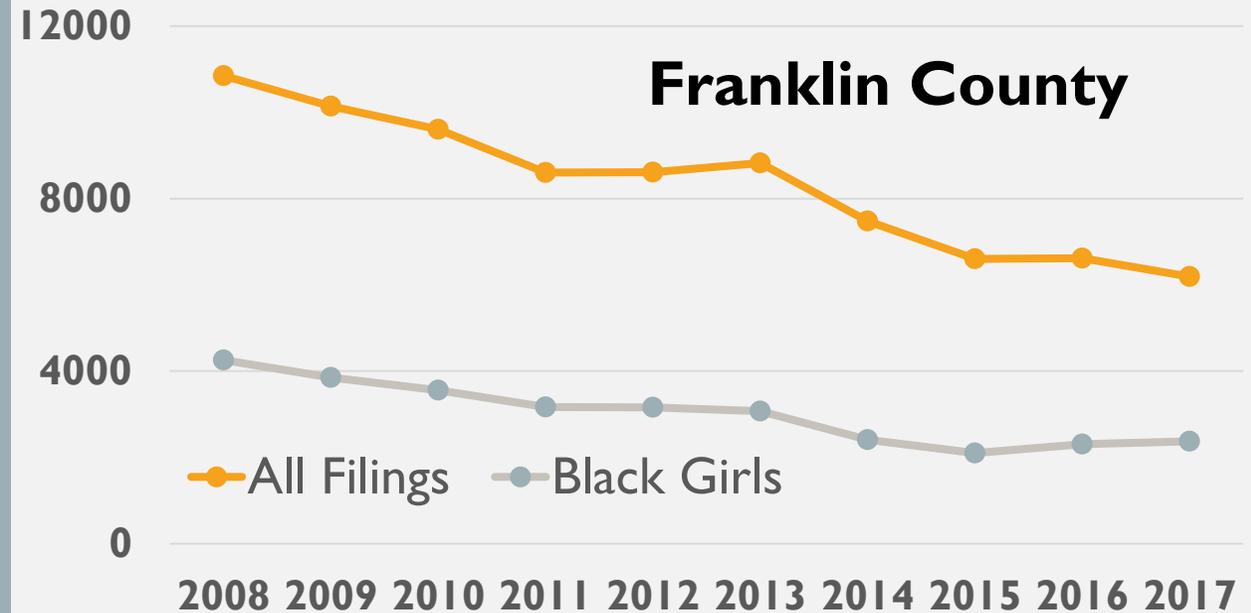
Nationwide, Black Girls comprise about 10% of all Juvenile Filings



Franklin County, Juvenile Filings down 43%

FC Black Girls' Filings down 44%

Black Girls comprise about 38% of all Franklin County Filings



MOST FREQUENT CHARGES FOR BLACK GIRLS

2008

1. Assault (12%)
2. Disorderly Conduct (11%)
3. School Truancy (various) (9%)
4. Theft (8%)
5. Rec Stolen Property (5%)
6. Criminal Trespass (5%)
7. Burglary (4%)
8. Possession of Drugs (4%)
9. Unruly (4%)
10. Domestic Violence (4%)

2017

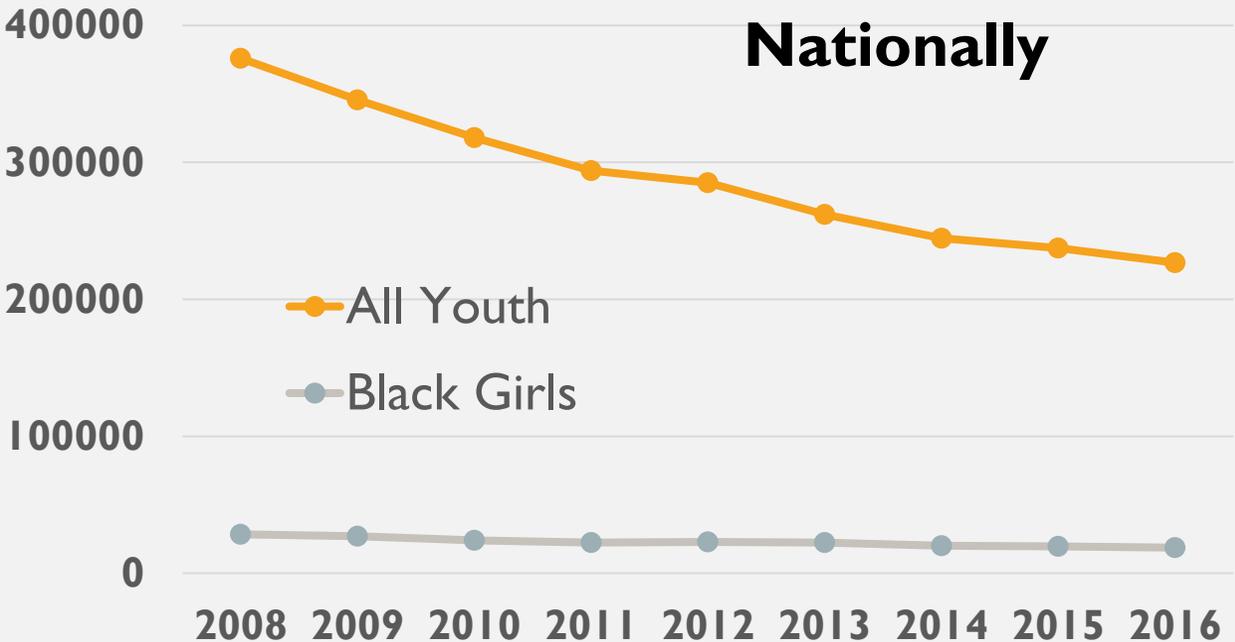
1. Assault (13%)
- ↑ 2. Theft (10%)
3. School Truancy (various) (10%)
- ↓ 4. Disorderly Conduct (8%)
- ↑ 5. Unruly (7%)
- ↓ 6. Rec Stolen Property (6%)
- ↑ 7. Criminal Trespass (4%)
- ↑ 8. Curfew (various) (4%)
- ↓ 9. Burglary (3%)
10. Domestic Violence (3%)

JUVENILE DETENTION

National Detentions down 40%

National Black Girls Detentions down 34%

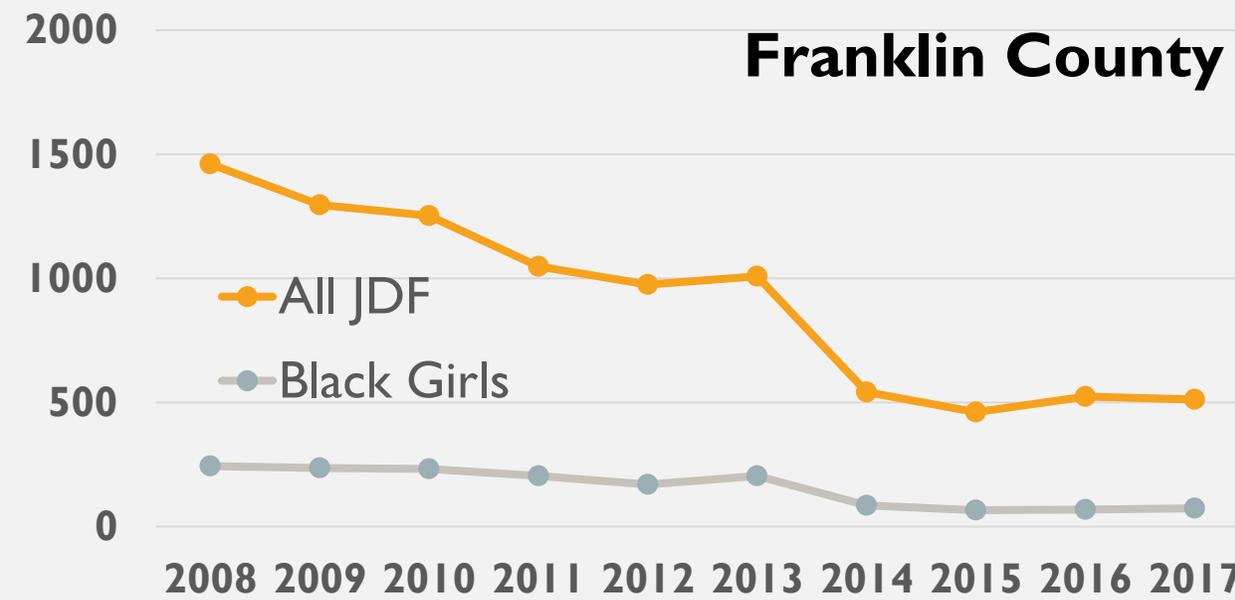
Nationwide, Black Girls comprised 7% of all detained youth in 2008 and 8% of all detained youth in 2017.



