Florida Outcomes

- 66,000 misdemeanant youth served (2011-2018)
- 40% reduction in misdemeanor arrests since 2012
- 63% utilization
- 94-95% success rate (2013-2018)
- 77% utilization in schools
- 32% utilization for domestic violence related offenses
- Contributes to equal justice
- Recognized nationally
Civil Citation & Similar Prearrest Diversion Process

**Misdemeanor**
- LE agrees to Civil Citation/PAD

**Youth and parent or guardian agree**
- Arrest Forms are held and process begins

**Program**
- Assesses youth
- Determines intervention
- Referrals for services
- Case management

**Intervention**
- Family Counseling
- Urinalysis monitoring
- SA/MH services
- Other

**Sanctions**
- Service Hours
- Apology letter
- Restitution
- Academics
- Other

- **Success! No Juvenile Record**
- **Failure: Original arrest paperwork is processed**
- **Delinquency Intake**

**Other Offenders**
Research Base

❖ 60% of first-time offenders don’t reoffend in the following 18 months ¹

❖ Over 50% of youth deemed serious, violent and chronic are 12 or under at the age of first referral ²

❖ Matching the intensity of a program to the youth’s risk level provides best outcomes ³

❖ Youth of color are given more restrictive dispositions than white youth ⁴

❖ Adolescent brain development ⁵

² Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Briefing Report,: Analysis of Serious, Violent, & Chronic Delinquency in Florida, Feb2013
³ Note: Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Briefing: The Risk Principle, March 2013
⁴ MacArthur Foundation Models for Change Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Action Network
⁵ National Geographic, October 2011, Beautiful Brains, page 37-59
Benefits

- No arrest record
- Addresses behavior early and immediately
- Identifies youth likely to recidivate
- Youth and families receive services that address specific behavior and risk factors
- Helps keep youth that pose no real threat to public safety out of the juvenile justice system
- Provides savings in the judicial system, juvenile probation, and law enforcement
CC/PAD by Race and Fiscal Year

FY 11-12: Hispanic 36%, Black 25%, White 23%
FY 12-13: Hispanic 39%, Black 32%, White 26%
FY 13-14: Hispanic 47%, Black 38%, White 34%
FY 14-15: Hispanic 50%, Black 44%, White 39%
FY 15-16: Hispanic 57%, Black 51%, White 46%
FY 16-17: Hispanic 62%, Black 54%, White 53%
FY 17-18: Hispanic 68%, Black 61%, White 60%
Youth Snapshot

✓ Between 13 and 17 years of age (90%)
✓ Committed Petit Theft (32%), a Drug Offense (24%) or Assault/Battery (20%)
✓ White (47%)
✓ Male (58%)
✓ Offense occurred in the community (72%)
✓ Successfully Completed (82%)
✓ 36% with child welfare involvement
Consequence of an Arrest

- Negative Labeling
- May have driver’s license suspended
- May be suspended or drop-out of school
- State and Federal criminal history record created
- May lose housing or education financial assistance
- May not be able to serve in the military
- Increased recidivism
Implementation

- Identify program authority
- Determine if implementation is at the state, judicial circuit, or local level
- Identify program components
  - Eligibility
  - Law enforcement determination of eligibility at the point of issuance
  - Use of existing diversion infrastructure
  - Use of a research-based assessment tool
  - Data collection
  - Resources
Implementation

- Develop performance measures and a means to capture and publish outcomes
- Develop support and identify champions for reform
- Prepare to address barriers
- Educate public stakeholders
- Adjust programming as needed based on data driven decisions
## Eligible Misdemeanors for Alternatives to Arrest

### Dec 2017 - Nov 2018

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<td>Assault and or Battery (not aggravated)</td>
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<td>Petit Larceny</td>
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<td>Misd Viol Drug Laws</td>
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<td>Disorderly Conduct</td>
<td>472</td>
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<td>Misd Alcohol Offenses</td>
<td>303</td>
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<td>Misdemeanor Obstruction of Justice</td>
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<td>Trespassing</td>
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<td>Violation of Hunt,Fish,Boat Laws</td>
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<td>Misd Weapon-Firearm Offense*</td>
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### Dispositions

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<td>Diversion, court fines</td>
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<td>Non-file, NG</td>
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*Please note that in some jurisdictions a civil citation or other alternative to arrest may be issued for misdemeanor sex offenses or weapons offenses. However, these offenses are not counted as offenses eligible for civil citation or other alternative to arrest on this dashboard.
Conclusions

- Data driven
- Addresses bad behavior early and immediately
- Allows identification and service to youth likely to escalate
- Helps reduce racial and ethnic disparity
- No arrest record
- Better outcomes
- Reduces the cost of processing youth for misdemeanors in multiple systems
- Frees limited resources to focus on more serious and violent offenders
- Contributes to increased public safety
Data Sources

- Florida Department of Juvenile Justice annual Comprehensive Accountability Report, Civil Citation chapter [http://www.djj.state.fl.us/research/reports/reports-and-data/static-research-reports/comprehensive-accountability-report](http://www.djj.state.fl.us/research/reports/reports-and-data/static-research-reports/comprehensive-accountability-report)

- Briefing Report: Civil Citation Effectiveness Review [http://www.djj.state.fl.us/docs/research2/briefing-report-cc-(8-6-14).pdf?sfvrsn=0](http://www.djj.state.fl.us/docs/research2/briefing-report-cc-(8-6-14).pdf?sfvrsn=0)


- Florida Civil Citation and other Alternatives to Arrest Dashboard [http://www.djj.state.fl.us/research/reports/reports-and-data/interactive-data-reports/civil-citation-and-other-alternatives-to-arrest/cc-dashboard](http://www.djj.state.fl.us/research/reports/reports-and-data/interactive-data-reports/civil-citation-and-other-alternatives-to-arrest/cc-dashboard)