

Project Safe Students in Schools

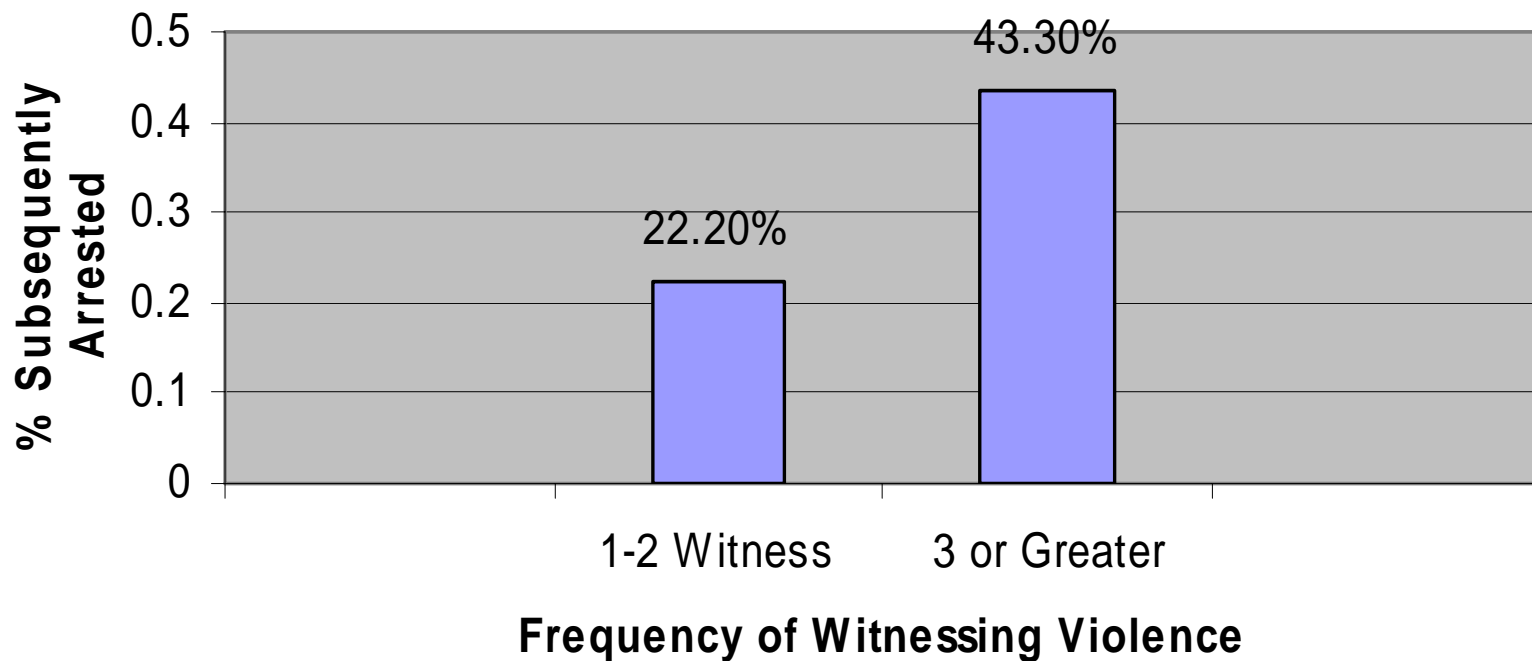
An Early Intervention Program and
partnership between the
Duval County Public Schools and the
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

Problems

- Early intervention structures are dramatically absent in Jacksonville
- 2005-2006 2,008 Juvenile offenders arrested; 1,217 of these were first arrests for violent crimes (60.1 %)