Franklin County, Detentions down 65%

FC Black Girls' Detentions down 70%

Black Girls comprised 17% of all JDF admission in 2008 and 14½% of all JDF admissions in 2017.



AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (ALOS) IN JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY

2008

- The ALOS for ALL YOUTH held in the JDF in 2008: **28 Days**
- The ALOS for ALL GIRLS held in the JDF in 2008: **9 Days**
- The ALOS for BLACK GIRLS held in the JDF in 2008: **9 Days**

2017

- The ALOS for ALL YOUTH held in the JDF in 2017: **16 Days**
- The ALOS for ALL GIRLS held in the JDF in 2017: **9 Days**
- The ALOS for BLACK GIRLS held in the JDF in 2017: **9 Days**

MOST FREQUENT REASON FOR JDF ADMISSION: BLACK GIRLS

2008

1. Misdemeanor against a person
(107, 44%)
2. Misdemeanor against property
(37, 15%)
3. Felony against a person
(28, 12%)

2017

1. Felony against a person
(18, 24%)
2. Misdemeanor against a person
(15, 20%)
3. Misdemeanor against property
(7, 10%)

PROGRAMMING IN LIEU OF DETENTION AND PLACEMENT

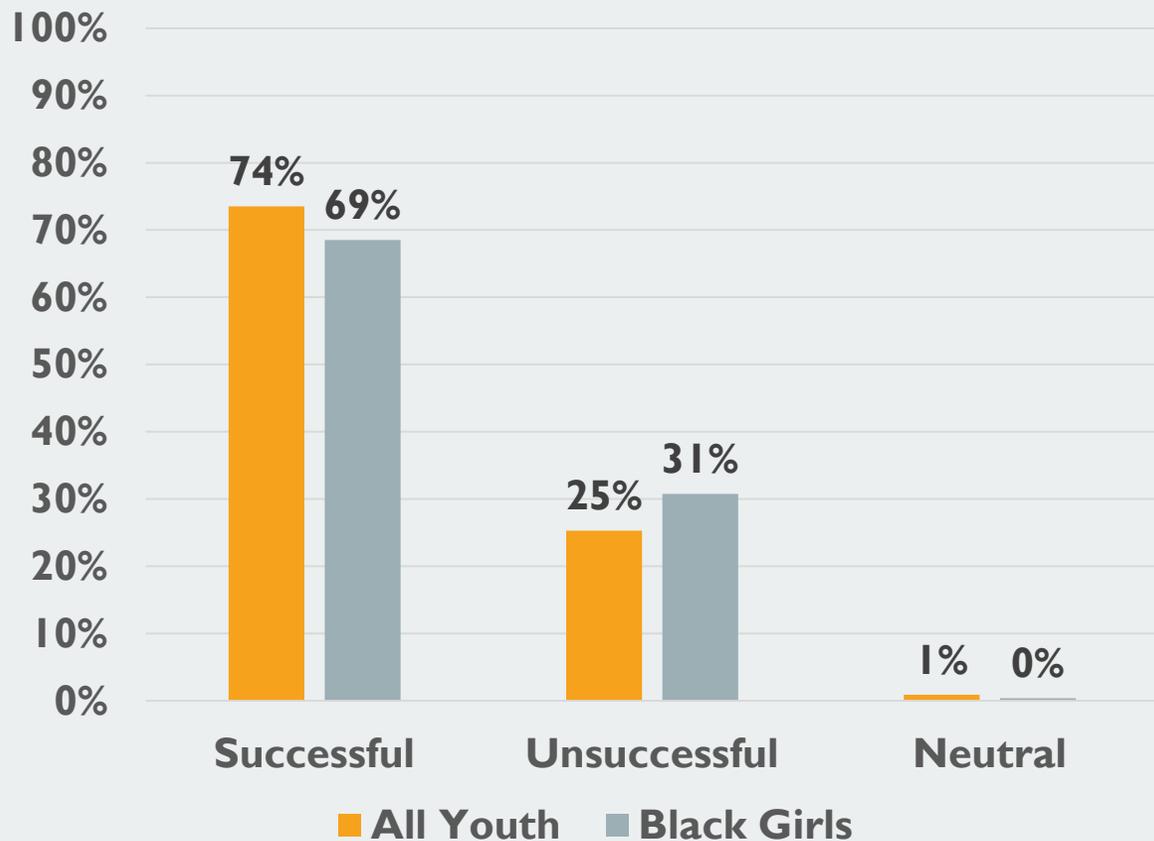
In lieu of detention and residential placements, Franklin County has worked over the past 12 years to recognize trauma and to directly address the issues that bring the youth to the juvenile justice system in this community.

To this end we have developed distinct programs both pre -adjudication and post adjudication.

