






# Allegheny County Juvenile Probation Balanced and Restorative Justice Report Card 2019

## To the Citizens of Allegheny County:

Since 1996, achieving Balanced and Restorative Justice has been Juvenile Probation's legislative mandate and mission. For over 20 years, we have focused on attaining the three Balanced and Restorative Justice goals:

-  Protecting the community
-  Holding juveniles accountable to restore victims and communities
-  Helping juveniles develop competency skills that lead to law-abiding and productive citizenship

These goals have been refined and clarified over the last two decades but remain our guiding principles. How we achieve those goals has been fundamentally transformed during the last several years. A plethora of research related to "what works" with juvenile offenders has caused research and practice to be interwoven as never before. Terms such as criminogenic needs, dynamic and static risk assessment, responsivity, and fidelity, unheard of a few years ago, are now part of our everyday vernacular. While our sights remain firmly fixed on our Balanced and Restorative Justice goals, how we conduct business to attain those goals is forever changed by evidence-based research and practice.

*Russell Carlino, Administrator/Chief Probation Officer*



## Highlights

911 cases were closed




86% of youth successfully completed their supervision

\$122,141 in restitution paid to crime victims

24,226 hours of community service completed by youth

## Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) Statement of Purpose

We dedicate ourselves to working in partnership to enhance the capacity of Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system to achieve its balanced and restorative justice mission by:

-  employing evidence-based practices with fidelity at every stage of the juvenile justice process;
-  collecting and analyzing the data necessary to measure the results of these efforts; and, with this knowledge;
-  striving to continuously improve the quality of our decisions, services, and programs.

## Our Evidence-Based Practices

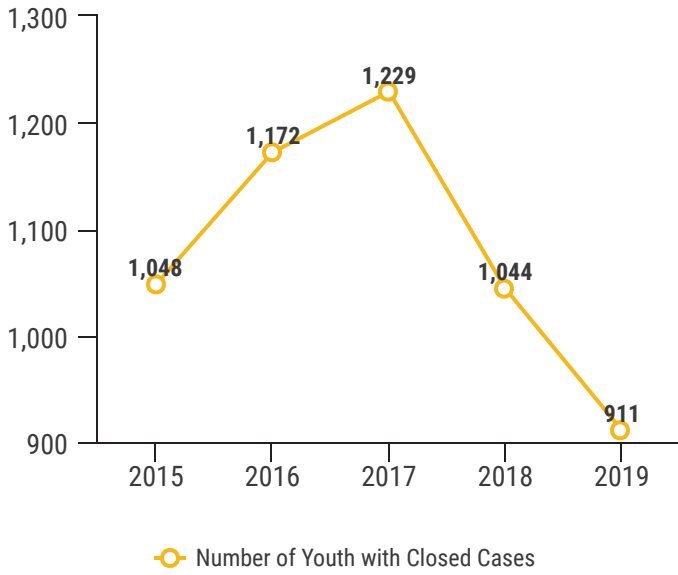
- Youth Level of Service Risk/Needs Assessment
- Pennsylvania Detention Risk Assessment Instrument
- Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol™
- Graduated Responses
- Motivational Interviewing
- Aggression Replacement Training®
- Child Trauma Screen
- Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument Version 2 (MAYSI-2)



