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Tracking Youth Success 1, 2G, 2H, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8

1. Please list the top ten charges that resulted in the commitment of youth to DYRS in FY15 and the number of youth who received each charge.

Charge	Number of committed youth
Simple Assault	22
Assault on a Police Officer	14
Robbery	14
Possession of Prohibited Weapon	10
Assault with a Dangerous Weapon	9
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	9
Threats to Kidnap or Injure a Person	7
Burglary II	4
4th Degree Sex Abuse - Others	3
Assault with Significant Bodily Injury	3

2. Please provide the number of youth committed to DYRS in FY14, FY15, and FY16 to date. Please also provide the number of youth that are currently committed to DYRS. For youth committed in each fiscal year, and for youth currently committed to DYRS, please also breakdown the number of youth by:

Number of youth committed to DYRS in FY14, FY15, and FY16 to date

FY14	FY15	FY16 (YTD, 1/11)	Committed as of 1/13/16
669	528	342	281

- a. Gender; *See below chart.*
- b. Age; *See below chart.*
- c. Ward where the youth resided prior to commitment; *See below chart.*

	FY14		FY15		FY16 (YTD, 1/11)		Currently committed (1/13)	
Male	578	86%	440	83%	274	81%	229	81.49%
Female	92	14%	89	17%	66	19%	52	18.51%
14	5	0.70%	6	1.10%	6	1.80%	5	1.78%
15	17	2.10%	16	3%	14	4.10%	14	4.98%
16	49	2.50%	36	6.80%	35	10.30%	30	10.68%
17	96	14.30%	75	14.20%	69	20.30%	64	22.78%
18+	503	73.00%	396	74.90%	216	63.50%	168	59.79%



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Ward 1	17	4.30%	26	5.10%	13	4%	11	3.91%
Ward 2	5	1.30%	4	0.80%	1	0.30%	1	0.36%
Ward 3	2	0.50%	1	0.20%	0	0%	0	0.00%
Ward 4	47	12%	52	10.10%	29	8.80%	28	9.96%
Ward 5	63	16%	79	15.40%	54	16.40%	44	15.66%
Ward 6	34	8.70%	47	9.20%	29	8.80%	20	7.12%
Ward 7	82	20.90%	109	21.20%	62	18.80%	53	18.86%
Ward 8	105	26.70%	135	26.30%	95	28.90%	84	29.89%

d. Whether the committed youth are also youth with identified disabilities;

Over 90% of DYRS's committed population is diagnosed with either and Axis 1 or Axis 2 diagnose, and over 80% have an Individual Educational Plan (IEP).

e. Whether the committed youth tested positive for use of a controlled substance on at least one occasion;

In FY15 Quarter 4, 61 youth tested positive and in the first quarter of FY16, 81 youth tested positive. Nearly every positive test was for marijuana.

f. Whether the committed youth have experienced homelessness;

Case managers know which of their youth are at risk of losing housing, but housing status prior to commitment is not recorded by DYRS. DYRS provides housing to all youth under our custody.

g. Whether the youth were committed to DYRS due to a misdemeanor adjudication, due to a felony adjudication, or due to any other adjudication, *See below*; and

h. Whether the committed youth are determined to be high risk, medium risk, or low risk. *See below*

	FY14		FY15		FY16 (YTD, 1/11)		Currently committed (1/13)	
Other	38	9.70%	60	11.70%	46	14.00%	37	13.17%
Misdemeanor	271	40.51%	224	42.42%	131	38.30%	103	36.65%
Felony	305	45.59%	254	48.11%	180	52.63%	155	55.16%
Weapons	55	8.22%	42	7.95%	29	8.48%	22	7.83%



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Missing Offense	38	5.68%	8	1.52%	2	0.58%	1	0.36%
High SDM	190	28.40%	158	29.92%	124	36.26%	106	37.72%
High or Medium SDM	56	8.37%	43	8.14%	26	7.60%	18	6.41%
Medium SDM	179	26.76%	150	28.41%	89	26.02%	75	26.69%
Medium or Low SDM	50	7.47%	41	7.77%	18	5.26%	15	5.34%
Low SDM	153	22.87%	123	23.30%	80	23.39%	63	22.42%
Missing SDM	41	6.13%	13	2.46%	5	1.46%	4	1.42%

3. Please provide the number, and percentage, of committed youth, for whom DYRS:
 - a. Conducted a Team Decision Making Meeting in FY15 or FY16, to date;

Committed Youth who are placed in the community, at a local group home, or other local placement type are eligible for a Team Decision Making Meeting (TDM) each quarter; youth in out of state facilities, RTCs, or are in Jail are not eligible to have a TDM. Out of state facilities or RTCs usually offer a monthly treatment meeting or the Case Manager can conduct a Multi-disciplinary Team Meeting in order to establish the goals for the Success Plan. Over the last 15 months, between 50-70 youth on average are eligible for a TDM each month. Below is the total number of TDMs completed since we began using this meeting model at DYRS (this also includes the month by month number of meetings held).

Total Number of Team Decision Making Meetings (TDMs) Completed

2014			2015												Total TDMs Completed
Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
42	34	36	46	36	63	57	53	69	76	103	60	78	80	53	886

- b. Established an Individual Success Plan in FY15 or FY16, to date; and



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Total with Success Plan	Total TDMs Planned
372	455
	81.76%

- c. Provided the services indicated on a student’s Individual Success Plan in FY15 or FY16, to date.

Recommended Services Received	Recommended Services
589	1037
	56.80%

- 4. Please provide the number of new charges that were brought against committed youth in FY15 or FY16 to date based on the youth’s actions while residing in a secure placement. Please specifically provide the number of youth who were newly charged due to an alleged assault on a staff member and the number of youth who were newly charged due to an alleged assault on another committed youth.

