

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE DURHAM COUNTY RISK AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

- I. Risk Assessment Summary**
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Part I Risk

The Risk and Needs Assessment Committee reviewed data gleaned from the Juvenile Risk Assessment instrument administered by Juvenile Court Counselors after juveniles are referred with a complaint alleging that a delinquent act has occurred and prior to adjudication of the juvenile. The Juvenile Risk Assessment is an instrument used to predict the likelihood of the juvenile being involved in future delinquent behavior. For some youth, some of the individual item ratings may be heavily dependent upon information reported by the juvenile or the parent(s). For these items (*represented by percentages which with a star next to them*), there is a likelihood of under-reporting the incidence of a particular behavior and the actual incidence may be higher than suggested by these figures. In those cases, the figure should be interpreted as a measure of the minimum level of occurrence. Please see attached Risks/Needs report for more detail. Below are highlights from the report.

Durham County Risk Factor Observations: Data from July 01, 2016 – June 30, 2019

- 67% of youth coming through juvenile intake in Durham were assessed as RL4, RL5 as opposed to 46% for the State average
- 20% of the youth at intake had 4 or more prior referrals vs. 8% for the State Average (R2)
- 54% of the youth at intake in Durham had need for substance abuse assessment and/or treatment vs. 31% for the State average. (R6)
- 61% of the youth at intake in Durham reported to have serious school behavior problems vs. 31% for the State. (R6) Serious school behavior problems defined as more than 1 short term suspension or 1 or more long term suspension, or 10 or more unexcused absences or expelled/dropped out.
- 27% of youth at intake in Durham reported to be gang member or associates with gang vs. 5% for the State average (R7)
- 18% of youth at intake in Durham had parents willing but unable to supervise vs. 16% for State average (R9)

Part II. Needs

The Risk and Needs Assessment Committee also reviewed data gleaned from the Juvenile Needs Assessment instrument administered by Juvenile Court Counselors prior to court disposition of a juvenile. The Juvenile Needs Assessment is an instrument used to examine a youth's needs in the various domains of his life: The Individual Domain, The School Domain, The Peer Domain, and the Community Domain. This instrument was designed to detect service intervention needs as an aid in service planning. As with the Juvenile Risk Assessment, some of the individual item ratings may be heavily dependent upon information reported by the juvenile or the parent(s). For these items (*represented by percentages which with a star next to them*), there is a likelihood of under-reporting the incidence of a particular behavior and the actual incidence may be higher than suggested by these figures. In those cases, the figure should be interpreted as a measure of the minimum level of occurrence.

Durham County Elevated Needs Observations: Data from July 01, 2016 – June 30, 2019

- 18% of youth at intake in Durham reported to be functioning below grade level vs. 10% for State average (Y3)
- 27% of youth at intake in Durham had history of victimization vs. 25% for State average. (Y6)
- 82% of youth at intake in Durham had MH needs vs. 73% for State (Y8)
- 19% of youth at intake in Durham were living in temporary residential care or shelter vs. 9% for State (Y9)
- 56% of youth at intake in Durham come from families with marginal supervision vs. 50% for the State average (F2)

Part III. Summary of the Existing Community Resources

State Contracted Services for Youth with level II Disposition

- Eckerd Short Term Residential for males only
- WestCare Residential Services for females only
- Dillon Crisis and Assessment Center operated by Methodist Home for Children
- Functional Family Therapy by AMIkids

Part IV. Summary of Gaps and Barriers in the Continuum of Services

Part V. Proposed Priority Services for Funding

The committee compared the services needed to address the elevated Juvenile Risk Factors and Juvenile Needs with services currently available in the community. Services which are currently available in the community and sufficient to meet the needs of court involved youth or those youth most at risk for court involvement are not considered as a priority for JCPC funding.

The Committee proposes that the following services in ranked order be approved as the funding priorities for FY 2020-2021.

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