



Commission on Black Girls
September 20, 2018

Our Agency

- Our History
- Our Continuum of Services
- Methodology
- National Alliance
- Trauma Informed Practice
- Community Building
- Florence Crittenton Women's Center



DFYF services provided to Black girls in Columbus

- Outreach Counseling
- Office-based Counseling
- Psychiatric, Medication Management
- Outreach Counseling Truancy
- School Connections
- PROMISES (survivors of sexual abuse)
- Children Who Witness Violence
- Children of Murdered Parents/Siblings
- Teen Parent Connection
- Building Bright Futures (at-risk for school failure)
- Building Bright Futures Reclaim (Juvenile Court referrals)
- Healthy Alternative for Youth (substance use)
- Youth Pride
- Anger Management
- After-school and Summer Programs
- Youth Center Girls Groups
- Life Skills Classes in area schools



Black girls DFYF serves between ages 11-22

The majority of clients we served are considered at-risk, reside in low SES neighborhoods, single-parent households, and live below the federal poverty rate. A significant number of our client population has been exposed to trauma including domestic violence, neighborhood violence, generational poverty, and/or neglect.

Numbers Served

879 girls of color ages 11-22 were served in 2017

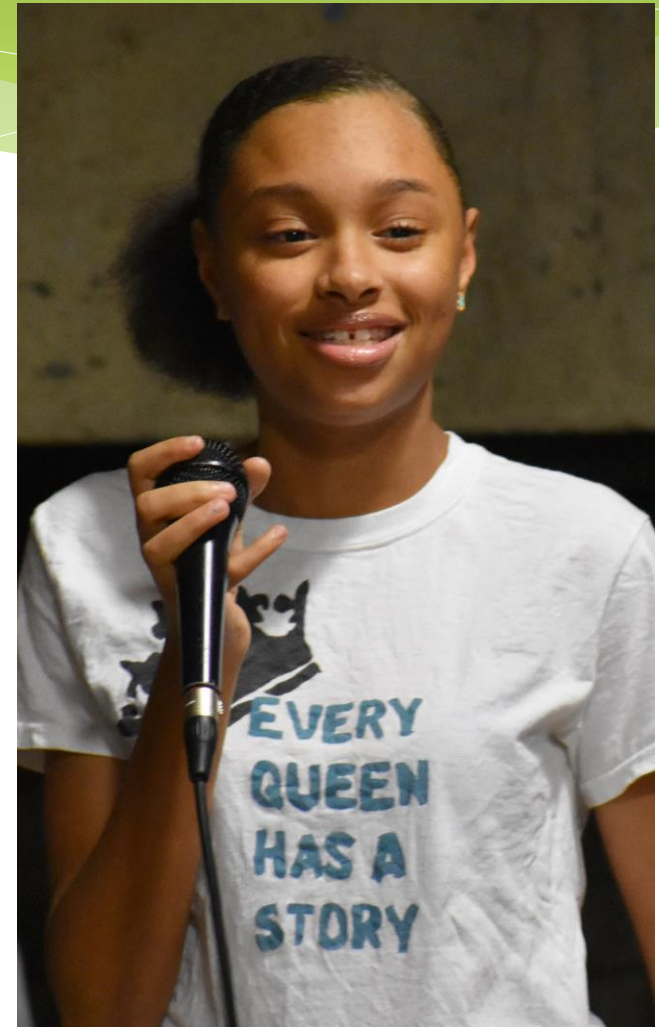
	Age	#		Age	#		Age	#		Age	#	
	11	97		14	113		17	84		20	23	
	12	136		15	69		18	62		21	13	
	13	173		16	69		19	30		22	10	

Outputs & Outcomes

- An average of 90.97% demonstrated progress toward their Individualized Service Plan goals & objectives in DFYF's Outreach Counseling Program
- 193 received prevention services with opportunity for academic support, leadership development, life skills education, expressive arts programming and social/emotional skill development.
- 561 were provided counseling through our School Connections program to address behavioral, emotional and mental health issues.
- 535 received services in their homes which encouraged parent and other family member participation and improved quality of family life.
- 157 received trauma counseling for sexual abuse, physical abuse, tragic loss of a loved one, and/or exposure to violence helping them to build resilience and protective factors.

Challenges in Providing Services

- Accessibility
- Stigma of Receiving Services
- Societal Responses
 - We tend to engage in policies and practices that criminalize them for who they are, not what they've done
 - Monique Morris
- Speaking out: critical thinker or bad attitude
- Disproportionate rates of suspensions, expulsions, arrest



Opportunities in provision of services

- Healing Responsive
- Trauma Informed
- Culturally Competent
- Gender Responsive
- Surveillance versus Support



What can the Commission on Black Girls, and the Community do to improve the quality of life for Black girls?

- Dialog
- Convene
- Collaborate
- Educate
- Advocate
- Support



Need To Know

- * The Violence Against Women Act has been reauthorized three times since 1994 with bipartisan support, but a current House reauthorization bill does not have a single Republican co-sponsor. The Violence Against Women Act — which directs the national response to crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking — will expire at the end of September if lawmakers don't act fast.

Closing points/facts

