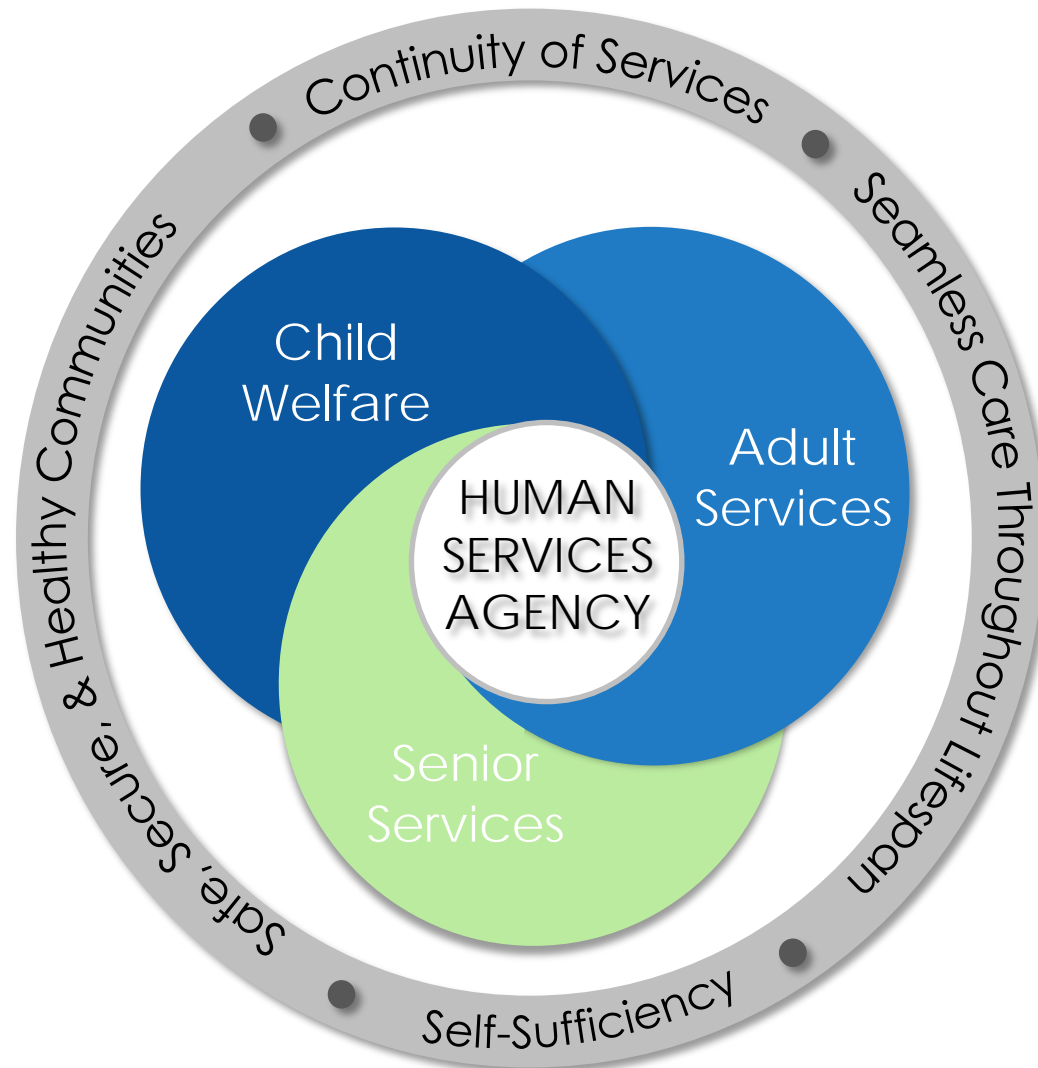




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Children's Services

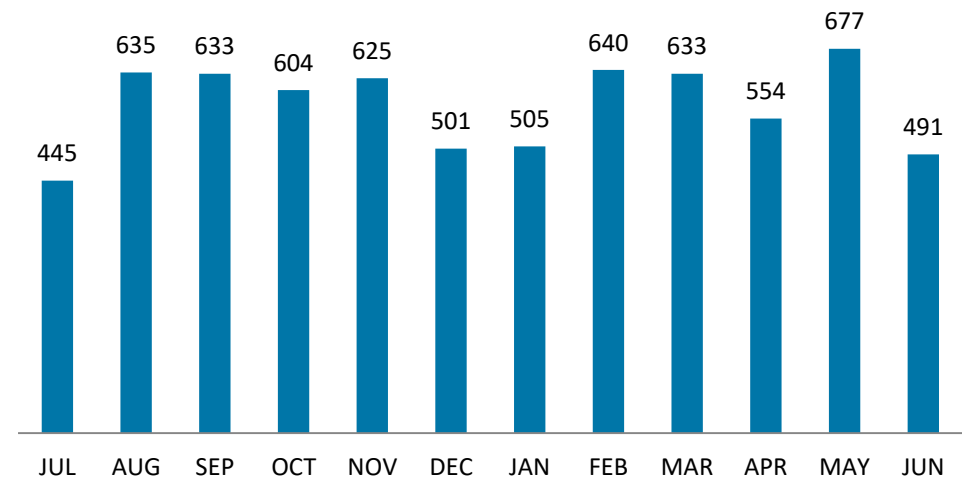
Intake

Washoe County Human Services Agency (WCHSA) Child Protective Services (CPS) is a major system of intervention for child abuse and neglect.

The first and most critical step in the child protection process is Intake. It begins with CPS staff receiving a confidential referral, which is a report of an allegation of abuse or neglect from an external source. Based on the information received from the referral, it is assigned a priority level determined on the allegation and amount of imminent risk or danger the child may be in. This leads to what response is required from CPS.

