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# Allegheny County Juvenile Probation's 2023 Balanced and Restorative Justice Report Card

In 1995, Pennsylvania revised its Juvenile Act making Balanced and Restorative Justice the legislative mandate and mission of our juvenile justice system. For nearly three decades, Allegheny County Juvenile Probation has directed its efforts to achieve the three goals of Balanced and Restorative Justice:

1. To protect the community from juvenile offenses.
2. To hold juveniles accountable to restore victims and the community for offenses committed.
3. To help juveniles develop competencies that enable them to become law-abiding and productive members of the community.

In 2010, the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) was implemented, fundamentally transforming our ability to achieve BARJ goals by incorporating evidence-based tools and practices. In 2012, the purpose clause of the Juvenile Act was revised, mandating that the juvenile justice system employ “evidence-based practices whenever possible...” to achieve our BARJ mission.

The mission statement has been revised accordingly.

*Mission Statement: To support and enhance the values, principles, and programs that advance the goals of Balanced and Restorative Justice while employing evidence-based practices whenever possible.*

Three evidence-based goals have been added to the original three above:

4. To employ evidence-based practices at every phase of the juvenile justice process.
5. To collect and analyze data to measure results of juvenile justice interventions and activities.
6. To advance professional development.

During the last thirteen years, Allegheny County Juvenile Probation has intentionally and comprehensively implemented evidence-based tools, practices, and interventions to improve outcomes related to its mission and goals.

Since 1998, the Probation Department has prepared a “Report Card” to the citizens of Allegheny County reflecting our ability to attain important outcomes related to the above goals. The Report Card includes specific data collected at the time of case closing, enabling us to compare results and trends from year to year. In 2023, the Court closed 539 cases. Please see charts below for key outcome data related to these case closings.

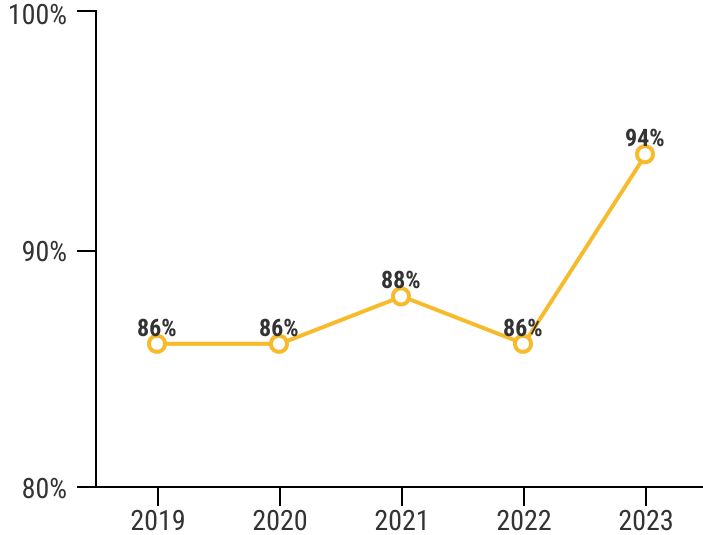
Russell Carlino, Administrator/Chief Probation Officer



