

PROGRAM NAME: Teen Court & Neighborhood Accountability Boards
DEPARTMENT NAME: Court Administration, 4th Judicial Circuit, FL

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Type of Allocation: City Directs Delivery

Program Strategy: Juvenile Prevention & Intervention Services

Program Summary:

Duval County Teen Court and Neighborhood Accountability Boards are the two designated programs designed to provide consequences and services for juvenile civil citations in Duval County. Teen Court is a diversion program designed for misdemeanor offenders between the ages of 10-17. The juvenile defendants come before a jury of their peers who decides the consequences (under the supervision of adult court staff). Teen Court added Neighborhood Accountability Boards (NAB) as an additional strategy to address juvenile crime in Duval County's highest crime zip codes. It offers assistance to elderly guardians who have difficulty commuting to the Duval County Courthouse and provides victim awareness to the juvenile offender. Additionally, it serves as a way to give various community members a voice in regard to unacceptable /unlawful behaviors occurring in their community. These community members assign consequences and services to the juvenile offender.

Program Overall Status:

| Month | Teen Court | NAB | TOTAL |
|----------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| January 2014 | 17 | 12 | 29 |
| February 2014 | 29 | 6 | 35 |
| March 2014 | 17 | 9 | 26 |
| April 2014 | 23 | 7 | 30 |
| May 2014 | 21 | 9 | 30 |
| June 2014 | 22 | 3 | 25 |
| July 2014 | 24 | 8 | 32 |
| August 2014 | 10 | 2 | 12 |
| September 2014 | 23 | 4 | 27 |
| October 2014 | 35 | 4 | 39 |
| November 2014 | 13 | 5 | 18 |
| December 2014 | 24 | 4 | 28 |
| YTD | 258 | 73 | 331 |

Month of: December 2014

of Cases open for the month: 28

of Cases open YTD (Jan – Present): 331

Neighborhood Accountability Boards start at 2:30 p.m. Current locations include:

- 1 Northside/Ribault initiated October 2012 (1st and 3rd Thursday)**
- 2 Westside initiated April 2013 (1st and 3rd Tuesdays).**
- 3 Beaches/Mayport initiated February 2014 (2nd and 4th Thursday)**

In regards to the Neighborhood Accountability Boards specifically, there have been **132** cases accepted as of October 31, 2014. Of these, **81** completed successfully, **8** cases were unsuccessful, **11** cases did not qualify (determined to have a disqualifying offense after the referral had been made) and **31** cases remain open.

Referrals

| | <u>Open</u> | <u>Successful</u> | <u>Unsuccessful</u> | <u>Disqualified</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Ribault | 15 | 44 | 8 | 4 | 71 |
| Westside | 8 | 23 | 3 | 4 | 38 |
| Beaches | 8 | 14 | 1 | 0 | <u>23</u> |
| | | | | TOTAL | 132 |

Ethnicity

| | <u>Black</u> | <u>White</u> | <u>Hispanic</u> | <u>Other</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Ribault | 68 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 71 |
| Westside | 27 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 38 |
| Beaches | 4 | 16 | 0 | 3 | <u>23</u> |
| | | | | TOTAL | 125 |

Gender

| | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Ribault | 41 | 30 | 71 |
| Westside | 20 | 18 | 38 |
| Beaches | 14 | 9 | <u>23</u> |
| | | | TOTAL |
| | | | 132 |

Successes:

- 1) University of North Florida staff has been added as regular members of the Neighborhood Accountability Board.
- 2) New community service partners added this period include: FL/GA Blood Alliance, Salvation Army and the ARC.
- 3) The new Civil Citation video is being utilized as a training tool for Law Enforcement throughout Jacksonville.

Challenges:

- 1) Dealing with youth who present with a criminal charge but have several co-occurring mental health factors has caused cases to remain open longer as we attempt to locate community resources available to address those issues long term. Many of our usual community partners have lost funding and capacity to service the mental health needs of low income defendants.
- 2) The Duval County School District lost their Chief of Police and the officers in place are unsure of which program they are to utilize for minor criminal offenses. Thus the referrals from school board police have declined. Increased communication with the Superintendent will have to resume next month.