New Referrals by Month

Total 6943

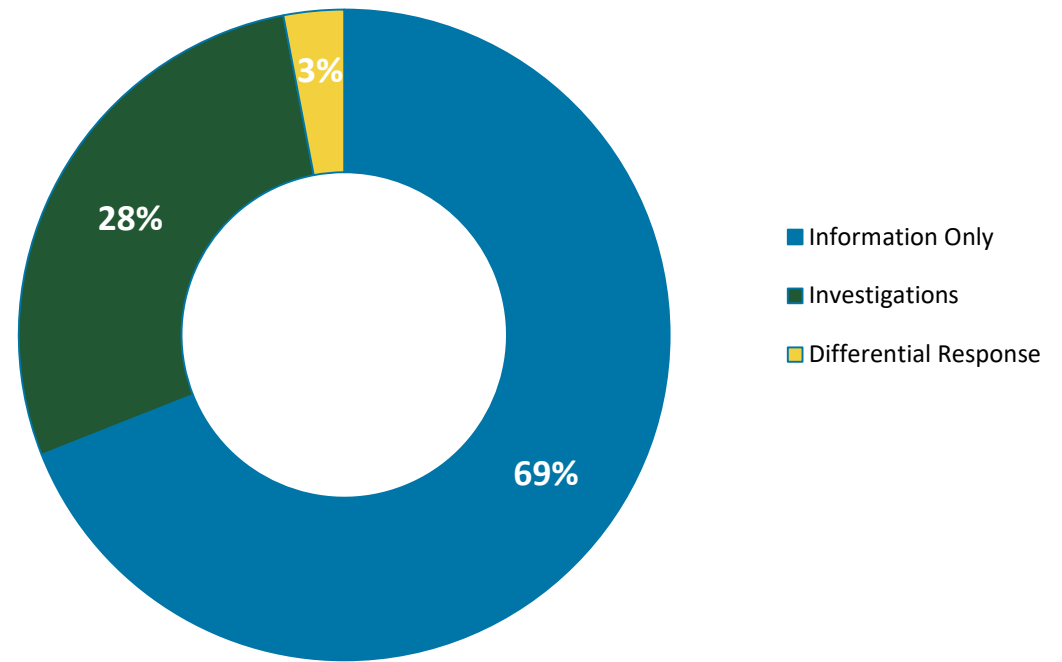


Information Only– Reports with insufficient information about the family or maltreatment of the child or there are no allegations of child abuse/neglect.

Investigation– Reports which include an allegation of abuse or neglect according to policy, it is assigned for investigation.

Differential Response– When a report is made and there are no allegations of maltreatment and/or the allegations do not rise to the level of an investigation, an alternative, non-investigative response is used to better meet the individual family needs.

