



Clackamas County Juvenile Department 2013 Annual Review



Public Safety



Accountability



Skills Groups



Restorative Service
Learning Projects



City Diversion Panels

Mission

The Clackamas County Juvenile Department is dedicated to community safety. Youth offenders are held accountable through facilitation of victim and community restoration. We collaborate with community partners to assist in positive youth development and strengthening families.

Integrity ● Collaboration ● Excellence

Director's Message



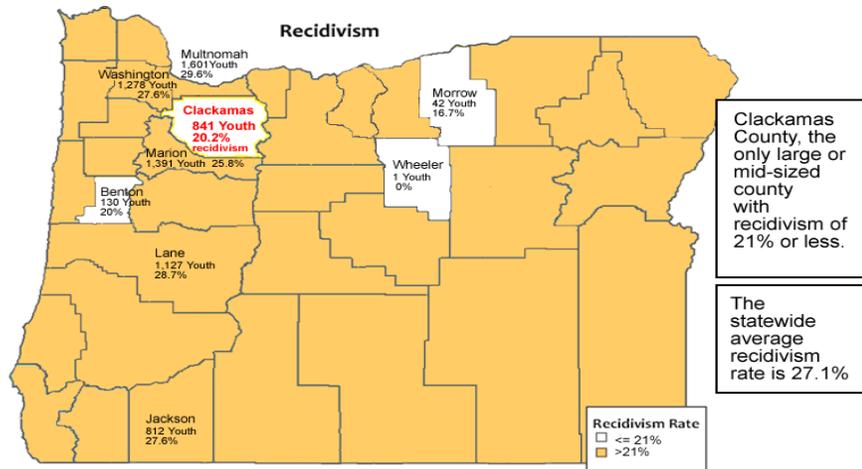
Juvenile justice in Oregon continues to have a strong influence on reducing juvenile and adult crime, providing for significant cost effectiveness for law enforcement and courts, and increased community safety.

In the last decade, juvenile crime is down Statewide 59.6%. The most critical measurements in evaluating the effectiveness of our juvenile justice system is recidivism (reoffenses), and the reduction of chronic offenders (3 or more subsequent reoffenses). The Department has strategically focused on reducing the number of chronic offenders, knowing that a small reduction in this population produces significant results in community safety. The Department reduced the chronic offender rate in 2012-13 from 4.1% to 2.4%. Clackamas County Juvenile Department consistently leads counties in Oregon by having one of the lowest recidivism rates in the State. In 2012-13, recidivism was 20.2%; Statewide, recidivism was 27.1%.

Impacts from this success provide assurances that youth entering the juvenile justice system are receiving effective interventions and becoming productive members of our communities. This is done only through collaboration with law enforcement and community partners. These relationships create a continuum of interventions and a collective approach that enhance public safety in our community.

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Recidivism

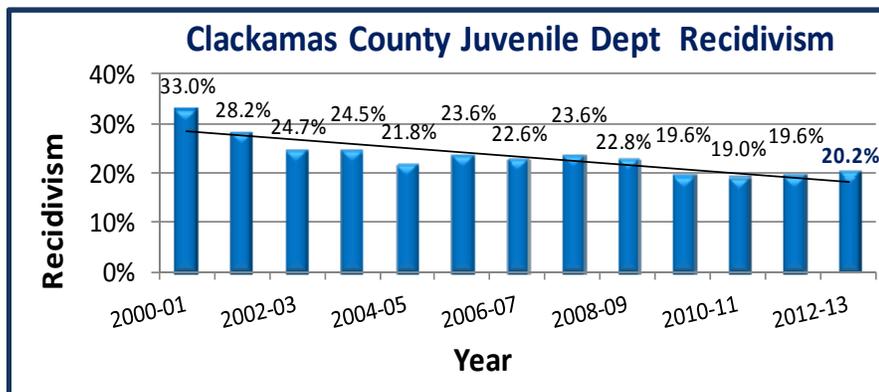
In 1995, the Oregon Legislature required the Juvenile Justice community to adopt a recidivism definition. The Legislature also required regular reporting on recidivism as a way to assess progress in juvenile crime reduction and prevention efforts. As a result, recidivism is measured when a youth has two or more criminal referrals that occur within one year of each other. A criminal referral is a law enforcement report to a juvenile department alleging one or more felony or misdemeanor acts.

