

Detention Diversion Advocacy Program (DDAP)

Juvenile Probation Commission Meeting
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Brief Background

- 1993: CJCJ developed DDAP
- Diversionary Goal: reduce unnecessary youth detention
- Diversionary Goal: reduce unnecessarily long lengths of stay
- First evidence-based pre-adjudication diversion program
- Target population: highest risk youth in juvenile detention
- National model program

Why DDAP?

- Designed to divert youth who have been charged with serious offenses and are either in juvenile detention or likely to be held for detention.
- Overall goal is for participants to be embraced by the community - not processed through the traditional juvenile justice system.

How Does it Work?

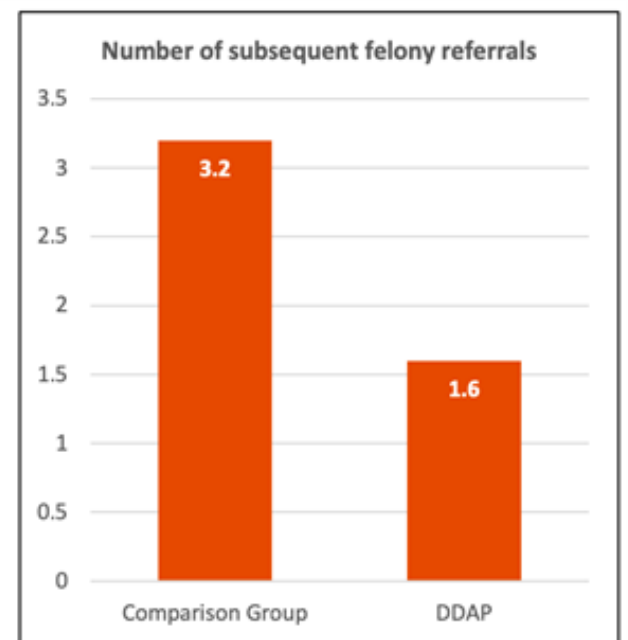
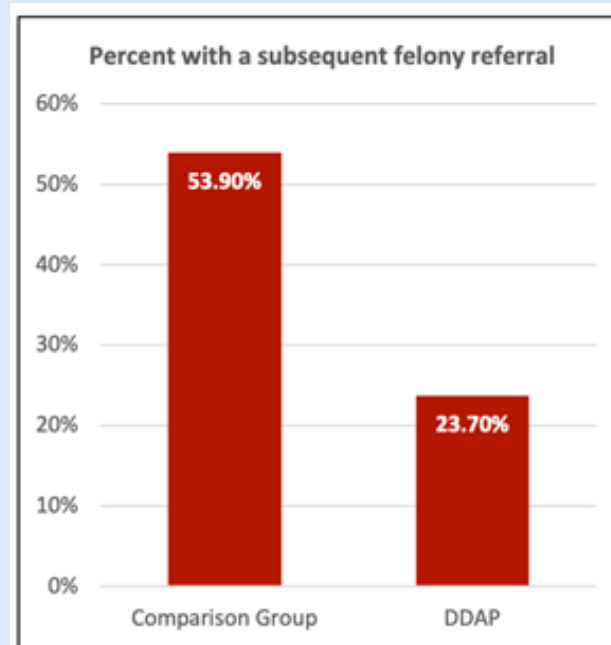
- DDAP works with justice system partners
- Staff build a release plan
- Release plans map the client's needs and strengths and may include family support, individual counseling, academic tutoring, substance use programs, mental health services, etc.
- The plan is presented in court
- Based on the Judge's ruling, if the youth is released, they are able to avoid the complex and long-lasting detrimental effects associated with incarceration
- What's the value?

Is it Truly Diversionary?

- Prevents net-widening
- What is net-widening?
- Intentionally serves youth facing serious charges
- DDAP relies on defense attorneys for referrals

What are the Outcomes?