**YOUTH EDUCATION AND
INTERVENTION SERVICES**

DIVERSION SERVICES

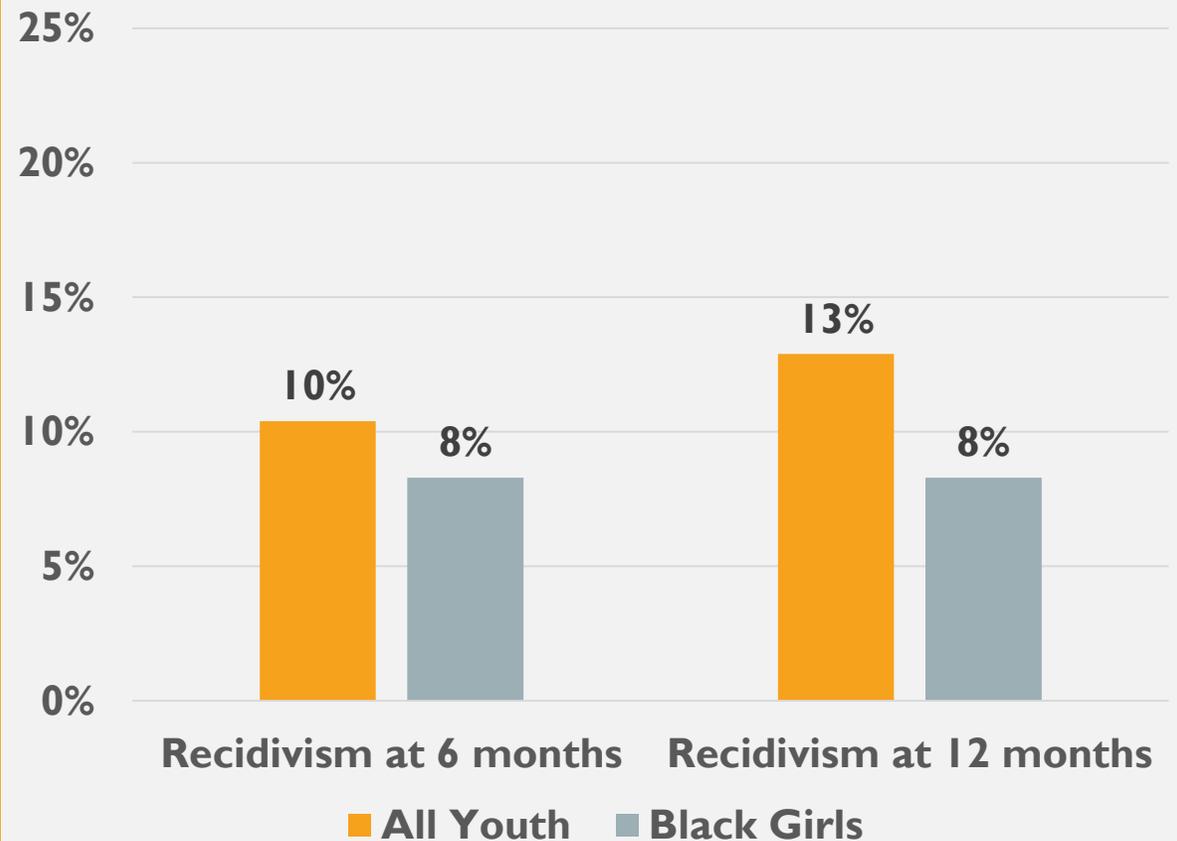
Completion Rates



Our Black Girls have lower rates of successful completion compared to all youth who are referred to Diversion Services.

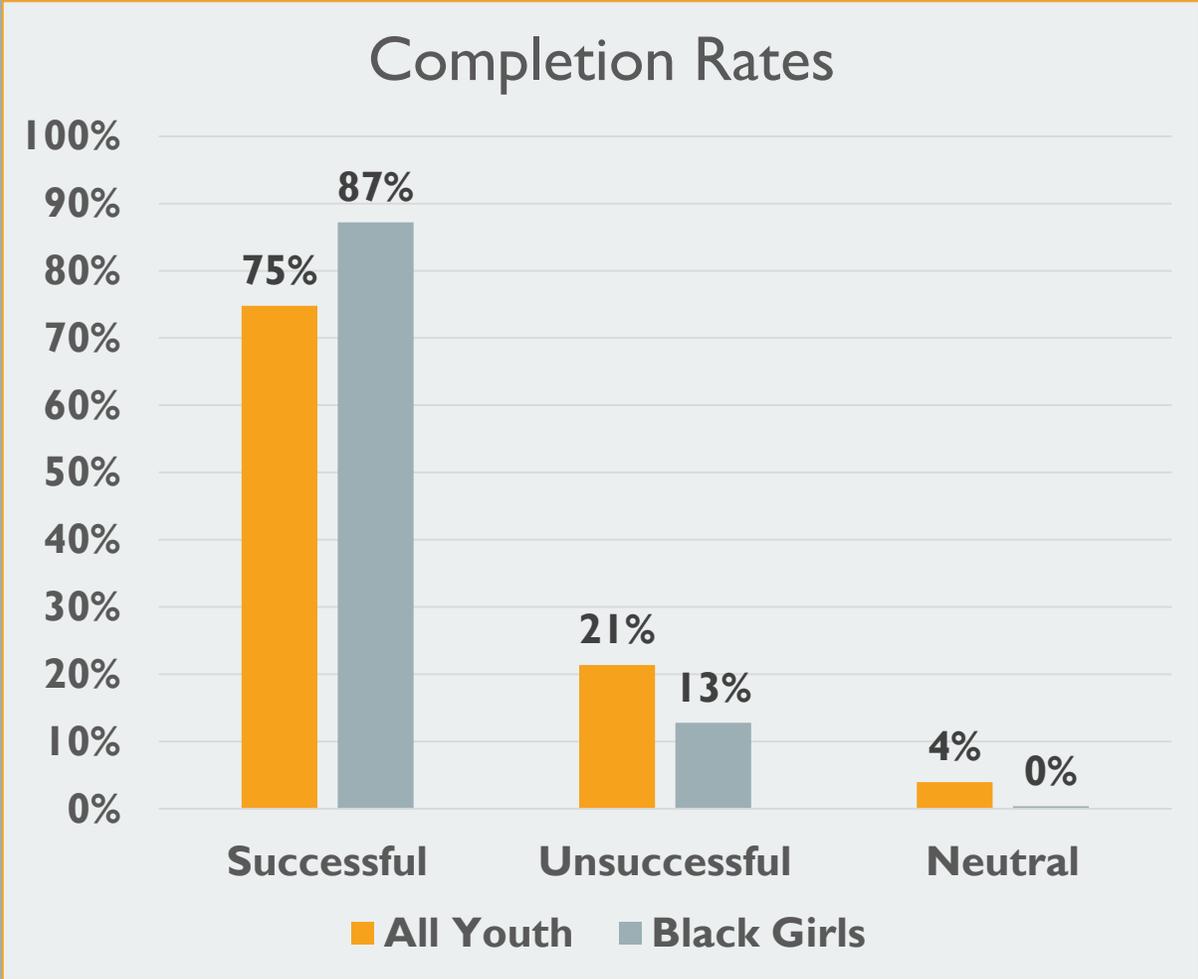
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Recidivism Rates