Types of Referrals

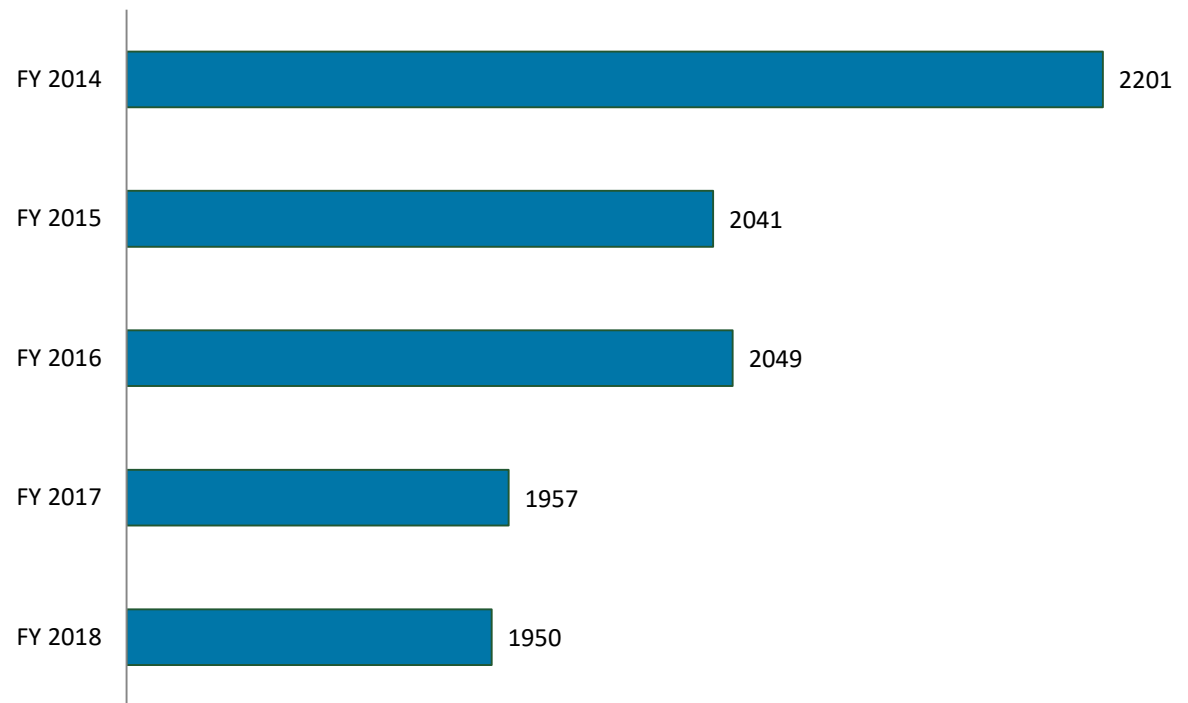


Investigations

A child abuse or neglect investigation is conducted when there are immediate child safety concerns, or the report is required by law to be investigated.

Upon completion of an investigation of a report of abuse or neglect, a determination of the case findings are made based on whether there is reasonable cause to believe that a child is abused or neglected or threatened with abuse or neglect.

