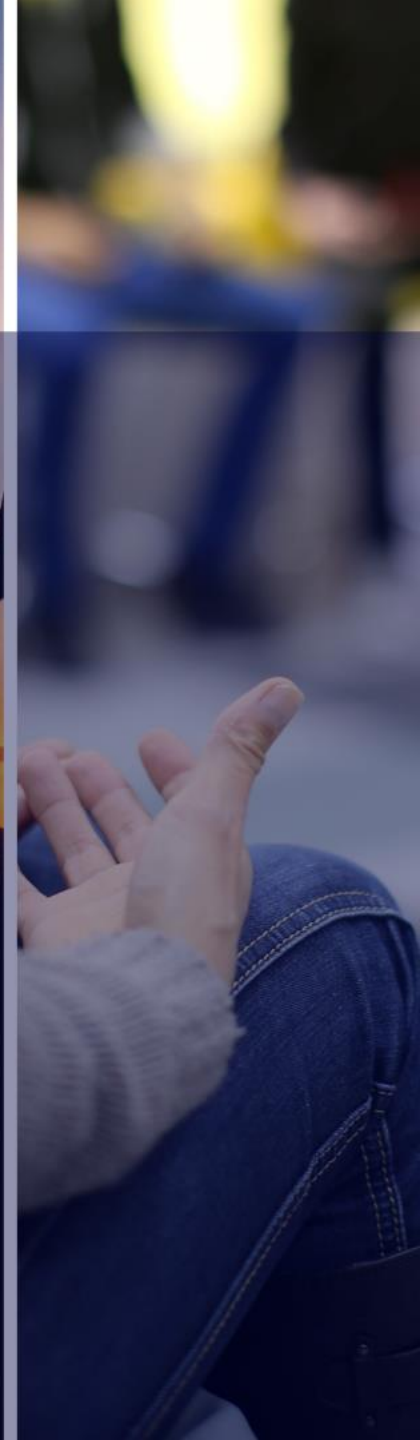




Juvenile Justice Planning & Realignment Implementation

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PROBATION

May 18, 2021



Juvenile Probation



Assessment of Risk to Reoffend & Criminogenic Needs

By assessing and targeting criminogenic needs, agencies can reduce the probability of recidivism.



Linkage

Tailored interventions and responses to each youth and family.



Case Planning

Proactive Case Management of youth that pose the greatest degree of risk to the community and have the highest need.