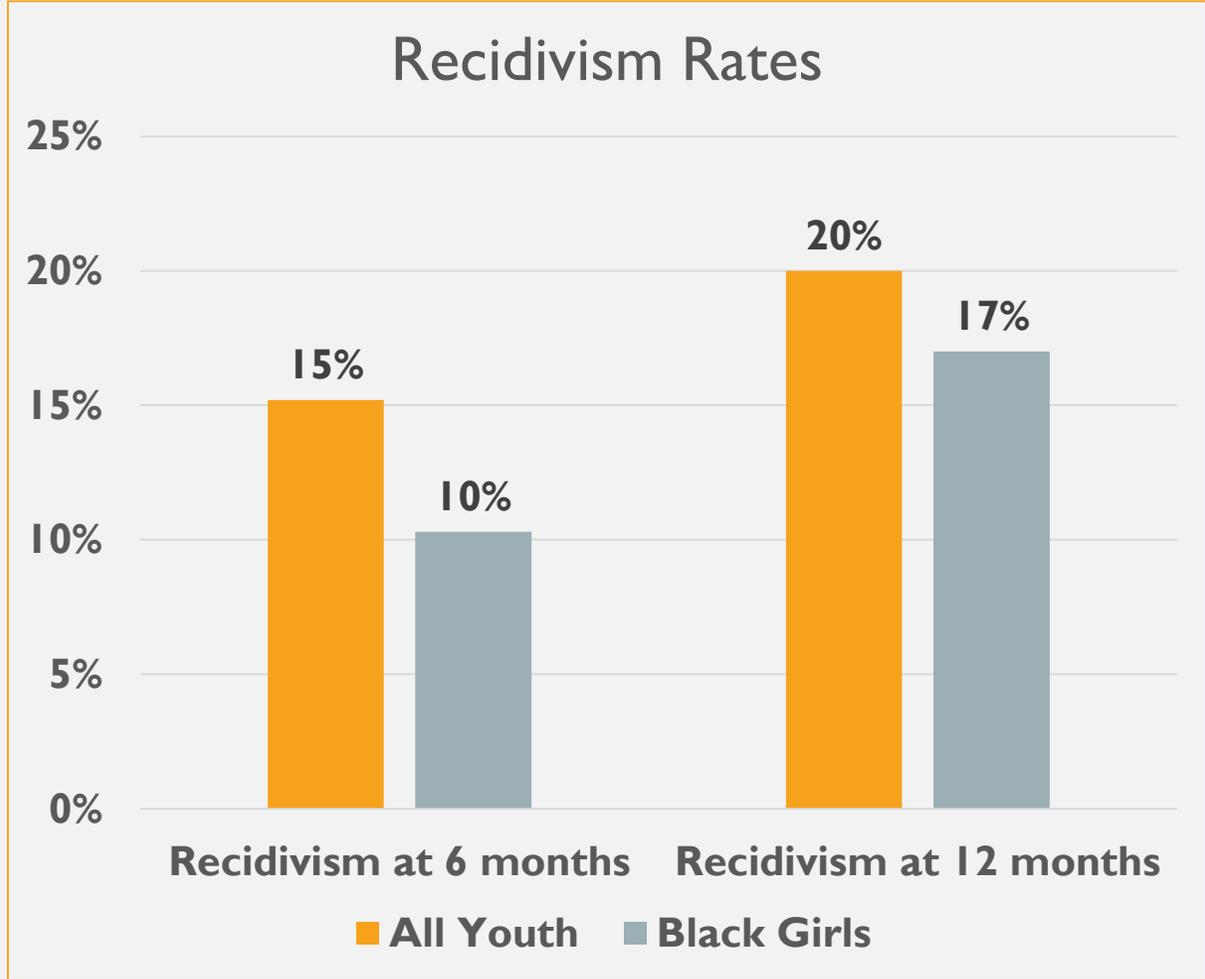
At all periods of time, Black Girls have lower rates of reoffending than all youth who are referred to Diversion Services.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CIRCLES



Black Girls have higher successful completion rates than all youth referred to the Community Restorative Circles.

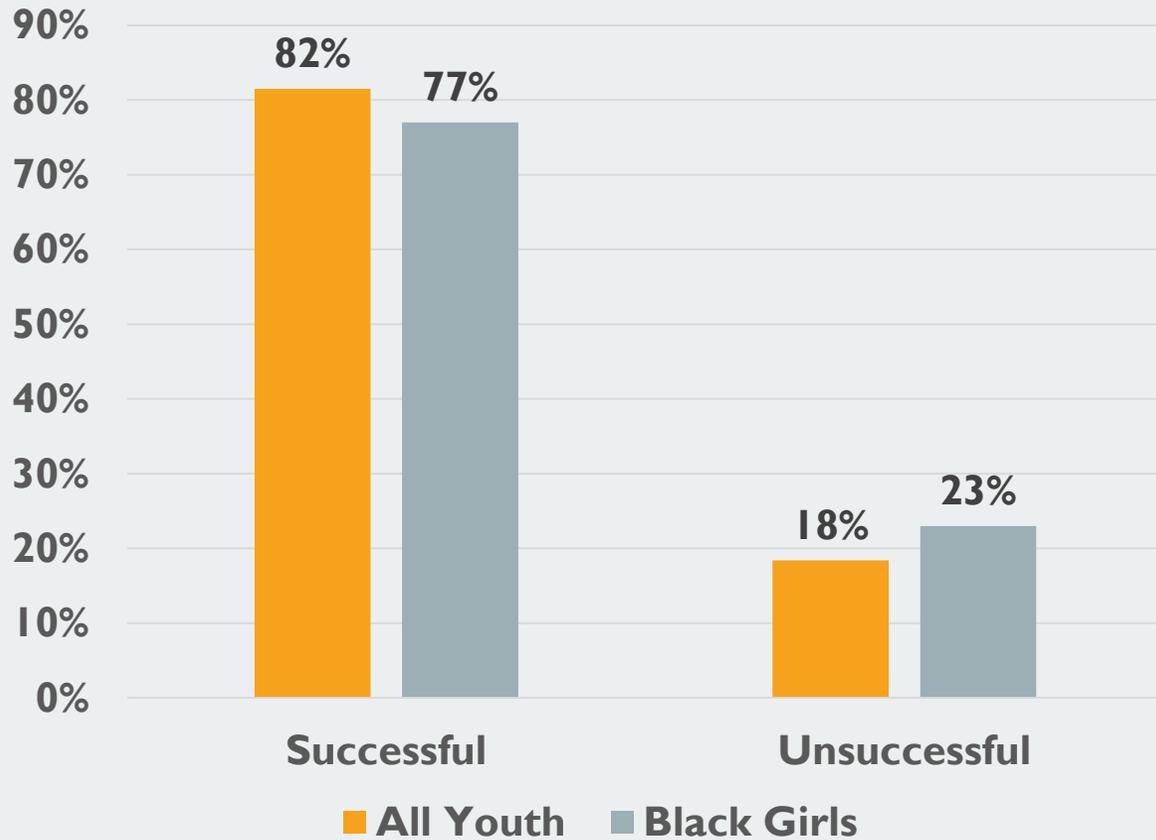
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TEEN COURT

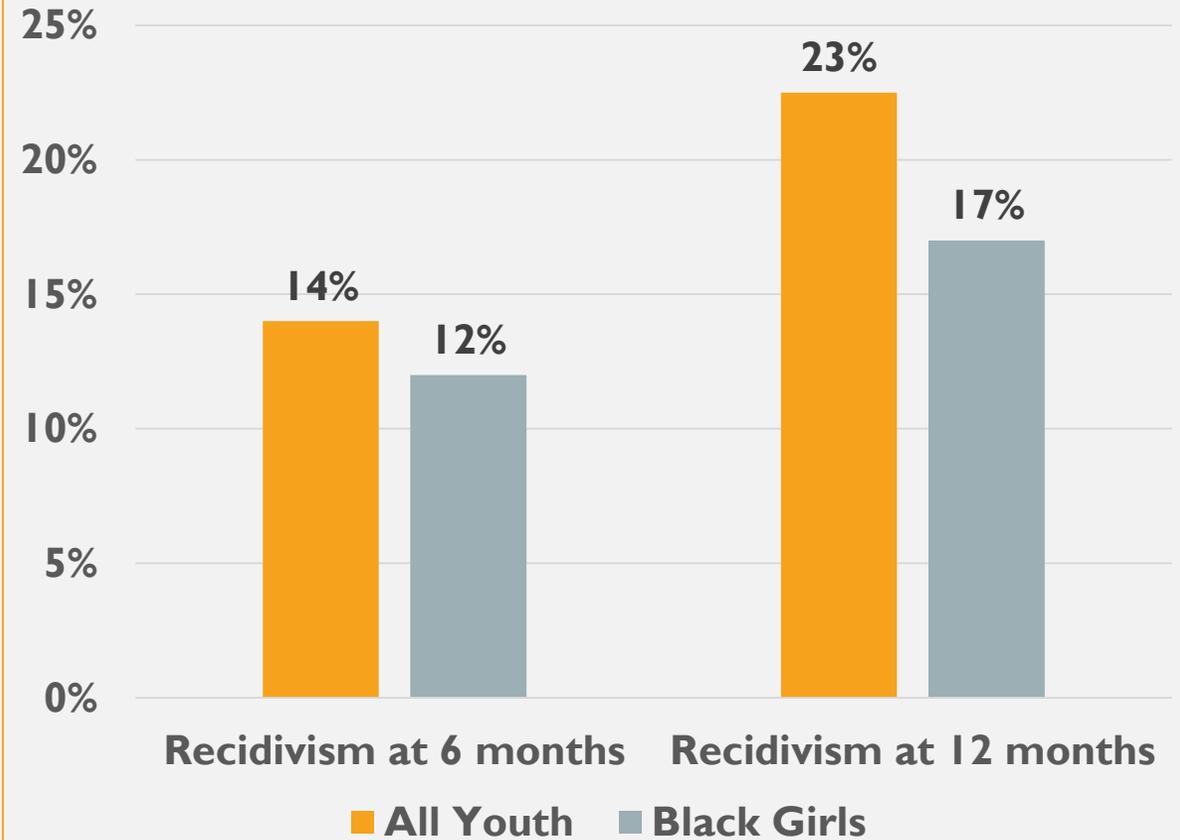
Completion Rates



Black Girls have lower successful completion rates than all youth referred to the Teen Court Program.