Total Investigations

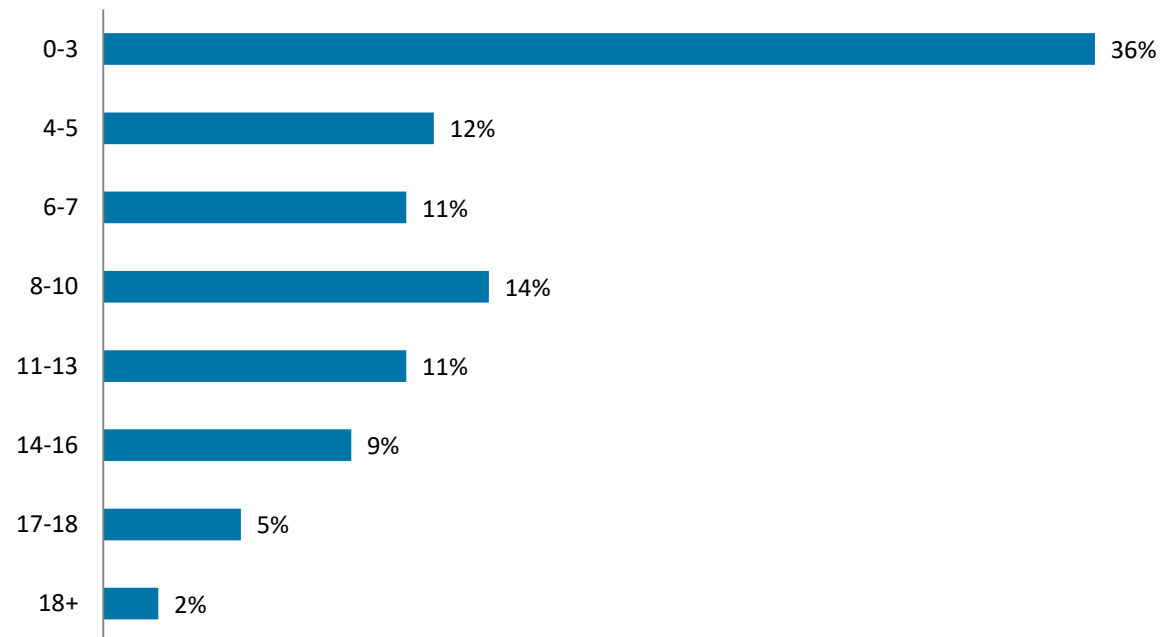


Children in Care

The majority of children in WCHSA care are under the age of 10 with **73% of all children** in foster care under the age of 10.

In Fiscal Year 2018, **544 children** were removed from their parents and placed into foster care.

Number of Children in Care by Age



Substance Use

The number of drug related removals has stayed the same over the last three years.

However, the number of reports related to marijuana has gone up dramatically in 2018 with a **663% increase** from 2017 to 2018 (from 33 reports in 2017 to 252 reports in 2018)

2016

- 20% of all reports had drug related issues
- Of all the drug related issues reported, 33% were investigated
- 25% of all removals were drug related

2017

- 21% of all reports had drug related issues
- Of all the drug related issues reported, 38% were investigated
- 25% of all removals were drug related

2018

- 23% of all reports had drug related issues
- Of all the drug related issues reported, 36% were investigated
- 25% of all removals were drug related