Changed Behavior

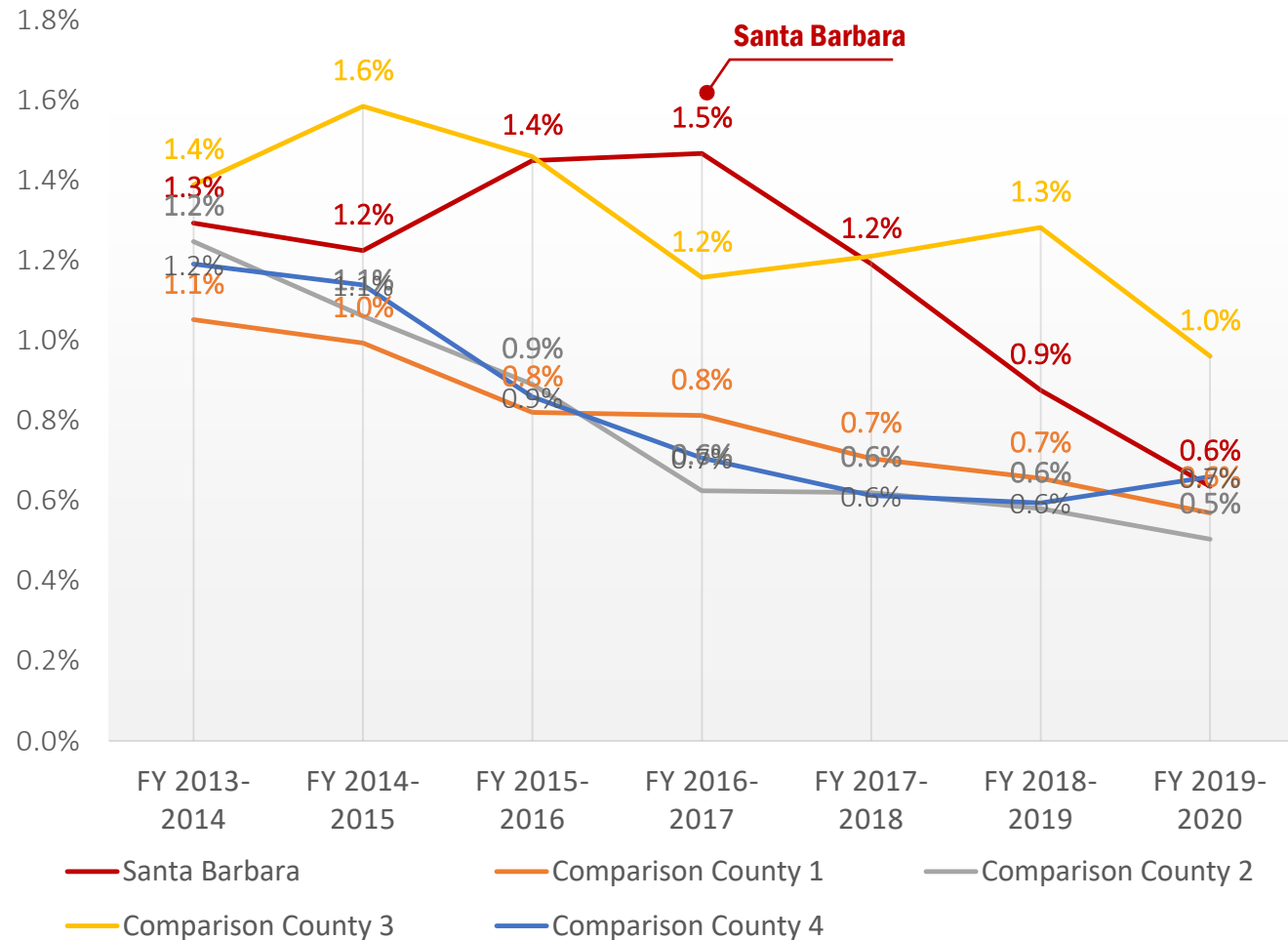


2017 Juvenile Data Mining

Local Contributing Factors

- Under-utilization of diversion options.
- Detention for youth 14 years of age or younger.
- One-third of youth in Juvenile Hall were in custody for a technical probation violation.
- For over 50% of youth in Los Prietos Boys Camp, their most serious offense was a misdemeanor.

Percent of Juveniles Supervised (age 10-17)



Transformative Change

Strategies

- Implementation of a validated risk and needs assessment tool to replace previous instrument
- Individualized case management
- Revised juvenile intake assessment process and booking criteria
- Implemented incentives and interventions matrix
- Increased use of diversion and collaboration
- Minimized exposure of low and medium risk youth to higher risk youth
- Implemented evidence-based interventions and performance-based contract measures
- Expanded the types of services offered with our community partners
- Increased scrutiny of technical violations, length of time under supervision, and use of congregate care
- Trauma-informed approaches and family engagement