TEEN COURT

Recidivism Rates



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UNRULY/INCORRIGIBLE RECIDIVISM RATES

All Youth

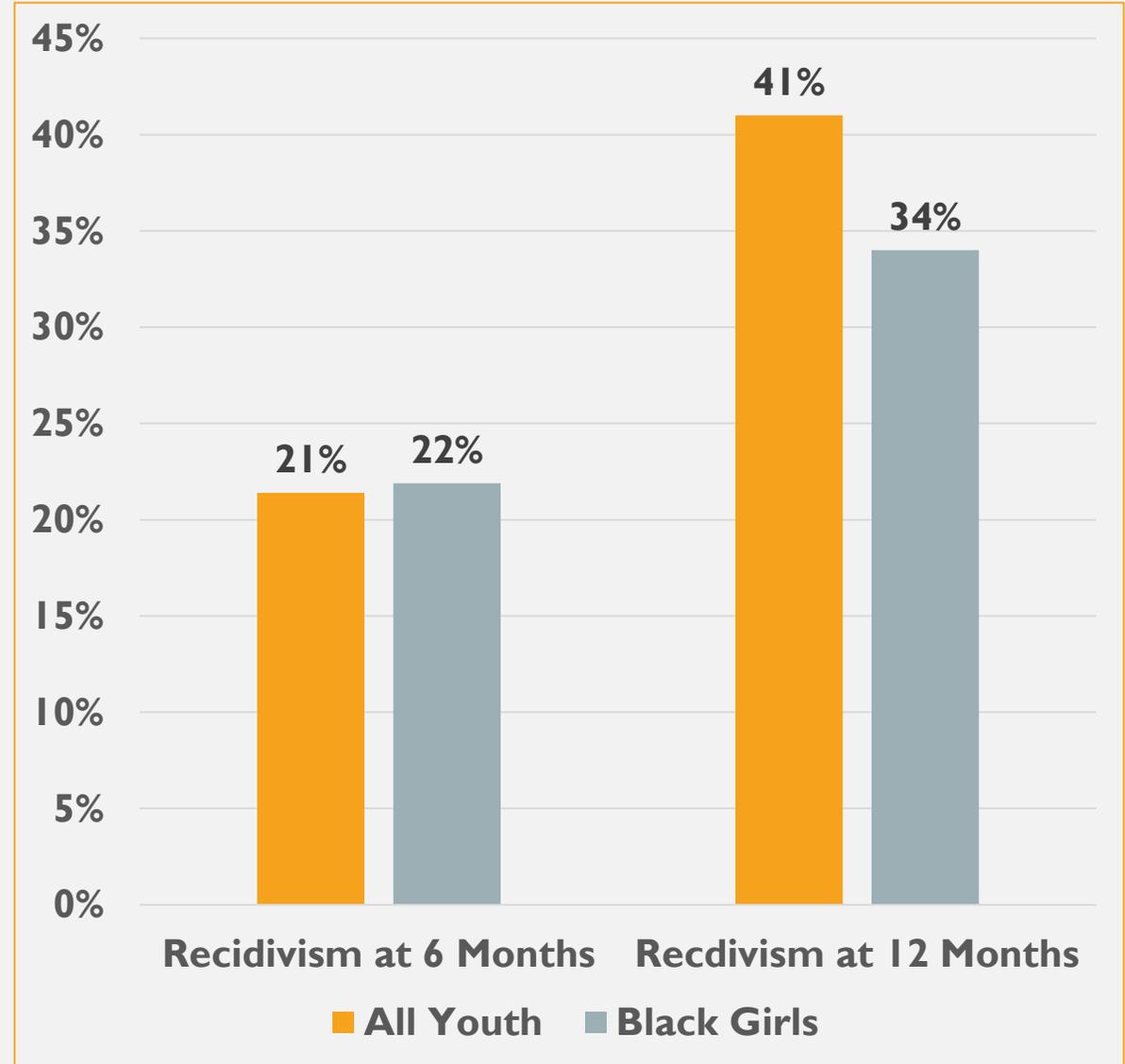
Six Month Recidivism Rate: 21%

12 Month Recidivism Rate: 41%

Black Girls

Six Month Recidivism Rate: 22%

12 Month Recidivism Rate: 34%



FRANKLIN COUNTY JUVENILE
PROBATION

PROBATION – ALL YOUTH

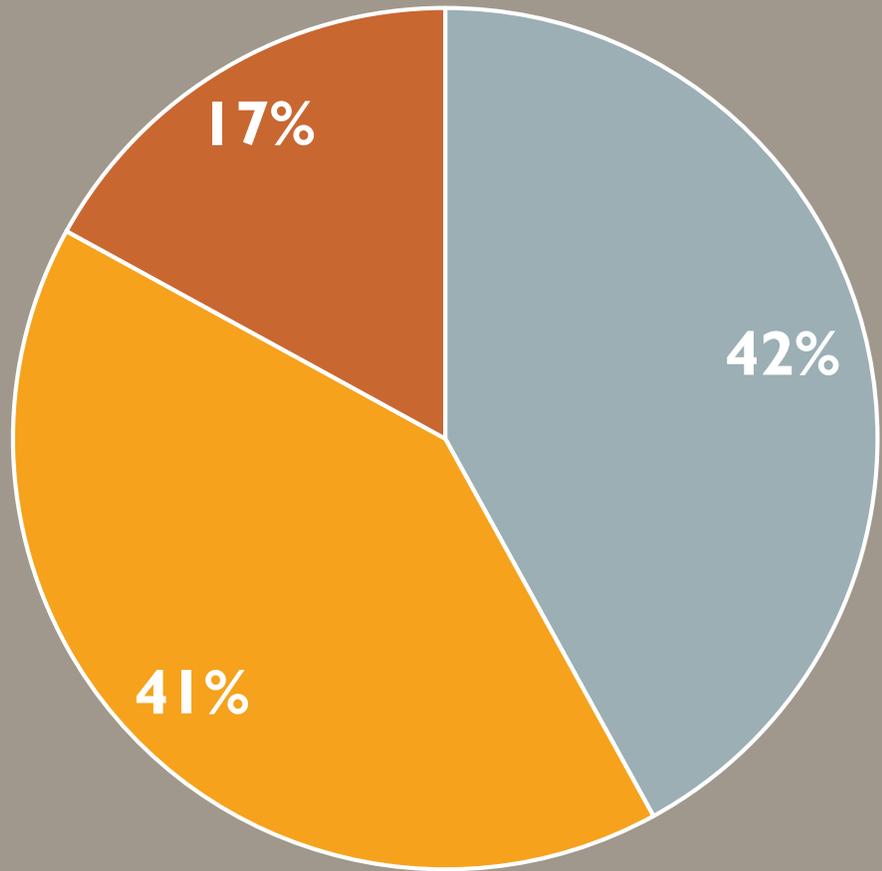
- 8,505 Youth
- Average Length of Supervision:
 - Mean: 474 Days
 - Median: 454 Days
- Top 3 Referral Offenses:
 - Burglary (13%)
 - Assault (11%)
 - Theft (8%)

