

Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department



The Juvenile Services Department fulfills Miami-Dade County's statutory responsibility to process arrested juveniles, and further serves as the centralized point of entry and diversion for arrested and at-risk juveniles across the County's 37 arresting agencies.

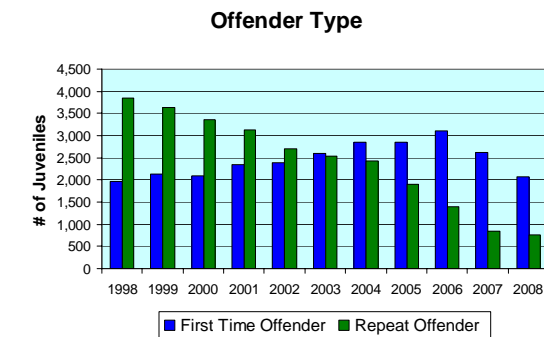
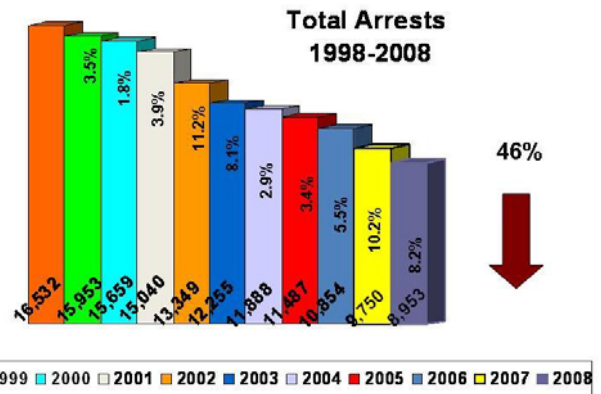
Major Accomplishments:

- Reduced juvenile arrests by 46%; a rare pattern in Florida and in metro areas nationwide.

- Reduced Juvenile Detention Center population from over 300 to 100 a day.

- Generate \$33 million dollar gross systemic savings annually, and a \$20.2 million dollar net savings annually

- Implemented the Civil Citation Program in April 2007 allowing police officers to refer a child for services after a minor offense without making an arrest; Over 4,700 youths referred, reducing arrests by 19%; Successful completion rate of 81%



- Reduced re-offenders by 80%
1998- 67% of the 16,532 arrested juveniles were repeat offenders
2008- 27% of the 8,953 arrested juveniles were repeat offenders

- Collected data on more than 144,000 arrested juveniles; allows the strategic application of evidence-based interventions

- Reduced minority arrest rates
African American- Down 37%
Cuban- Down 48%
Haitian- Down 57%

- International Juvenile Justice Model:
 Visited by, or in consultation for replication with:

- Over 20 U.S. Communities including: Los Angeles, CA; Chicago, IL; New Orleans, LA; Memphis, TN; Atlanta, GA; Las Cruces, NM; Savannah, GA; Lake Charles, LA
- Ireland; Belgium; Afghanistan; Spain; Jamaica; Netherlands; Haiti; Japan; Argentina;
- Thailand- In May 2009, Director Walters and JSD staff visited Thailand to assist in the reform of the country's juvenile justice system

