



Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)

Special Session

Thursday, February 1, 2024

12:30pm – 2:00pm

Hybrid: First Floor Conference Room at 200 College St or Virtual via Zoom

Welcome and Introductions: Jorge Redmond, JCPC Chair

Introduction of Presenter: Lorraine Williams, Western Area Consultant, NCDPS DJJ

Buncombe County [Racial and Ethnic Disparities \(RED\) Data](#): Crystal Wynn-Lewis, Racial and Ethnic Disparities Coordinator, NCDPS DJJ

Overview of How RED Data is Used

- RED data provides one way to look at equity by comparing the representation of BIPOC youth to White youth at each point in the system where a decision is made to either divert a youth or to continue the case within the juvenile justice system.
- The [Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act \(JJDP\)](#) includes 4 Core Protections:
 - Deinstitutionalization of youth charged with status offenses.
 - Removing youth from adult jails and detention facilities.
 - Sight and sound separation between youth and adults during any detention or confinement.
 - Address and eliminate racial and ethnic disparities within the juvenile justice system.
- Compliance with JJDP is:
 - Required for Title II funding.
 - Achieved when states address RED.
 - Requires data collection related to 5 “contact points” within the JJ System.
 - The Governor’s Crime Commission monitors compliance as the designated state agency in NC.

Buncombe County Data for 2022-23

Buncombe County Youth Population Overall: 2020 Census data identified 32,367 youth between the ages of 6 – 17 in Buncombe County, and provided the following demographics:

- 24,256 (75%) were identified as White
- 2,972 (9%) were identified as Black
- 4,365 (13.5%) were identified as Hispanic/Latino
- 656 (2%) were identified as Asian
- 118 (0.4%) were identified as Native American/American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Census data provided did not have youth identified as Native Hawaiian, Other Pacific Islander, or Multi-racial

In Buncombe County, between July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023:

- *Complaints Received by DJJ*
 - 620 total complaints
 - Complaints received by race/ethnicity
 - White = 299 (48%)
 - Black = 195 (32%)
 - Hispanic/Latino = 90 (14%)
 - Asian = 3 (1%)
 - 2 or More Races = 26 (4%)
 - Native American = 7 (1%)
- *Delinquency Complaints Not Approved/Diverted by Race /Ethnicity*
 - Total not approved = 236 out of 620 (38%)
 - White = 128 out of 299 (43%)
 - Black = 70 out of 195 (36%)
 - Hispanic/Latino = 28 out of 90 (31%)
 - Other races = 10 out of 36 (28%)
- *Detention Placements Total*
 - White = 22 youth (42%)
 - Black = 21 youth (40%)
 - Hispanic/Latino = 6 youth (11%)
 - Other = 4 youth (7%)
- *Youth Development Center Confinement Total*
 - 1 youth (identified as Black)
- *Transfers to Adult Court*
 - 2 youth (both identified as Hispanic/Latino)
- *A breakdown of complaints received by more Offense Class Groups, including A-G felonies, and Class 1,2 and 3 misdemeanors,) was also reviewed:*
 - 62% of complaints filed on youth in Buncombe County were for minor offenses (Class 1, 2, or 3 misdemeanors)
 - 23% were for serious offenses (felony class F, G, H, I and misdemeanor A1)
 - 11% were for status infractions
 - 4% were for violent offenses (felony class A-E)
- The race/ethnicity data* for each offense category was reviewed.

**The RED presentation slides will be shared on [Engage.Buncombe.org/juvenilecrimepreventioncouncil](https://engage.buncombe.org/juvenilecrimepreventioncouncil).*

Questions and Discussion

- Discussion included how to use the RED Data in the future for the JCPC, including examining the most important points of contact and inequity that individual youth encounter within the Juvenile Justice System in Buncombe County, and identifying the best ways to work with the community as a whole to help youth have a fair and equitable experience within the DJJ System.

Public Comment/Announcements

Adjournment