PROBATION – BLACK GIRLS

- 937 Youth (11% of all youth)
- Average Length of Supervision:
 - Mean 454 Days
 - Median: 368 Days
- Top 3 Referral Offenses:
 - Assault (23%)
 - Theft (16%)
 - Robbery (6%)

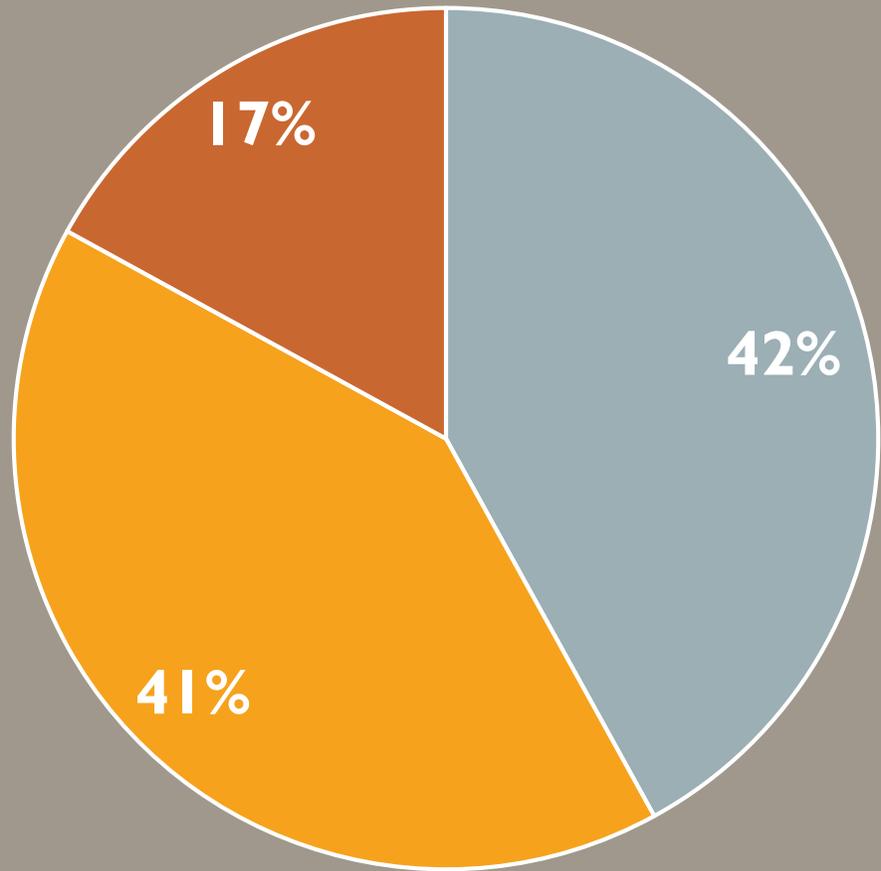
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ALL YOUTH



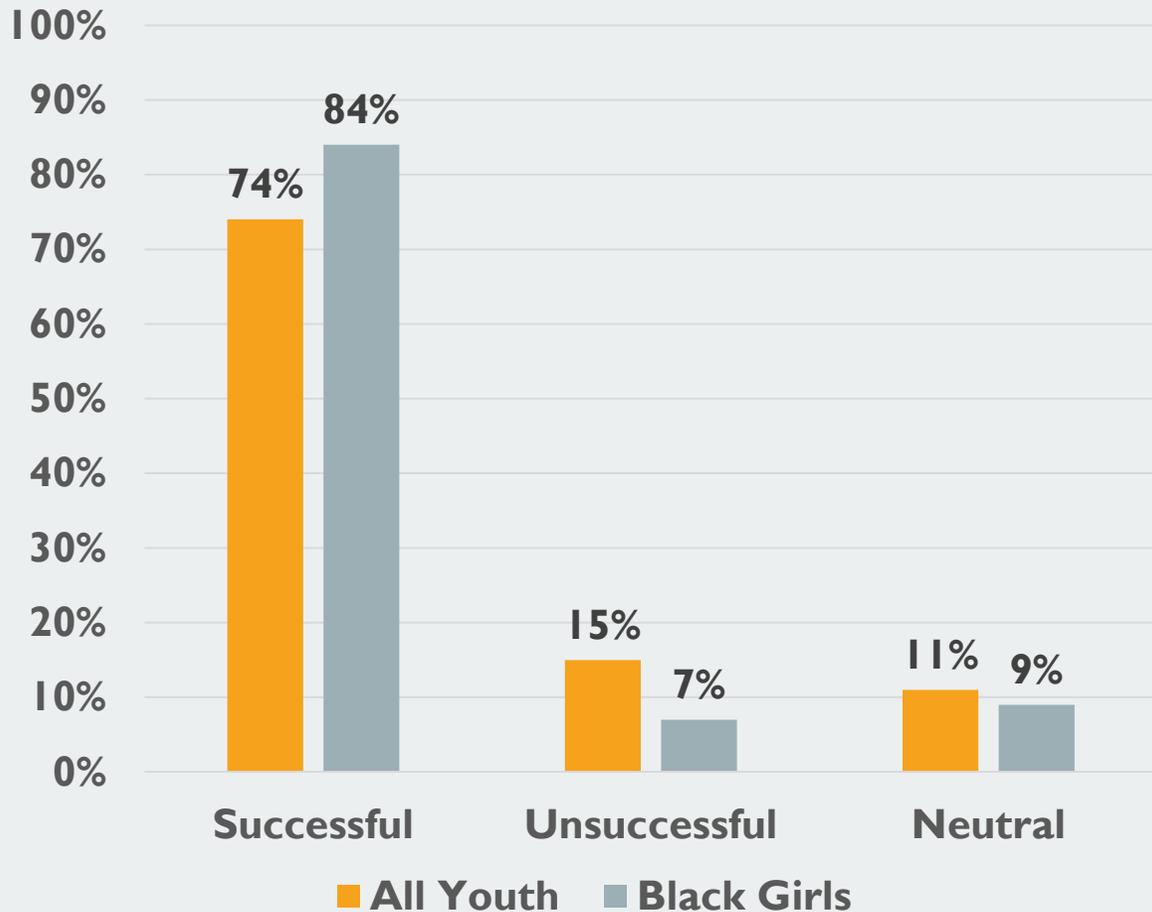
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BLACK GIRLS



