

## Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department (JSD) 2024 Year End Report

### JSD HIGHLIGHTS:

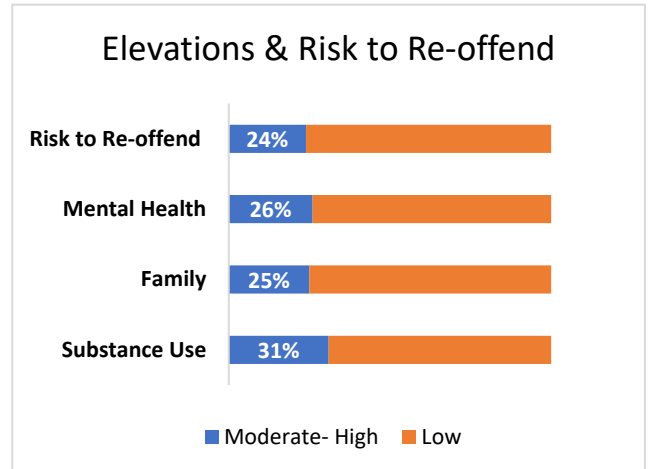
- ✦ **In the past ten years, juvenile arrests decreased by 62%.** Overall, the data has indicated an encouraging trend on the course of juvenile justice reform. It has demonstrated the efforts made by local leaders to replace punitive punishments with front end services and opportunities to prevent youth from entering the juvenile justice system.
- ✦ In line with Mayor Levine Cava's "**No Wrong Door**" Initiative, JSD collaborated with Community Action & Human Services (CAHSD) to re-introduce community resource centers as "No Wrong Door" Community Resource Centers. This initiative reinforces the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Children's Commission's vision of providing youth and families with access to prevention, intervention, and support services in one location. Two (2) successful "Family Fun Day" community events were held to connect residents to County and Local services in their respective communities.
- ✦ **JSD Prevention Program** continued to expand its outreach services to promote awareness and intervene in the lives of families at the earliest possible moment.
- ✦ Through the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Children's Commission, JSD played a vital role in the **Mayor's Children's Commission ACEs Summit** to empower communities to build resilience, raise awareness, and promote a trauma-informed approach by implementing the **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) tool** to assess young people for traumatic stress and create integrated care experiences. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are "highly stressful, and potentially traumatic, events or situations that occur during childhood and/or adolescence. Addressing ACEs improves outcomes across various areas, including mental and physical health, academic achievement, and overall well-being, by reducing the risk of long-term negative consequences. In 2024, over 1,400 ACE Questionnaires were completed at JSD. The top relevant symptomology reported were aggression, school failure/absenteeism, depressive symptoms, high risk behavior, anxiety and poor impulse control.
- ✦ JSD continued to support the **Miami-Dade County Anti-Violence Initiative** and the **Hospital-based Violence Intervention Program**, a case management strategy to help gunshot victims, families, and communities with immediate support and long-term resources to address the root causes and reduce the likelihood of retaliation.
- ✦ The JSD **Training Center of Excellence** provided capacity building training and technical assistance sessions to criminal justice and social services partners on key issues affecting at-risk youth and their families.
- ✦ Through a rigorous re-accreditation process, JSD has been issued reaccreditation for three years, the highest level of accreditation, through the **Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) for our Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities (TASC) assessment and referral services**. This Accreditation is representative of our high standards of excellence, dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life for our clients and their families within our community. Through this accreditation, we demonstrate that all our clients are treated with dignity, empathy and respect. Referrals are need-based and grounded in evidence-based practices.

- ✦ Miami-Dade County (via JSD) received the **2024 NACo Achievement Award** for the Miami-Dade Anti-Violence Initiative; A No Wrong Door Approach to Reducing Gun Violence. This award was submitted in collaboration with Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office to highlight the initiative's achievements Countywide.

