

How to Make Change: Implementing Cost-Effective Juvenile Justice Strategies

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Mission:

To improve public safety and give court-involved youth the opportunity to become more productive citizens by building on the strengths of youth and their families in the least restrictive, most homelike environment consistent with public safety.

Vision:

DYRS will provide the nation's best continuum of care for court-involved youth and their families through a wide range of programs that emphasize individual strengths, personal accountability, public safety, skill development, family involvement, and community support.



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“I wouldn’t kennel my dog at Oak Hill.”



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Oak Hill Youth Center: Forever Closed, May 2009



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1. Social Attachment and the Protective Influence of Belonging



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2. Work and Employment



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3. Skill Acquisition and Organized Activities



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4. Education and Opportunities for Learning



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5. Civic Engagement



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6. Personal Expression and the Arts

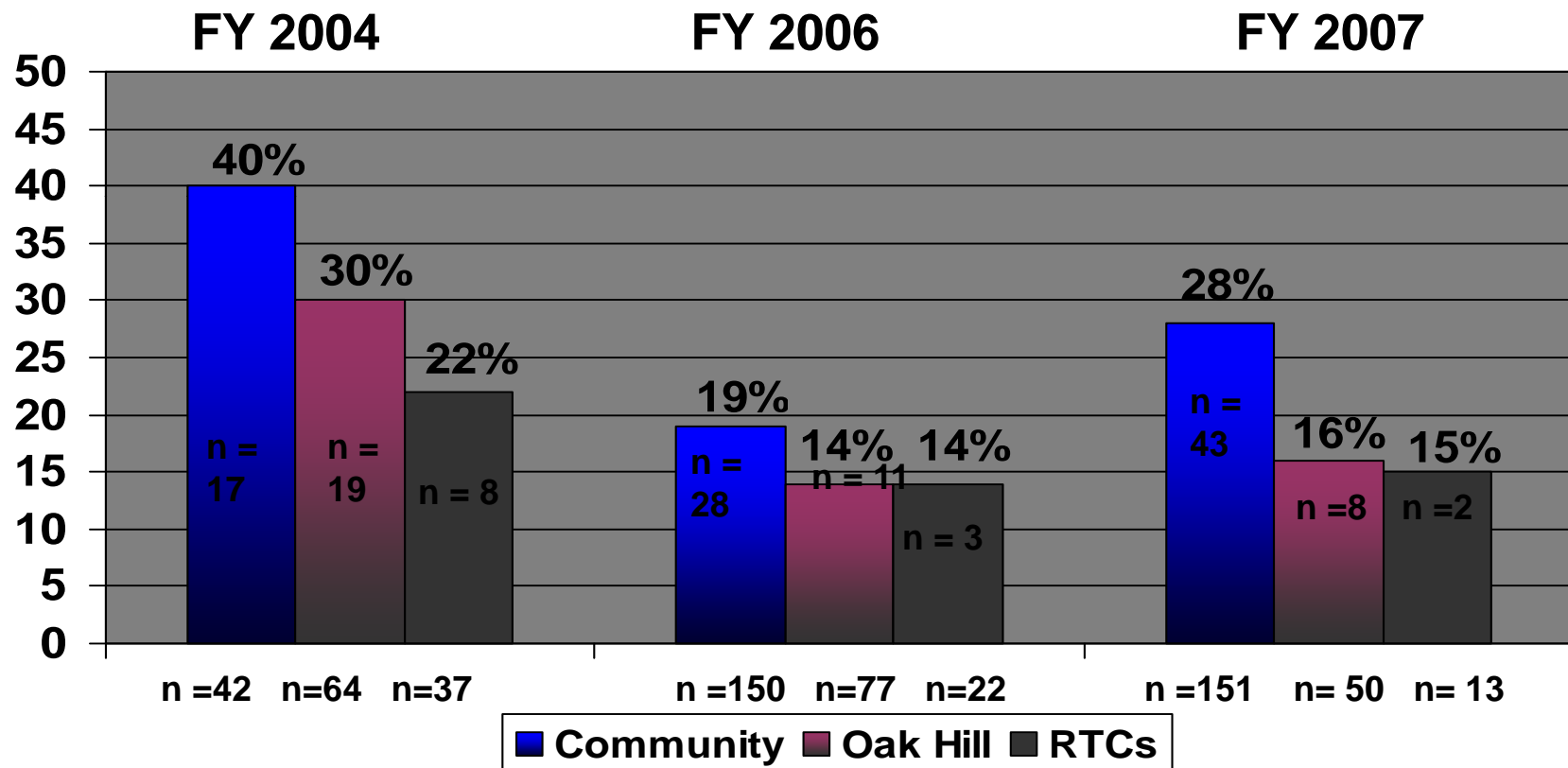


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7. Physical Activity



Percent of DYRS Youth Convicted of a New Offense which Occurred within One Year of Release by Fiscal Year and Placement



*A committed youth has recidivated if he or she is convicted in Washington, DC of a new juvenile or adult offense committed within one year of their initial date of commitment or release from a secure facility.

**DYRS youth include those who are newly committed to DYRS by the Superior Court during the fiscal year.

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Press Conference: Lead Entities/Service Coalitions



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Planning Retreat: Lead Entities/Service Coalitions



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