Clackamas County Recidivism:

As seen in the map to the left, Clackamas County is the only mid to large sized County with recidivism of less than 21%. In fact, Clackamas County recidivism is 7% less than the statewide average.

Recidivism Trend in Clackamas County:

Since 2000 Clackamas County Juvenile Department has shown a significant downward recidivism trend - a drop from 33% to 20.2%; a 39% decrease, (as shown in the chart to the left).



Quick Facts

Youth Population 10 -17 yrs
42,582

Referrals to Juvenile Dept.
1,849 ↓

Juvenile Felony Crimes
285 ↓

Misdemeanor Crimes
943 ↓

Person Crimes
253 ↑

Property Crimes
582 ↓

Public Order Crimes
148 ↓

Sex Crimes
98 ↑

Possession of Alcohol
206 ↓

Marijuana
168 ↓

Other Drug
143 ↓

Runaway
577 ↓



Detention Admissions
275

Community Supervision
(Probation)
255



Male 63.3%

Female 36.7%



African American 4.1%
Asian 1.7%
Latino 11.6%
Native American .9%
Caucasian 78.7%
Other 2.9%

(Note: Arrows indicate trend)

What Works in Juvenile Justice

Clackamas County Juvenile Department has made significant strides towards community safety through implementation of best practices supported by research in the juvenile justice field. Intentional and strategic decisions have moved Clackamas County juvenile justice to a risk based system, which provides a continuum of interventions for low, medium and high risk offenders. Data and performance outcome measures demonstrate this is the most effective approach with juveniles. By conducting risk assessments; developing individualized case plans, which focus on decreasing risk and increasing protective factors; and implementing evidence-based practices, Clackamas County is experiencing a significant and meaningful decline in juvenile crime on every measure. Some of the key services and interventions offered include:

Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center (JIAC): A holding center for youth that are taken into police custody for violations and delinquent acts. JIAC provides an opportunity for youth to be immediately held accountable. JIAC is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is professionally staffed by personnel who receive the youth from police officers, conduct an assessment of the youth's safety risks and needs, develop a release plan and provide on-going supervision and counseling services.

Probation: Twenty-one Juvenile Counselors maintain a 1 to 23 counselor to caseload ratio of high risk youth. Counselors develop a case plan for each youth which provides for community supervision, accountability, victim issues, coordination of services, schooling needs and assures compliance with the youth's conditions of probation. Specialized caseloads are assigned for youth with mental health needs, alcohol related referrals, young offenders, Latino youth and sex offenders.

Diversion Panels: The Juvenile Department has contracts with 11 cities that allow low risk, first time youth offenders to be diverted locally. This creates an opportunity to hold youth meaningfully accountable and give back to the community.

Skills Groups: Skills groups include evidence based curriculums for cognitive skills and pro-social development. Anger management, positive youth development, social skill development, empathy expansion, and gender specific services are examples of the classes provided.

Community Connections: An avenue for youth to give back to their communities and to address the harm caused through their actions. Community Connections maintains 97 community partnerships. Youth contributed 8,830 hours of restorative community service project hours last year.

Project Payback: Provides short-term employment and vocational training for youth in order to support the fulfillment of their financial obligations to their victims. In 2013, 116 youth participated in this program and \$67,891 was paid toward crime victims and court fines.

Victim Impact Program: Committed to responding effectively to the needs and concerns of community members who are the victims of crimes committed by juvenile offenders. Last year 198 property victims were contacted and served by the Department.