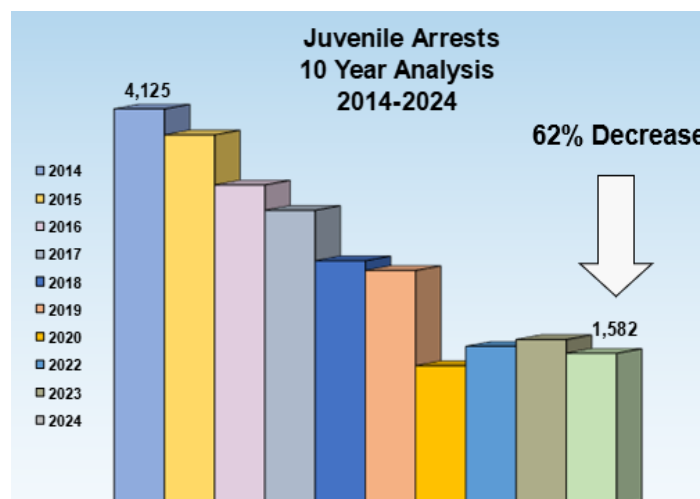
## 2024 Diversion & Prevention Analysis

- ✦ **1,237** participants received **targeted services** at the front end, which include Prevention, Prearrest Delinquency Citation, and Diversion\*.
- ✦ **83%** of the participants **completed the program successfully**.
- ✦ Evidence-based assessments indicate that **substance use** was the **highest** service need.
- ✦ According to the latest **Florida Department of Juvenile Justice's** 2022-2023 Comprehensive Civil Citation Report on Youth Completions FY 2021-2022 the **Miami-Dade County Civil Citation Program** recidivism rate was **3%** and **Juvenile Diversion Alternative Program (JDAP)**, recidivism rate was **2%**

(Source: [Comprehensive Accountability Report](#) | [Florida Department of Juvenile Justice](#)).



## 2024 Juvenile Arrest Trends



In 2024, through its Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC), a total of **1,582 arrested youth\*\*** were processed. JSD provided intake, evidence-based assessments, and linkage to support services 24 hours, 7 days a week.

- ❖ **75%** between 15-17 years old
- ❖ **80%** male youth
- ❖ **44%** African American youth
- ❖ **38%** Hispanic youth

| Top 5 Zip Codes***/Neighborhoods |
|----------------------------------|
| <b>33128</b> - Central Dade      |
| <b>33147</b> - North Dade        |
| <b>33142</b> - Central Dade      |
| <b>33150</b> - North Dade        |
| <b>33030</b> - South Dade        |

| Top 5 Charges****                                     |
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| <b>Resist Officer</b> - Obstruct Without Violence     |
| <b>Battery</b> - Touch or Strike                      |
| <b>Vehicle Theft</b> - Grand Theft Auto               |
| <b>Burglary</b> - Unoccupied Conveyance Unarmed       |
| <b>Aggravated Assault Weapon</b> - With Deadly Weapon |

\* The Miami-Dade County Prevention Program is designed for any youth who may be experiencing behavior and family difficulties, as well as those at risk of being arrested. The Prearrest Delinquency Citation Program (formally known as Civil Citation Program) is an alternative to a formal arrest. The program serves eligible first-, second- and third-time misdemeanor offenders. Diversion Programs (JASS, JDAP) are intervention programs that redirect youths away from formal processing in the juvenile justice system.

\*\* Juvenile Arrest is defined by the number of bookings (not number of individuals) for the specified time period and agency. Arrest count includes Pick Up Order (pick up order is an arrest warrant. It is a Court Order which was duly issued by a Judge directing that law enforcement seize an individual such that s/he may be brought before the Court).

\*\*\* Zip Code represents youth's residence at the time of arrest.

\*\*\*\* Booking charge(s) based on Law Enforcement Arrest Form is pending State Attorney's Office review and approval.

**Data Source: Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department/Quest Analytics and Department of Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS)**