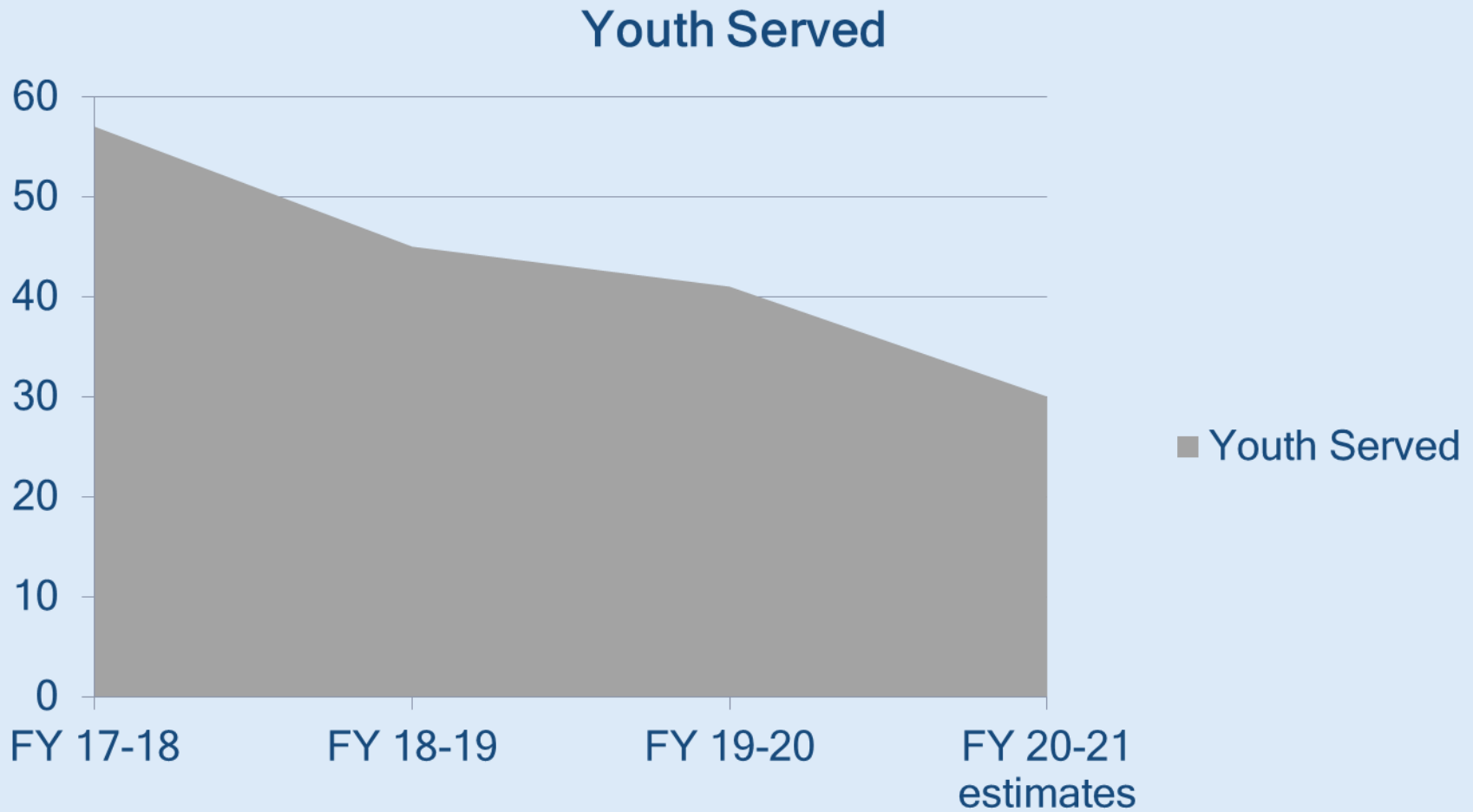
- DDAP significantly reduces the likelihood that youth will return to the justice system
- Hundreds of San Francisco's hardest-to-serve youth have seen success through DDAP
- External evaluation