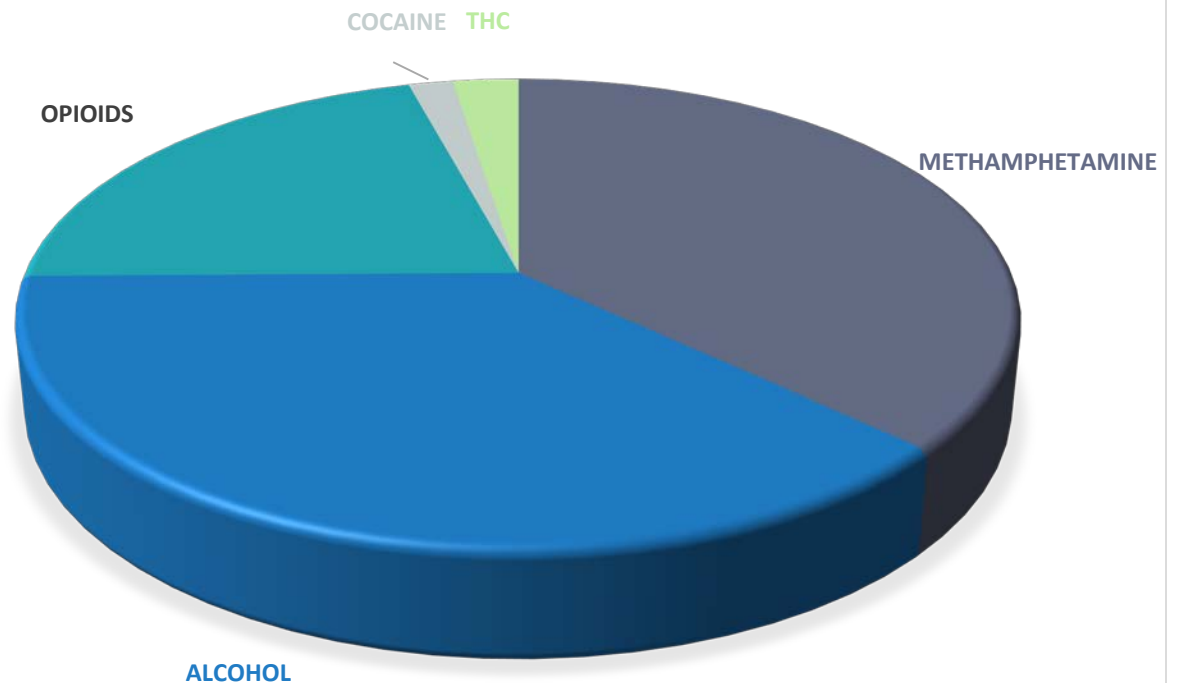


Adult Services

The Crossroads project provides a tiered housing approach that targets super-utilizers homeless clients in Washoe County. The intent of the program is to identify, intervene and stabilize traditionally high complexity homeless clients, through cooperation with various community partners.

This has allowed WCHSA to reduce incarceration by expanding services to young offenders, and anyone else who suffers from mental health and/or substance abuse that otherwise has a negative impact on the community.

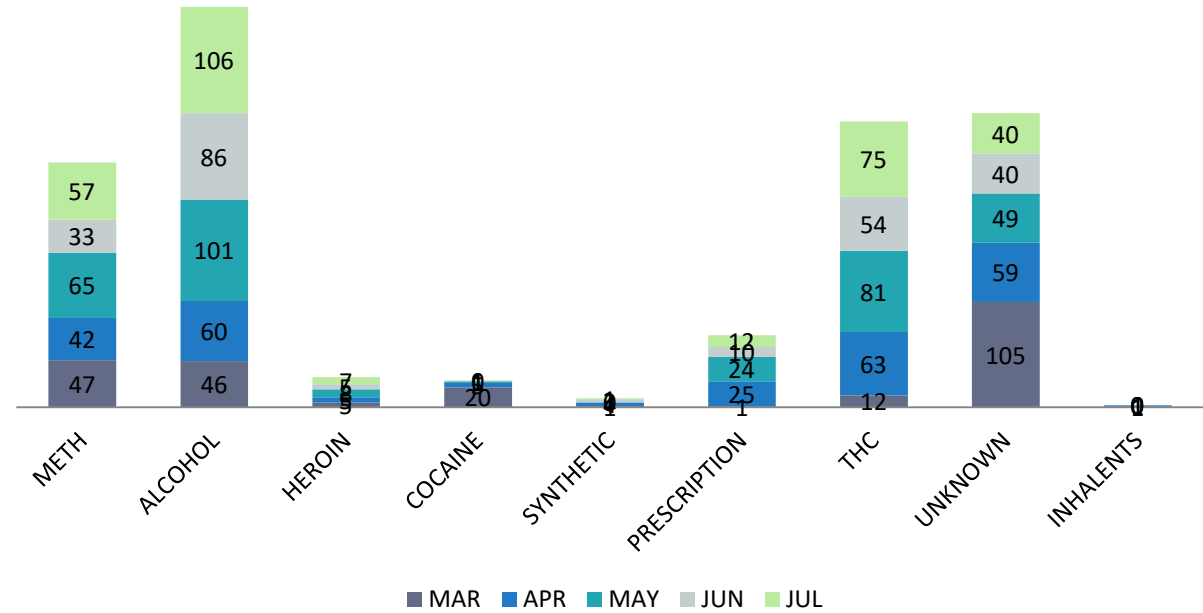
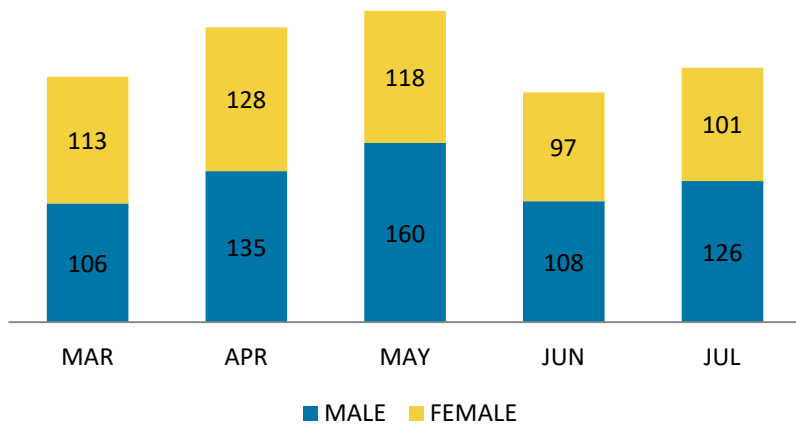
CROSSROADS DRUG OF CHOICE PATTERNS
***AUGUST 23, 2018**
(MALE & FEMALE POPULATIONS- 119 PARTICIPANTS)