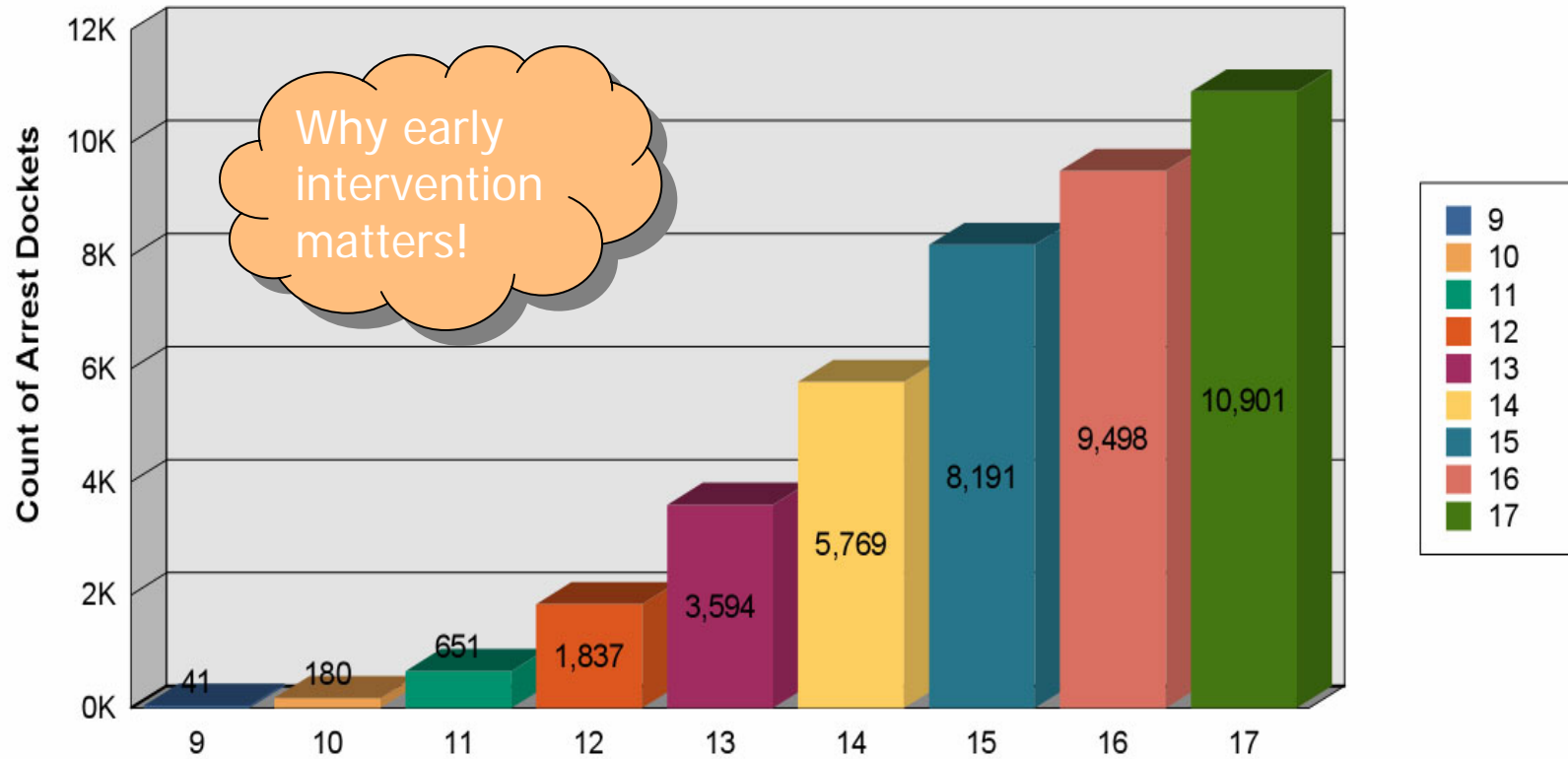
Why Early Violence Matters

% of Jacksonville Juveniles Who Witnessed Violence
*** Random Sample Subsequently Arrested**



Count of Arrest Dockets Ages 9-17

For Years (2001-2006)



Mission Statement

Safety is a fundamental part of our educational system

Providing safe schools ensures learning and teaching within an environment that fosters responsibility, respect and academic excellence

Goals

- Provide a safe and secure learning environment where teachers can teach and students can learn
- Provide prompt, intensive, individualized and effective intervention strategies to “Break the Cycle” of unacceptable behavior (SROs do not discipline)
- Focus on reducing violence, the threat of violence, and the fear of violence in schools

Facts

- Classroom discipline is a responsibility of teacher/school administration
- Classroom discipline issues addressed via student code of conduct violations
- SRO is responsible for behavior beyond ordinary classroom discipline issues

Project Admission Criteria

- Any student with a minimum of 5 total points through any combination of referrals (SIMS Level II* , Level III and IV) and interaction with JSO officers
- Total points will be retained for a 30 day time period. Violations (other than arrests) older than 30 days will not be included in the calculation

* Does not include SIMS 2.01 violations – Failure to Obey (Defiance)

Management of SIMS Data

- JSO will process the download from DCPS, merge with JSO contacts, and create the Intervention Log Sheet for each school

Total Number of Students Admitted

- Maximum of 5 students on the SRO's Project Safe Students in Schools Intervention Log sheet each month
- The parents of these students will receive phone calls & letters advising them that their child has been identified and admitted in the Project Safe Students in Schools Early Intervention Program
- The parents will be ENCOURAGED to contact the SRO with any questions
- Parents may refuse the initiated contacts by the SRO
- A brochure explaining "Project Safe Students in Schools" will be mailed to all parents when their child is entered into the program

Intervention Logs

- SROs/Guidance Counselors will receive their copy of students admitted to the program (marked, "do not duplicate") and will be required to destroy the old Intervention Log Sheet when the new Intervention Log is distributed

Ranking Offenses

Categories Score

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|-------------------------------------------------------|---|
| SIMS Level II (except 2.01) | 1 |
| JSO Truancy Contact | 2 |
| All SIMS Level III | 3 |
| All SIMS Level IV | 4 |
| Juvenile Civil Citation (Curfew, Drug and Teen Court) | 5 |
| JSO Arrest Civil | 6 |
| JSO Arrest County | 7 |
| JSO Arrest Circuit | 8 |
| JSO Arrest Federal | 9 |

Advantages of Program:

- Early, effective intervention with students making bad decisions; Intervention is positive and supportive
- Reducing classroom disruptions; safer learning environment
- Motivating students to higher achievement

School Resource Officer / Guidance Counselor

SRO will meet with the student three times a month and:

- Coordinate with the School's Guidance Counselor to link student (and family) to available services/resources
- Mentor the student towards improving performance and conduct
- Document meetings in a secured JSO web-based program

Linkages and Referrals

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office will work with the Duval County Public School system to develop a comprehensive list of services available in the community, for children and their parents who wish to take advantage of them

Resources and Support



*List not all Inclusive

Project Safe Students in Schools (Information)

- Educational information on JSO and DCPS websites
- Educational materials for parents regarding available resources
- Phone calls/letters to parents
- Student/Parent/Teacher/SRO Conferences

Questions?