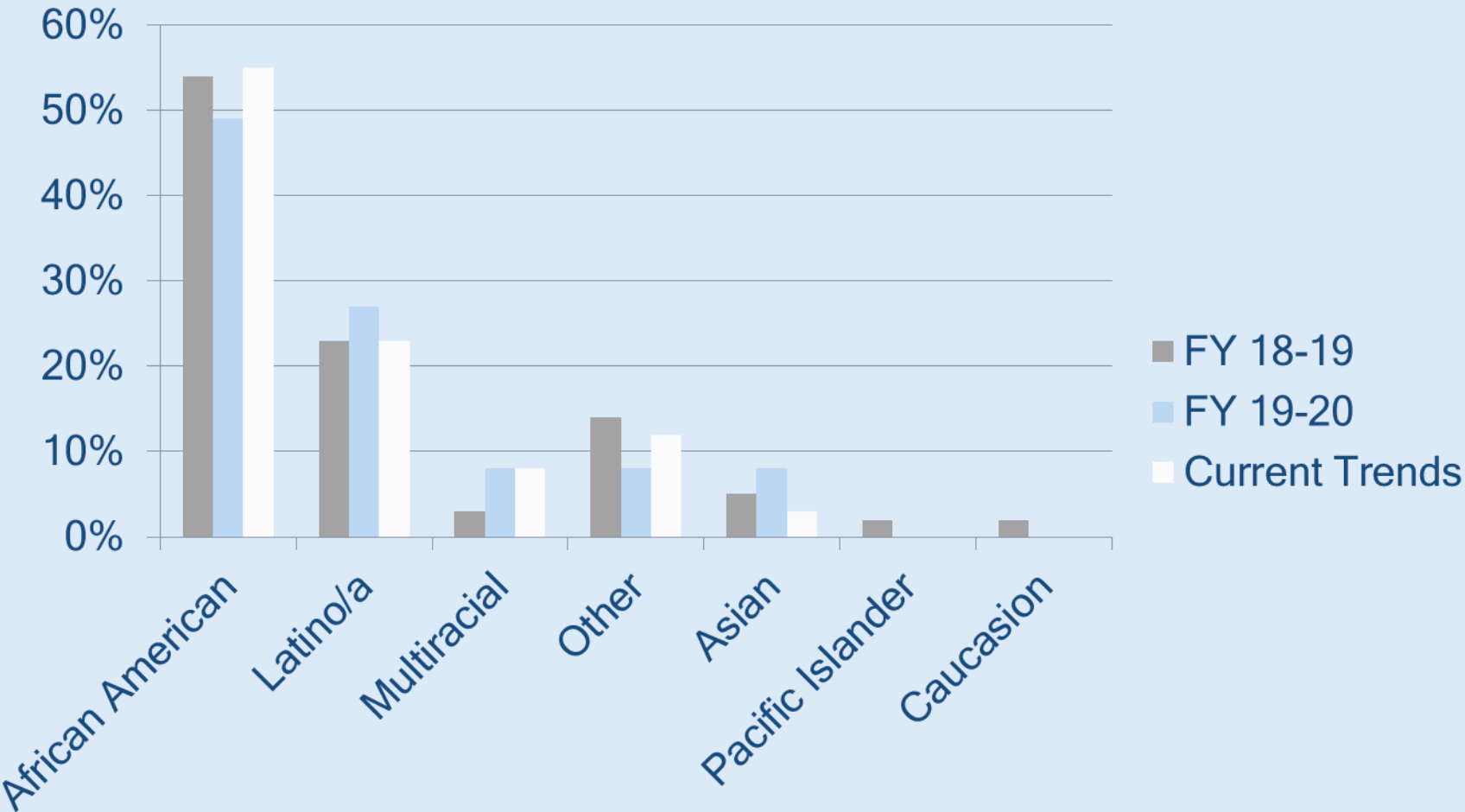
Who are we Serving?