Mobile Safety Outreach Team

Drug Use Concern

Total Contacts



The Mobile Safety Outreach Team (MOST) is a co-response crisis intervention team that responds to calls for services 7 days a week with law enforcement, to help people living with mental health illness throughout Washoe County.

The Sober 24 program is a twenty four hour, seven day a week monitoring program in which a participant submits to the testing of their blood, breath, urine, or other bodily substances in order to determine the presence of alcohol, marijuana, or any controlled substance in their body. The program can be used both pretrial and post-conviction.

The goal of Sober 24 is to combat the role that alcohol and drug abuse play in crime and criminal recidivism, particularly for drunk driving and drugged driving and to reduce the number of DUIs and related costs by motivating offenders to change their behaviors.

- 84,347 Breath Tests Completed
- 8,826 Urine Tests Completed

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- The cost of a single panel test is \$0.33
 - The cost of a ten panel test is \$2.55

Next Steps

- As we move forward, HSA will continue to collect data and analyze the effects of marijuana specific to reports, investigations, removals, and reentry
- HSA will also will analyze costs, specific to testing, assessment, and treatment services

“Our juvenile justice approach is balanced by supporting positive youth and family development, community safety, and offender accountability.”



Washoe County Department of Juvenile Services

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Administration

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Probation

Detention

**Clinical
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**Community
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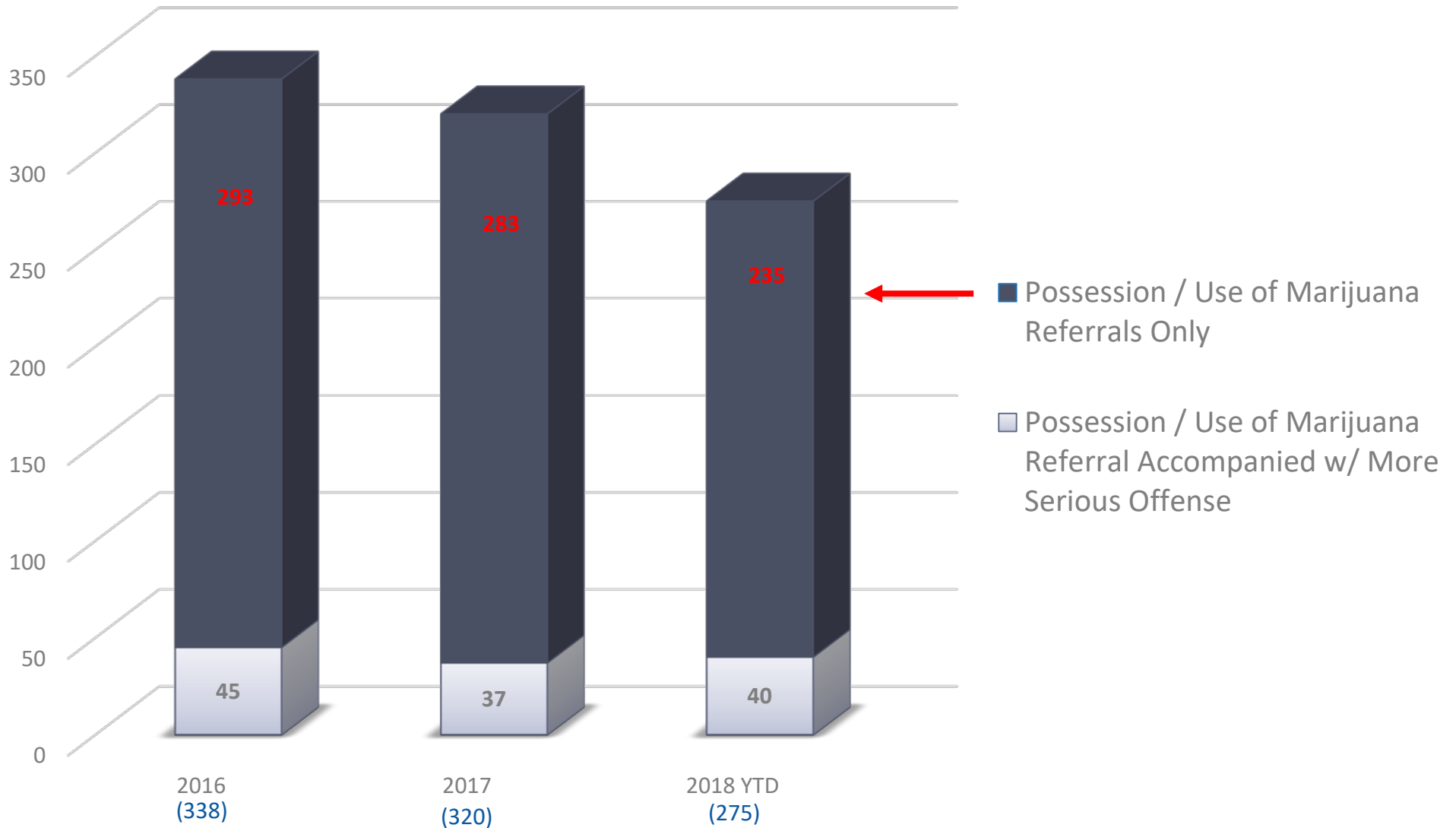
Juvenile Court Jurisdiction