# Allegheny County Juvenile Probation 2023 Outcome Measures

## Community Protection

**94% of youth successfully completed supervision**

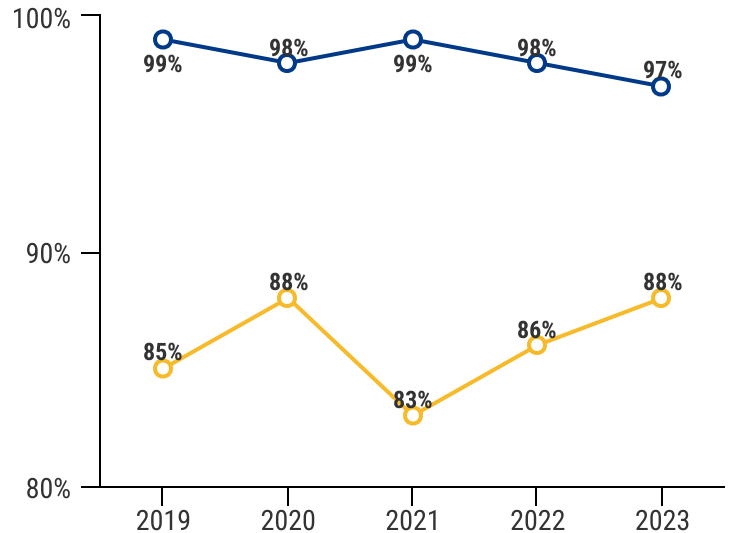


Percentage of youth that successfully completed supervision

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.

## Accountability

**97% of youth fully completed community service, and 88% fully paid restitution to victims at time of case closing**

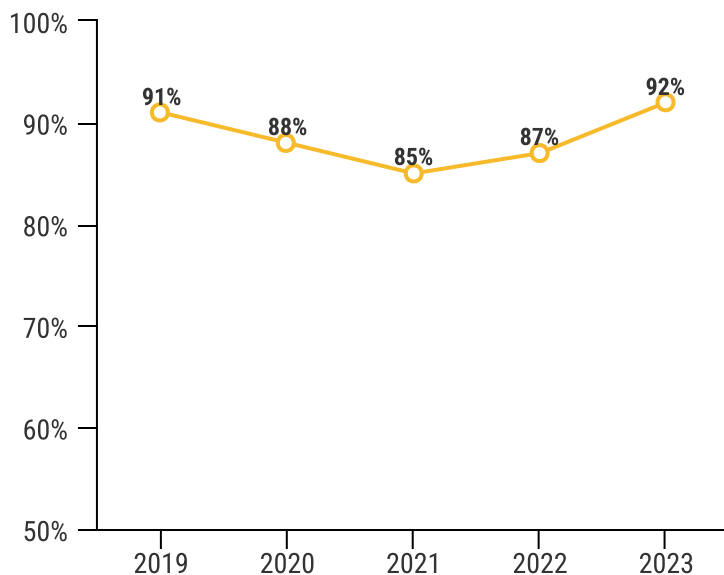


Percentage Fully Completing Community Service

Percentage Fully Paying Restitution to Victims

## Competency Development

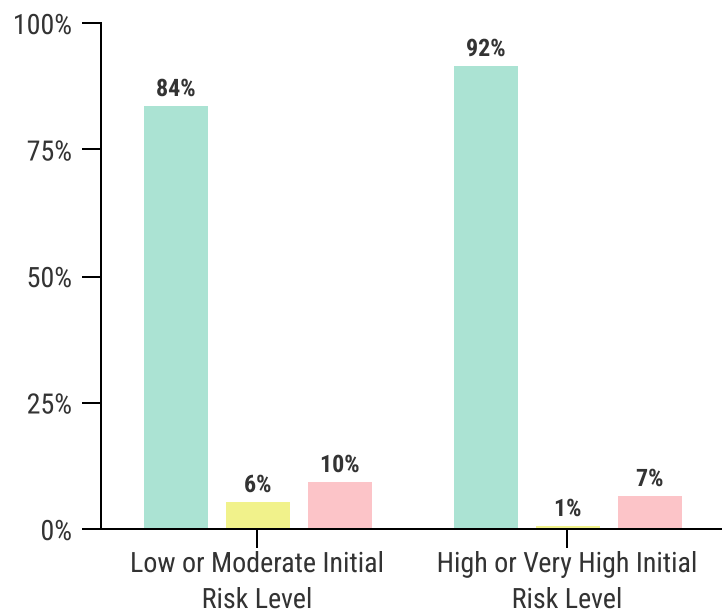
**92% of youth under court ordered supervision were involved in a productive competency development activity at case closing**



Attended school, vocational program, GED training, or employed at case closing

## Data-Driven Decision Making

**The risk level of most youth decreased at time of case closing in 2023, as measured by the validated Youth Level of Service risk assessment instrument**



Risk Level Decreased at Case Closing

Risk Level Remained the Same at Case Closing

Risk Level Increased at Case Closing