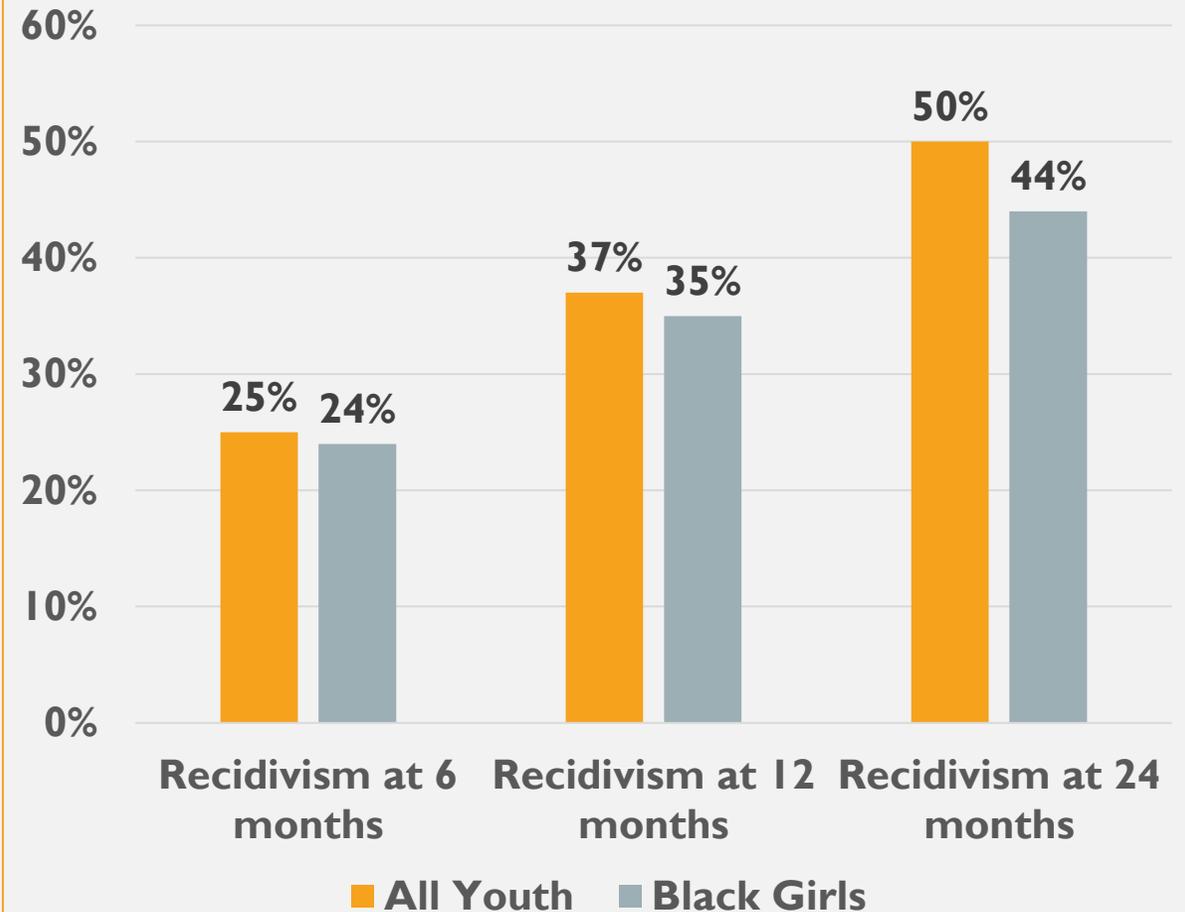
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Completion Rates



Our Black Girls have greater rates of successful completion than all youth referred to Probation.

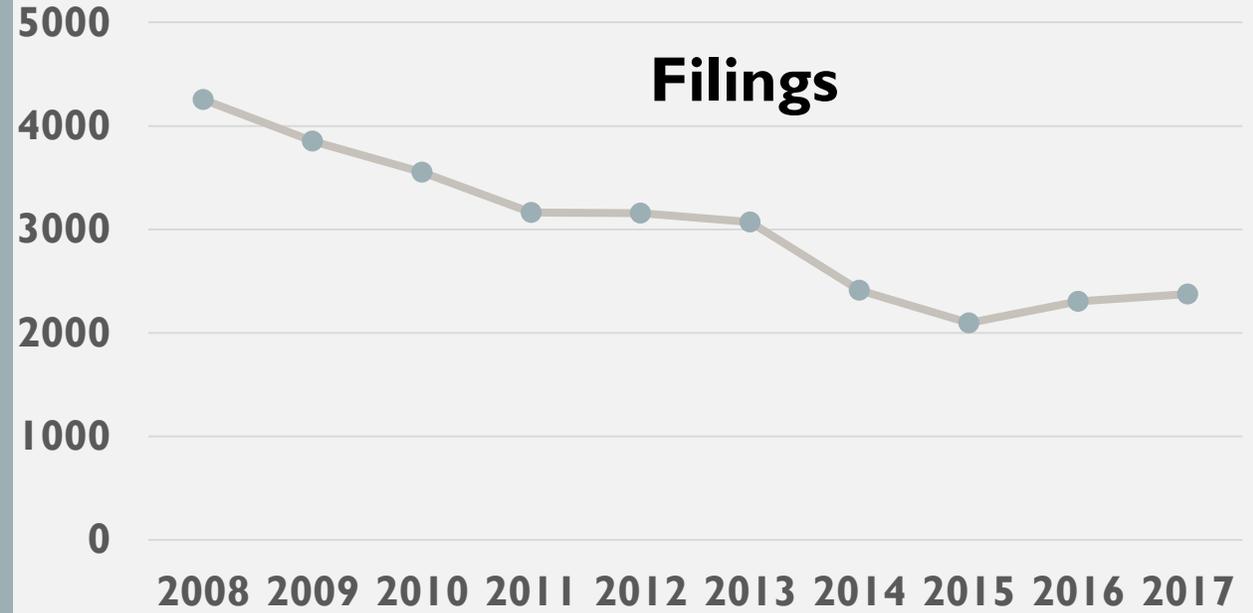
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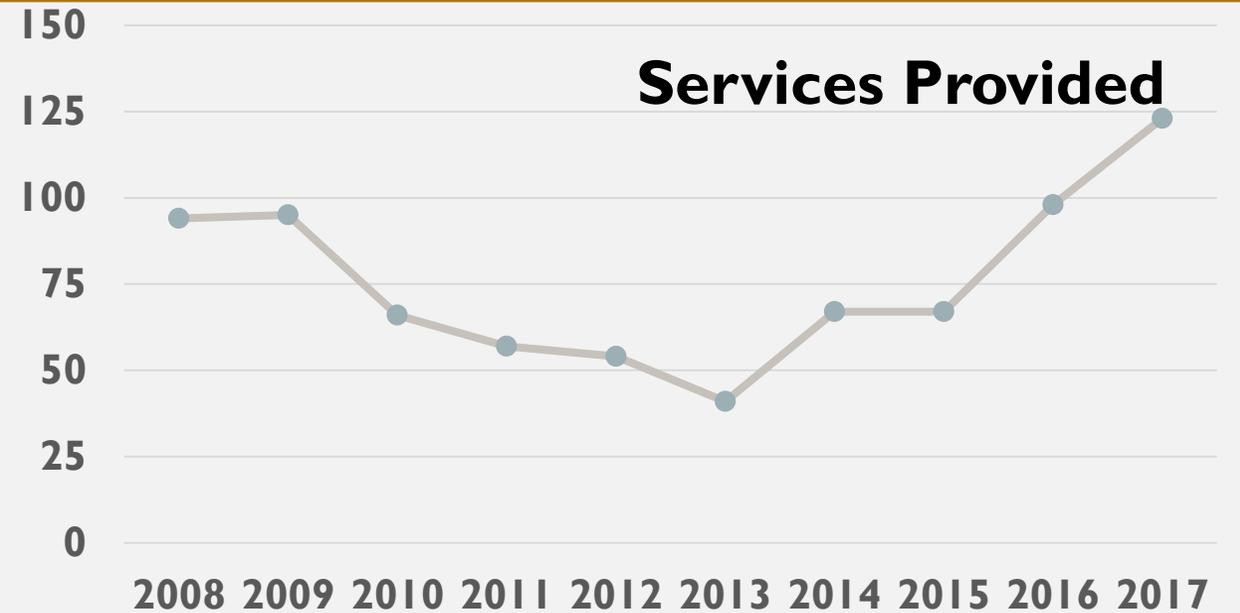
The recidivism rates are slightly lower for Black Girls than all youth referred to probation.