Washoe County Juvenile Services Processes All Juvenile Law Enforcement Arrests And Citations

- Definition of “Child” ...NRS 62A.030
 - Person who is LESS than **18 years (the age of majority)**;
 - Person who is LESS than 21 and the unlawful act occurred before the age of 18 years; or
 - Person who is otherwise subject to the court’s jurisdiction as a juvenile sex offender pursuant to the provisions of NRS 62F.200 – 62F.260
 - **Prosecutorial age for juveniles in the State of Nevada is ten (10) years of age. 8 years of age for certain limited offenses.**
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What Do The Numbers Tell Us...

Marijuana Offenses
2016 - 2017 - 2018 YTD



Relevant Data / Develop a Tracking System

What do we want to track?



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graph TD; A[What do we want to track?] --> B[Referral]; B --> C[Arrest]; C --> D[Citation]; D --> E[Probation Violations<br/>• Positive Drug Screen, Possession of THC or paraphernalia];
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Referral

Arrest

Citation

Probation Violations

- Positive Drug Screen, Possession of THC or paraphernalia
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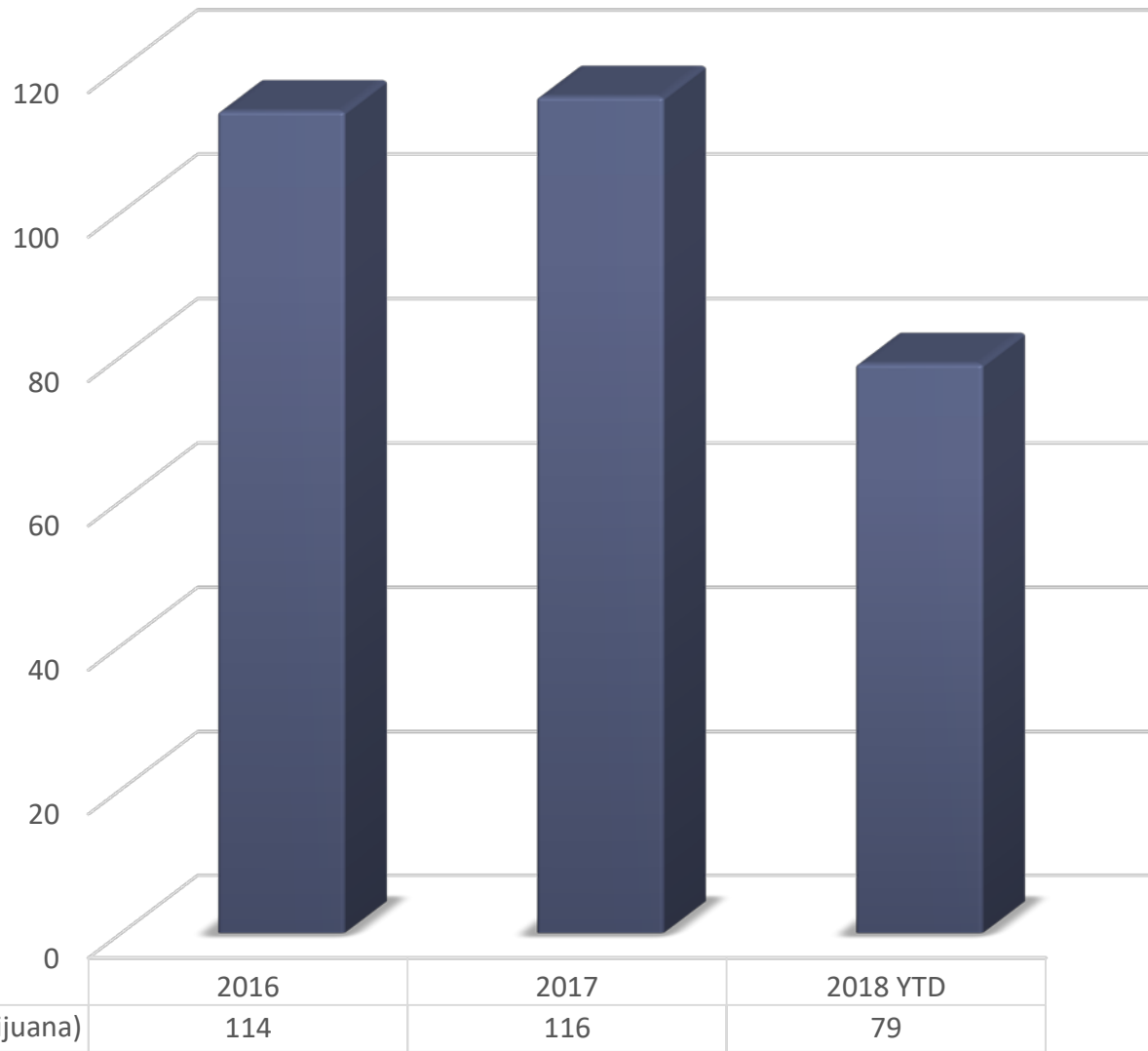
Preliminary Findings

Drug Tests Administered and Positive Results



Preliminary Findings

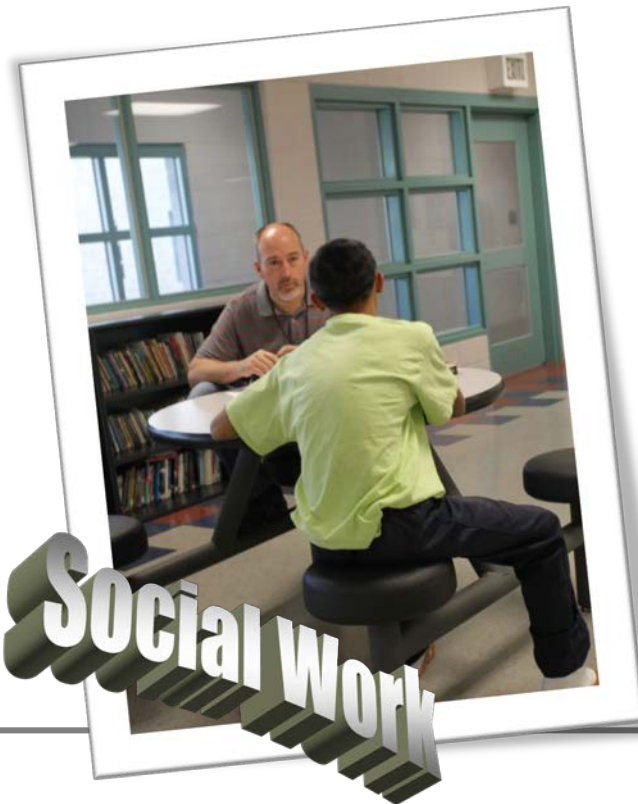
Probation Violations for Use of Marijuana



Department Response Protocol

Possession or use of Marijuana:

- Initial appointment
 - Pre-screening assessment
- Based on the pre-screening assessment youth may be referred to:
 - Substance abuse evaluation
 - Substance treatment/programming



Standard Accountability Response:

- 90 day Drivers License Suspension
- 16 Hrs. Work Program/Community Services



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