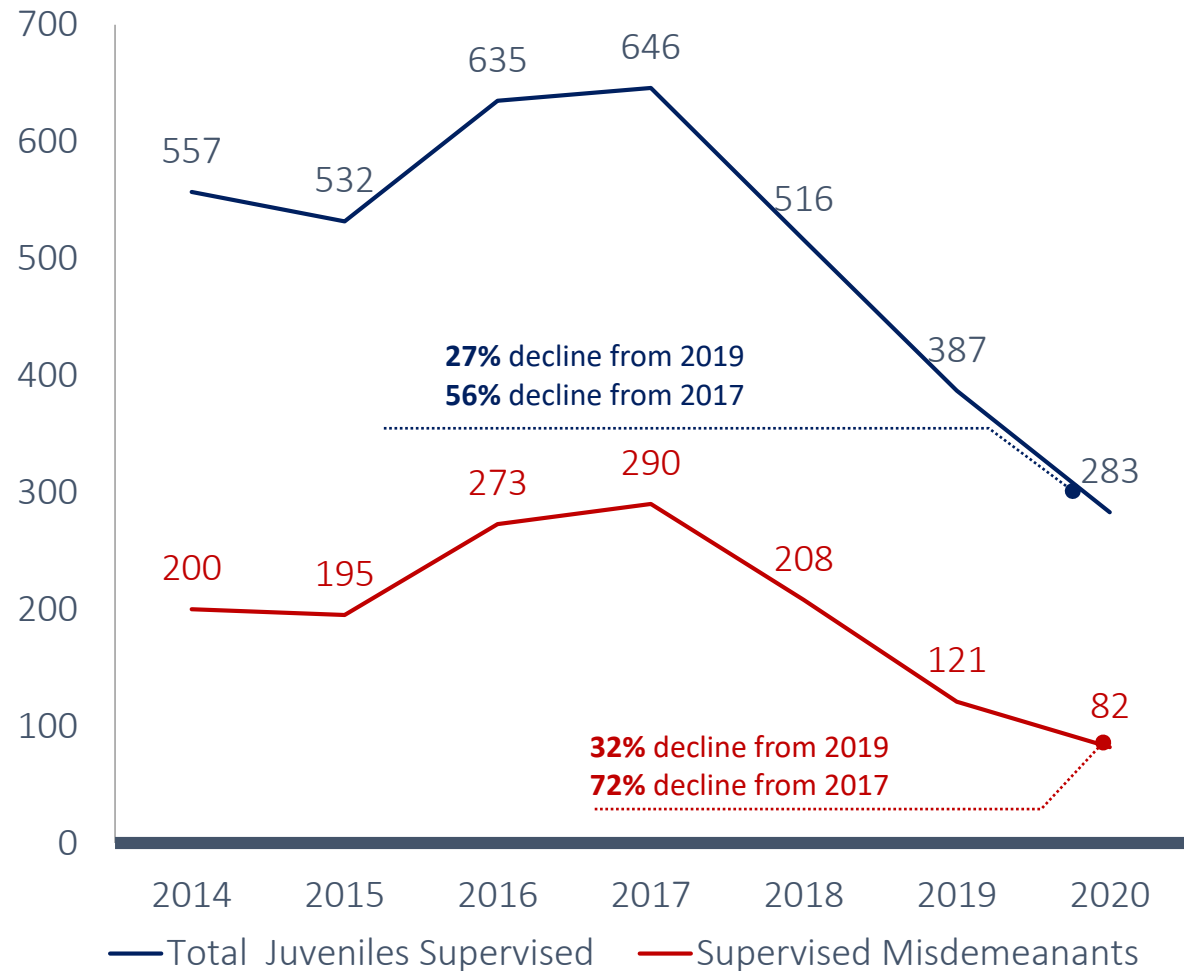
Local Results

FY 2018/19-FY 2019/20

- Supervised juveniles decreased 27%
- 19% decrease in misdemeanor referrals
- 16% increase in felony referrals
- 32% decrease in supervised 602 misdemeanants
- 10% of youth on some type of diversionary supervision (654. 654.2, 725(a), 725(b), 790)
- 20% reduction in youth in out of home placement

Juveniles Supervised

June 30th of Each Year



Measures of Success

97%

FY2019/20

Percentage of juveniles without a new sustained petition for a felony offense **within one year** of successfully completing Probation

81%

FY2019/20

Percentage of juveniles without a new sustained petition for a felony offense **while on Probation**

NEXT STEPS

Work in progress to apply an “apples-to-apples” comparison regardless of a youth's time on probation supervision. Specifically, this will measure the percentage of juveniles with a **new sustained petition within three years** of the youth's supervision start date. This definition will inform the extent to which rates of reoffending have been impacted by our County's current approach to working with youth.



Enhanced Collaboration & Transparency



Reimagining Juvenile Justice Initiative

Nearly thirty strategies developed and presented to County leadership.



Multi-Agency Collaborations

Connecting across the County to better address how to serve youth working with multiple agencies.



Relative Rate Index

Comparing the experiences of different racial and ethnic groups within the justice system.



Special Projects

Whole Youth Project, sponsored by Ceres Research Policy, to develop a continuum of care that affirms LGBTQ and Gender Non-Conforming or transgender youth.



Juvenile Justice Realignment



Division of Juvenile Justice will **no longer accept youth** committed by counties.

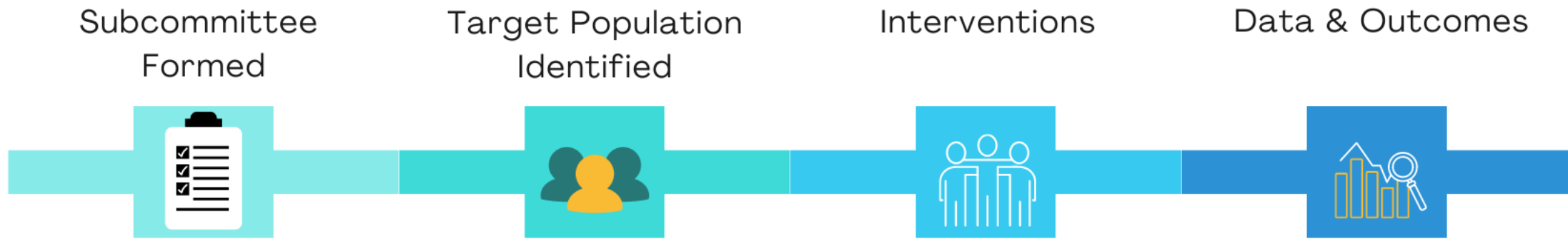
Realigns the responsibility for care, custody and supervision of these youth to the counties, along with an allocation of funding to provide for these needs.

Data collection and performance measures to assess youth progress and well-being.

Tri-counties solution working with the more challenging aspects of this population, including female youth and youth over the age of 21.

Begins July 1, 2021

Juvenile Justice Realignment Plan



Includes representation from:

- Probation, District Attorney, Public Defender, Social Services, Behavioral Wellness, Office of Education, Superior Court, County Board of Supervisors, and community member representatives

- Analysis of previously committed youth and interventions provided
- Committed serious or violent offenses involving harm (physical, psychological and/or monetary) to a victim

- Continuing all services already in place
- Additional services and programs will be built through partnerships and contracts with community-based organizations
- Provided as needed on an individual basis, to ensure that each youth's needs are identified and targeted treatment, training and education are provided

- Monitoring outcomes for youth in individual programs by using pre- and post-tests and other defined outcome measures attached to each provider's contract
- Psychological & Social Functioning, Treatment Engagement, Trauma



“We have a powerful potential in our youth, and we must have the courage to change old ideas and practices so that we may direct their power toward good ends.”

-Mary McLeod Bethune