# Allegheny County Juvenile Probation 2019 Outcome Measures

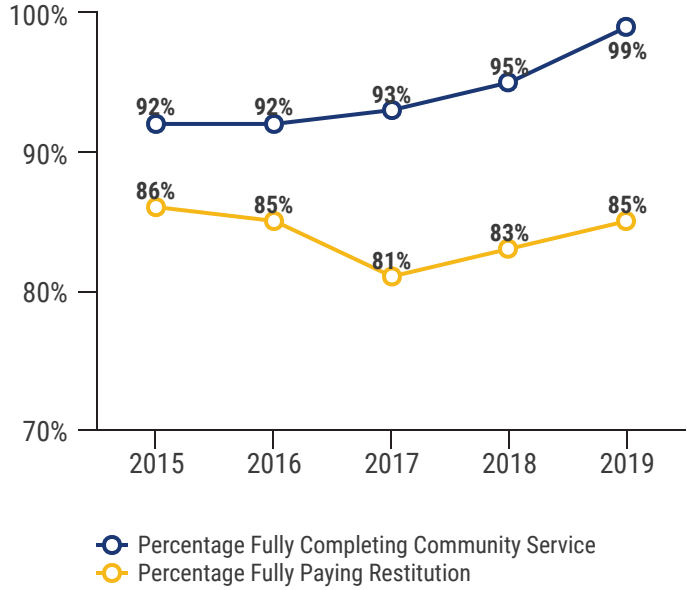
## Trend

Number of youth with closed cases decreased 13%



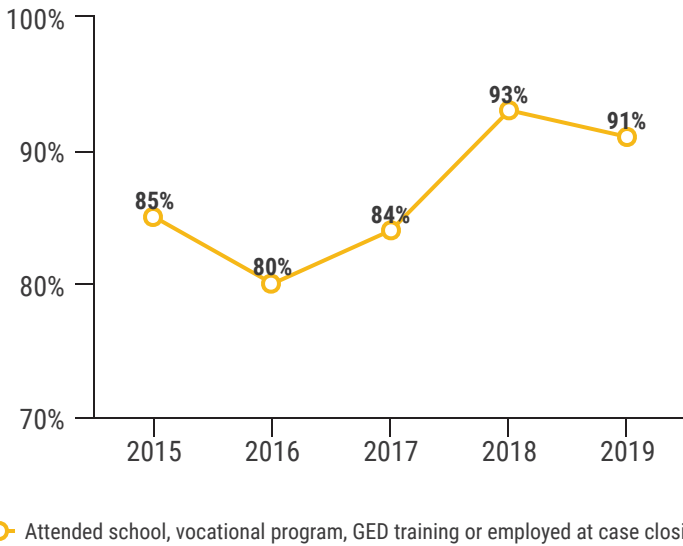
## Accountability

Percentages of youth who fully paid restitution and completed community service increased



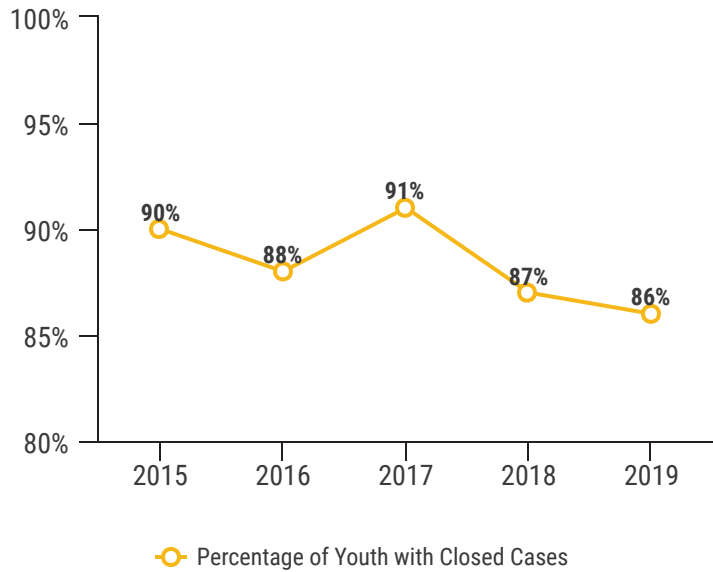
## Competency Development

91% of youth were involved in a productive competency at case closing



## Community Protection

86% of youth successfully completed supervision



Successful completion is defined as no new offense resulting in a Consent Decree, Adjudication of Delinquency, or finding of guilt in a criminal proceeding while under the Court's supervision.