

# DATA BRIEF 2017-2021

## JUVENILE JUSTICE COLLABORATIVE (JJC)

### WHAT IS THE JJC?

Justice system partners (State's Attorney's Office or Probation) nominate youth who have committed certain crimes to participate. Youth receive robust care coordination and connection to wrap-around services tailored to their needs.

### WHY IS IT NECESSARY?

Youth of color are over-represented in the justice system.\* Involvement in the justice system has substantial negative outcomes,<sup>^</sup> while evidence-based community services can address the root causes of trauma and produce substantial cost savings to the city, county, and state. Social workers can also foster meaningful connections between families and community resources.

### SERVICES PROVIDED



53%

Mental Health/Substance Use



38%

Mentoring



9%

Employment/Education/Health

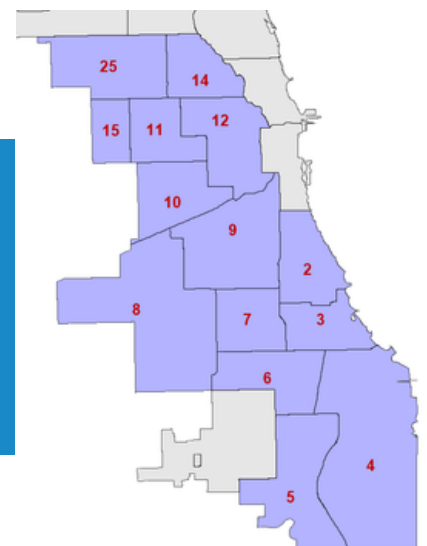
“The program helped me to see a lot in myself and in other people too...When I realized I needed help, I couldn't think of anyone better to call because ya'll helped me to be a better man and now I'm ready to get better [and] better.”

### PARTNERS

Aunt Martha's  
BUILD, Inc  
GRO  
Heartland Alliance  
HRDI  
Lawrence Hall  
Maryville  
New Life Centers  
Phalanx Family Services  
SGA  
UCAN  
Youth Guidance  
Youth Outreach Services

CHICAGO POLICE  
DISTRICTS

WHERE THE  
JJC  
OPERATES

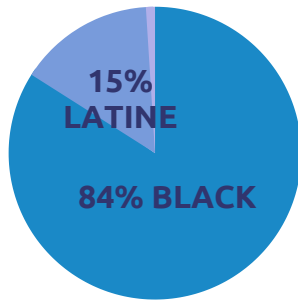
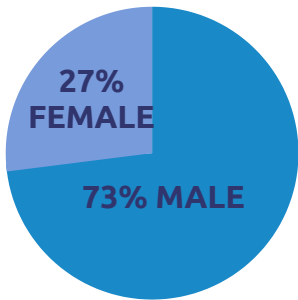


“I developed a positive mindset and feel like the future has something for me.”

## YOUTH DEMOGRAPHICS

### PROBATION

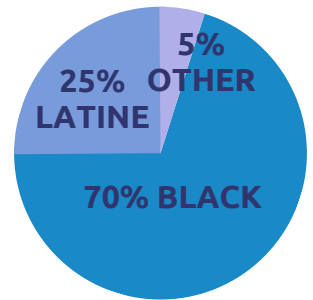
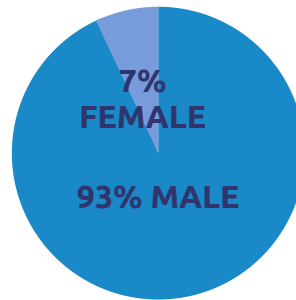
N = 461, MEAN AGE 15.3



Top Charges: Drugs (26%), Battery (24%)

### SAO

N = 246, MEAN AGE 16.2

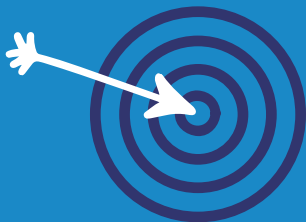


Top Charge: Weapons possessions (78%)

## OUTCOMES FOR YOUTH CONNECTED TO SERVICES

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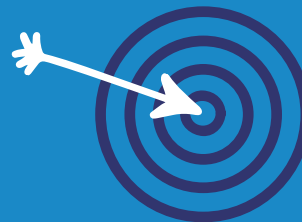
379 PARTICIPANTS



**75%**  
SUCCESSFULLY  
DISCHARGED

### SAO

208 PARTICIPANTS



**81%**  
SUCCESSFULLY  
DISCHARGED

## DEFERRED PROSECUTION PILOT

Referrals from the State's Attorney's Office are part of a Deferred Prosecution Pilot with stakeholders from the justice system, philanthropy, and social service providers. This pilot project kept youth out of the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center during the height of the pandemic.

## LONG-TERM OUTCOMES



Youth who successfully completed the program in 2017 through 2019 were re-referred to court 22% of the time, less than the 32% for Chicago youth on diversion after their first arrest in 2016.# The JJC uses the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment when youth enter and exit the program. Over the course of the program, average strengths increased and average needs decreased. Using paired-means t-testing, these changes were statistically significant.