*FY 15 - 12,
FY16 (as of 1/13) - 6*

In addition, in accordance with Jerry M, DYRS has a robust internal process to track and address incidents at the facilities, which includes recording incidents, scheduling hearings to review the incidents, substantiating the incidents, and then delivering consequences, including room confinement, in response.

- 5. Please provide the following for youth committed to DYRS:
 - a. Arrest rates for FY14, FY15, and FY16, to date, including how this rate is calculated; *CY14- 33.1%, CY15 – 27.6%*
 - b. Rate of abscondence for FY14, FY15, and FY16, to date, including how this rate is calculated;

FY	AB rate
14	5%



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15	5%
16	4%

The rate of abscondence is calculated as an average of the average daily population. This is calculated by taking the average daily number of youth on abscondence divided by the average daily number of youth committed. DYRS calculates abscondence as an average daily population because this is wide variation in the number of youth committed and the number of abscondences throughout the year. This method also allows the agency to follow trends over the course of months and years.

- c. The recidivism rate for FY14, FY15, and FY16, to date, including how this rate is calculated;

	FY13	FY14*	FY15	FY16ytd
Recidivism Rate	36%	21%	n/a	n/a

Recidivism is calculated by tracking a new commit cohort (by FY) for at least 2 years. We determine a youth's initial placement and their time of entry into the community. Once a youth enters a community placement, they are tracked for one year. We keep track of rearrests and reconvictions within this year. For youth that start their commitment in a secure placement, they may not have a full year in the community until well after being committed for one year, hence why it takes at least 2 years to report. Once 95 percent of the cohort has reached one year in the community and all cases from those have reached a disposition, we report the percentage of youth that were reconvicted (number of youth reconvicted divided by the number of youth who have reached their year in the community and have had all cases disposed).

- d. The number of youth in FY14, FY15 and FY16, to date, that either have committed a homicide or were the victim of homicide;
- *1 youth in FY14 was convicted of a homicide; however, that case is being appealed.*
 - *1 youth in FY15 was a victim of homicide.*
 - *1 youth in FY16 was arrested for a homicide. That case is undisposed.*
- e. The number of youth in FY14, FY15, and FY16, to date, that either committed a violent crime or were the victim of a violent crime; and

CY14	CY15	CY16
73	91	n/a



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At this time, the agency is unable to accurately track when our youth are victims of violent crimes. This is due to the need for self-reporting when a young person is victimized, which is a problem we are trying to remedy by restructuring case managements role in the young person’s life.

- f. The number of youth that were injured due to contact with other youth, or with agency staff, at the Youth Services Center or New Beginnings in FY15 and FY16, to date.

DYRS reports injuries at facilities as rate per 1,000 bed nights, consistent with reporting recommendations from Performance-based Standards, a set of national measures and standards for the operation of juvenile justice facilities. In addition, the rate per 1,000 bed nights is also a Key Performance Measure.

Rate of injuries per 1,000 bed nights		
Facility	FY15	FY16 (as of January 13)
Youth Services Center	11.22	13.1
New Beginnings	6.83	7.5

- 7. For FY14, FY15, and FY16, to date, please provide the number, and percentage, of DYRS committed youth, who, prior to or during their commitment:

Positive outcomes for youth committed to the agency are the result of a network of positive supports and services. A single placement, service, or person is unlikely to have been the sole reason for the success of a young person. While outcomes listed throughout this document have been provided by type of initiative, DYRS believes it is the good work of the entire agency and its staff that result in all of the outcomes of youth. These outcomes are also likely undercounts because we often rely on youth to self-report.

In addition, DYRS does not calculate the percentages of youth who achieve these outcomes because not every youth committed to the agency would be eligible. For example, a 15-year-old in grade 9 would not be eligible to earn a high school diploma.

- a. Were registered to vote;

For FY16, DYRS is working to increase the number of youth registered to vote. As of January 26, 2016, 30 youth are registered to vote.



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- b. Received their high school diploma or a GED; *See below.*
- c. Achieved an employer recognized professional certification; *See below.*
- d. Received subsidized employment for more than 3 months; *See below.*
- e. Attained unsubsidized employment for more than 3 months; or, *See below.*
- f. Been accepted to a post-secondary educational institution. *See below.*

Milestone	FY14	FY15	FY16 YTD
b) HS Diploma/GED	32	5	5
c) Youth who earned professional certificates	92	128	27
d) Subsidized employment (>3 months)	7	10	5
e) Unsubsidized employment (>3 months)	4	17	7
f) College Acceptance	4	3	12
g) College Enrollment	22	24	8

8. For FY14, FY15, and FY16, to date, please provide the number, and percentage, of DYRS committed youth, who, during their commitment:

- a. Received mentoring services; *See below.*
- b. Received tutoring services; *See below.*
- c. Received family counseling; *See below.*
- d. Received substance abuse treatment; *See below.*
- e. Received a health screening; *See below.*
- f. Received mental health services; *See below.* or
- g. Received conflict resolution or mediation services. *See below.*

	FY14		FY15		FY16 YTD	
a) Mentoring	160	24%	244	46%	136	40%
b) Tutoring	161	24%	154	29%	104	30%
c) Family Counseling	96	14%	52	10%	36	11%
d) Substance Abuse	83	12%	19	4%	33	10%
e) Health Screening	475	71%	323	61%	180	53%
f) Mental Health Services	38	6%	23	4%	20	6%

While the agency provides conflict resolution and mediation services, we do not currently track the percent of youth who participate.