- DDAP serves all youth
- Demographic data sets

Number of DDAP Youth Served

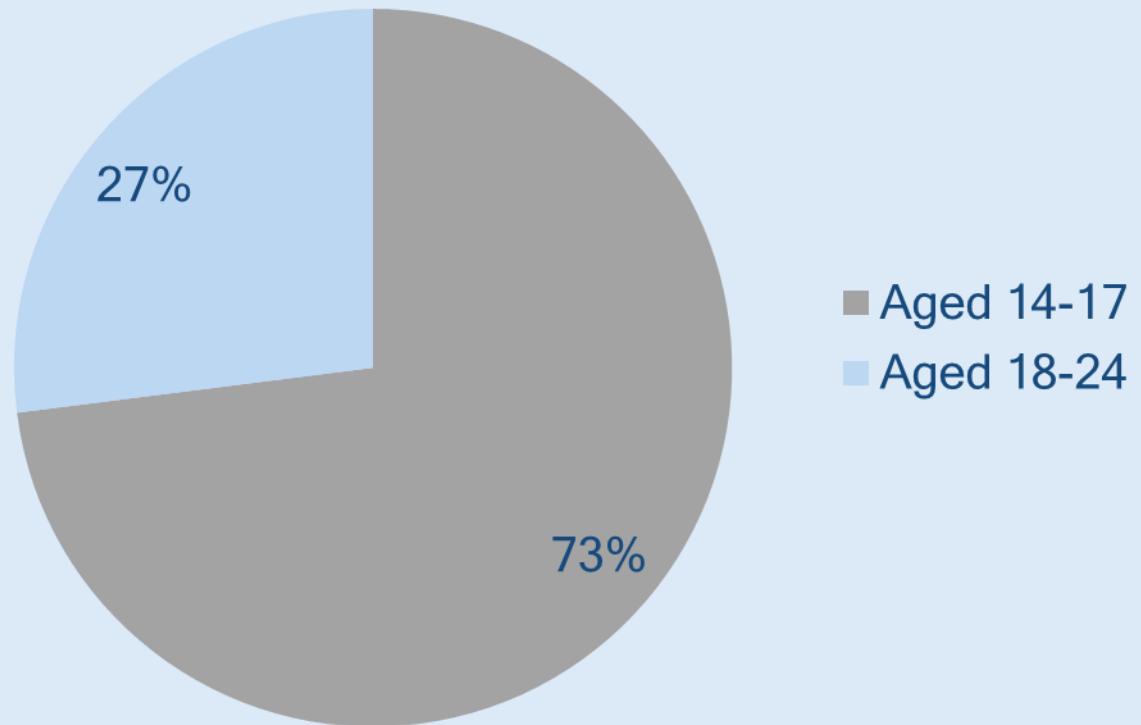


DDAP Youth by Ethnicity



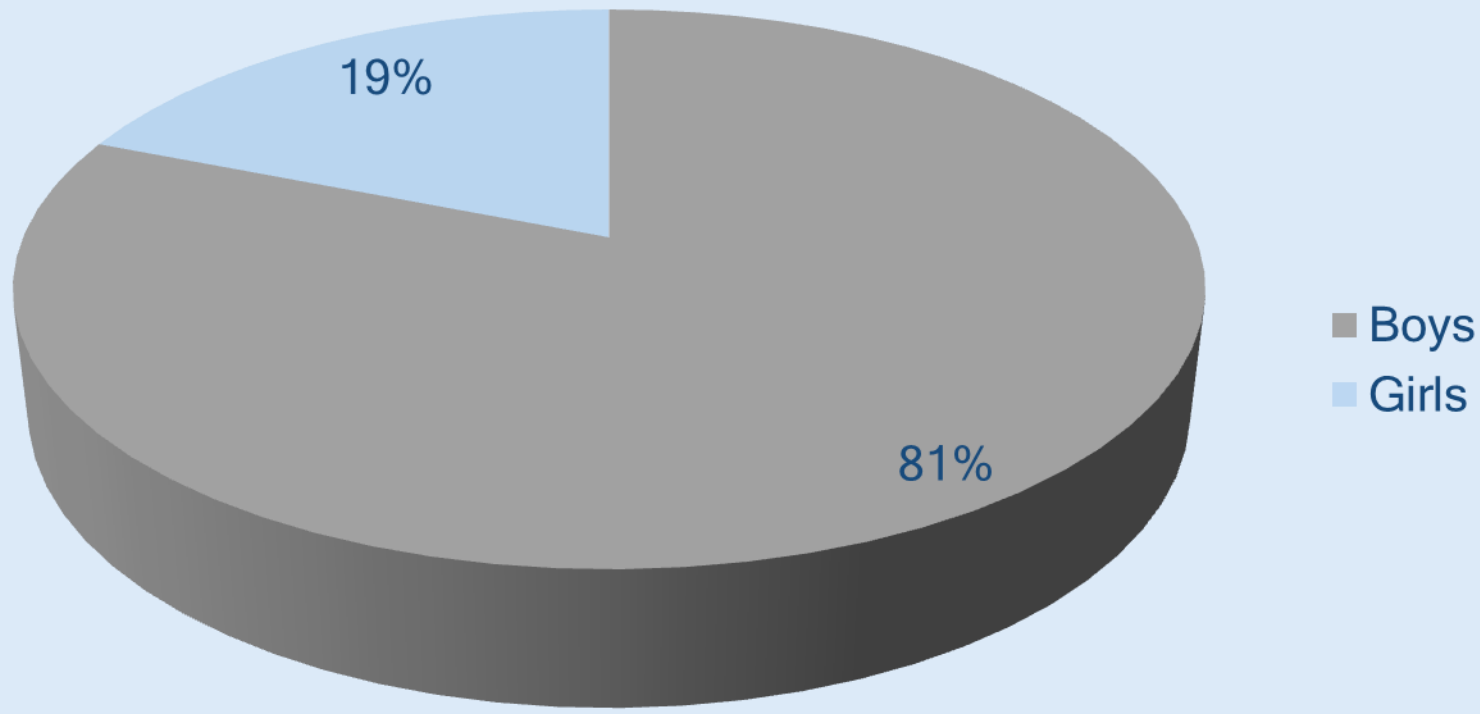
DDAP Youth by Age

Percent of Youth Served in FY 19-20



DDAP Youth by Gender

Percent of Youth Served in FY 19-20



Contact Information

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- For the full DDAP Evaluation, please visit http://www.cjcj.org/uploads/cjcj/documents/detention_diversion_advocacy_program_evaluation.pdf