Drug Court: Provides the highest level of outpatient treatment and supervision available to youth with substance abuse addictions. Family participation and family functioning have a direct correlation to a youth's successful graduation from Drug Court. This program is a partnership with Health and Human Services, the Juvenile Court and District Attorney.

Detention: Youth who pose a public safety risk or who fail to appear in Court as ordered are held in a secure detention facility. In 2013, there were 275 total youth detention admissions.



Juvenile Department

Performance Measures 2014-2015

Countywide Area of Focus: Keep Our Residents Safe, Healthy and Secure.

Goal 1: Reduce Incidents of repeat juvenile offenders and reduce severity of their crime.

Activity to Further Goal: Utilize Evidence-Based Principles in Juvenile Justice focusing on youth's risk and protective factors.		FY 12-13	FY 13-14	Target FY 14-15
A1)	Increase the percent of youth without a new crime w/in 1 year of case closing.	80.4%	79.8%	80.5%
A2)	Reduce seriousness of recidivist's new offenses (Severity scores). (Severity scores measure seriousness of crime, ranging from low [1] to high [19]).	6.39	6.30	6.20
A3)	Percent of youth who had one (or more) risk factors reduced upon case closing.	58%	65.4%	68%
A4)	Percent of youth with one (or more) protective factors increased upon closing.	38%	40.4%	42%
Activity to Further Goal: Implement Evidence Based Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS).				
B1)	Percent of juvenile counselors trained and utilizing EPICS based supervision.	48%	100%	100%
Activity to Further Goal: Increase community supervision of youth identified as "High Risk" to re-offend.				
C1)	Percent of Tracker Services which are dedicated to "High Risk" youth.	50%	57%	60%
Activity to Further Goal: Identify youth who are at-risk of being "Chronic Offenders".				
D1)	Reduce the percent of juvenile recidivists who become "Chronic Offenders". *	34%	29.4%	28.5%

Goal 2: Hold youth accountable.

Activity to Further Goal: Youth will complete assigned community service hours.				
A1)	Percent of completed community service hours relative to amount ordered.	88.2%	89.9%	90%
Activity to Further Goal: Youth will complete assigned restitution payments.				
B1)	Percent of restitution collected relative to amount ordered.	80.4%	93.5%	94%
Goal 3: Increase the success of Juvenile Department dispositions.				
Activity to Further Goal: Youth will successfully complete formal probation.				
A1)	Percentage of youth successfully completing formal probation.	65%	65%	70%
Activity to Further Goal: Youth will successfully complete Formal Accountability Agreements.				
B1)	Percentage of youth successfully completing FAA's.	77%	71%	75%
Activity to Further Goal: Youth will successfully complete Diversion Panel Agreements.				
C1)	Percentage of youth successfully completing Diversion Panel Agreements.	95%	94%	95%

Goal 4: Increase Public Safety Through the Utilization of Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center (JIAC).

Activity to Further Goal: Juveniles in custody will be taken to JIAC for screening.				
A1)	Percentage of youth referred to Juv. Dept. who were initially taken to JIAC.	40%	42%	45%
A2)	Youth with a "Safety Risk" will be held, cited or placed on a Safety Contract.	77%	77%	80%

Countywide Area of Focus: Create a Network of Vibrant Communities.

Goal 1: Attend to Victim Needs.

Activity to Further Goal: Communicate with victims to address their rights and needs, (Victim Impact Program).				
A1)	Percent of CCJD cases whose victims were contacted (or a good faith effort made).	83%	98%	98%

Goal 2: Establish youth related partnerships between the community and the Juvenile Department.

Activity to Further Goal: Develop partnerships to facilitate "Community Connections" projects for youth.				
A1)	Number of Community organization partnerships.	94	97	95
A2)	"Community Connections" youth hours contributed to projects.	7,271	8,830	8,800
A3)	Adult volunteer hours contributed to projects.	3,088	3,155	3,500

* A department measure utilized to determine percent of recidivists who become chronic recidivists.