**CONTRACT SERVICES DELIVERED
TO BLACK GIRLS**

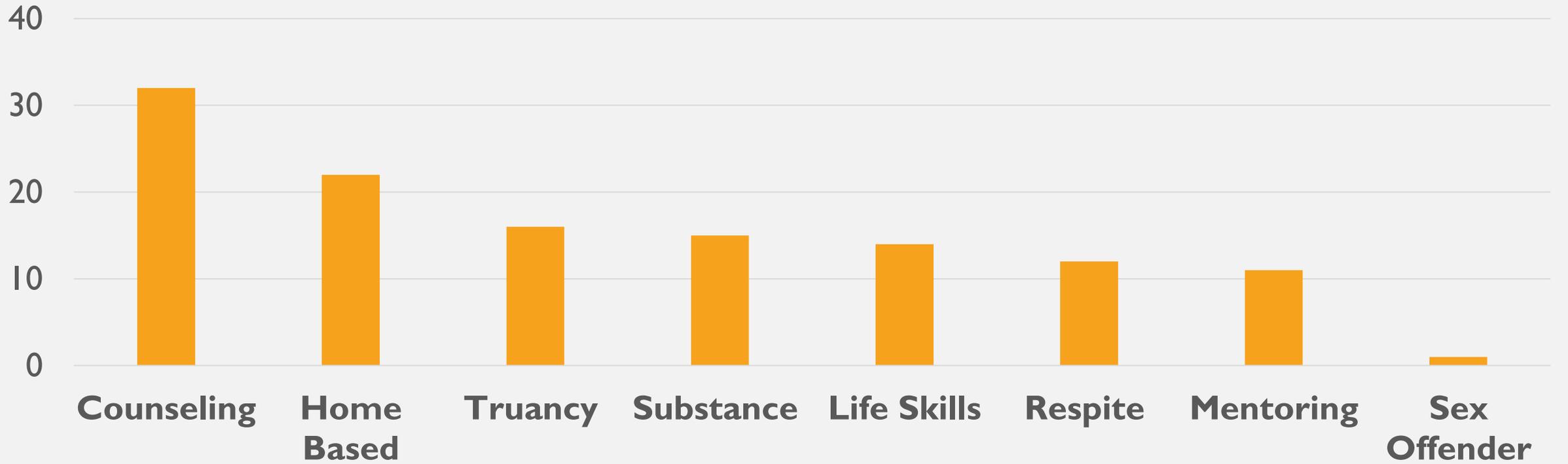
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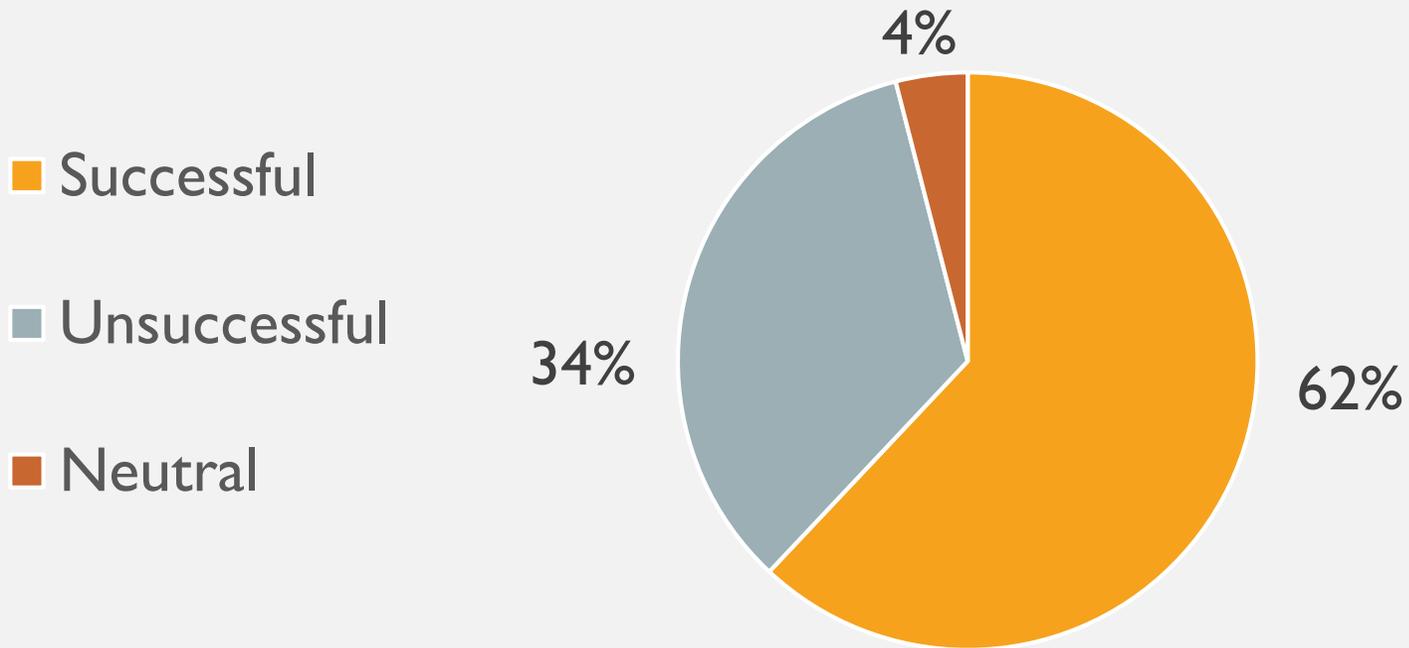
In the same time period, services actually provided to Franklin County Black Girls by contract providers increased 31%



TYPES OF SERVICES - 2017



SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION, AS DEFINED
BY SERVICE PROVIDER



CONCLUSIONS FOR BLACK GIRLS
IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

BLACK GIRLS IN BHJJ & JUVENILE FILINGS

- Compared to the general population, more FC Black Girls have dealt with certain traumatic issues (e.g., living with convicted individuals, running away, suicidal ideation).
- Delinquency and Unruly filings for FC Black Girls have decreased 44% across the past 10 years, and a higher proportion of charges are for low-level (status) offenses.

BLACK GIRLS IN DETENTION & Y.E.I.S

- Detentions have decreased 65% across 10 years & detained Black Girls now have more serious (person-felony) charges.
- Although fewer girls experience Detention, the average number of days per Detention admission is unchanged
- In various Youth Education & Intervention Services, Black Girls are slightly less likely to complete their programs successfully, but also less likely to reoffend in any time period.

BLACK GIRLS IN PROBATION & CONTRACTED PROGRAMS

- Black Girls completing Probation have the same profile of risk levels and (basically) the same types of offenses of other Probation youth. On average, their length of stay is a bit shorter.
- Black Girls in Probation were MORE likely to complete supervision successfully and LESS likely to reoffend afterwards.
- Although the number of Black Girls have decreased, the services provided to these Girls have increased in number in recent years. Two-thirds of these girls complete services successfully (62%) or with neutral status (4%).

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