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Allegheny County Juvenile Probation's 2025 Balanced and Restorative Justice Report Card

Thirty years ago, Pennsylvania's Special Crime Session of 1995 enacted Act 33, amending the purpose clause of the Juvenile Act to introduce the principles of **Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ)**. This landmark legislation expanded the mission of the juvenile justice system beyond focusing solely on the "best interests of the child." It introduced a balanced approach that emphasizes:

1. Protecting the community
2. Holding juveniles accountable for their actions
3. Helping juveniles develop the skills needed to become law-abiding, productive citizens

Between 1995 and 2010, significant efforts were made to align juvenile justice practices with BARJ. Foundational white papers were developed to clarify each of the three goals, and statewide initiatives helped orient stakeholders around this expanded mission.

By 2010, Pennsylvania was well-positioned to launch the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES)—an initiative grounded in two decades of research on what works to reduce recidivism. This strategy promoted the use of evidence-based tools and practices across the system. In 2012, the Juvenile Act was further amended to require probation officers to "employ evidence-based practices whenever possible" in pursuit of BARJ goals.

The Juvenile Justice Mission Statement was revised to reflect this commitment:

"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."

Additionally, three guiding objectives were established under the JJSES:

- Integrate evidence-based practices at every phase of the juvenile justice process
- Collect and analyze data to measure the outcomes of interventions and activities
- Strengthen the professional development of juvenile probation officers

Since 1998, the Allegheny County Juvenile Probation Department has produced an annual "Report Card" to inform the public of key outcomes aligned with our mission. Each year, data is compiled for every juvenile whose case was closed during the calendar year to highlight system accomplishments and trends. Newly added to the Report Card this year is a set of measures capturing cases that were successfully diverted from formal adjudication of delinquency through services provided by the department.

2025 Outcomes at a Glance

- **514** juvenile cases closed
- Over **\$100,000** in restitution paid to victims
- More than **11,000 hours** of community service completed
- **92%** successfully completed court supervision without reoffending
- Diversion was achieved in **81%** of outcomes through the use of Informal Adjustment, Extended Service, and Consent Decree.

The charts below highlight trends and outcomes for cases closed over the past five years, offering a clear picture of progress and ongoing commitment to the principles of Balanced and Restorative Justice.

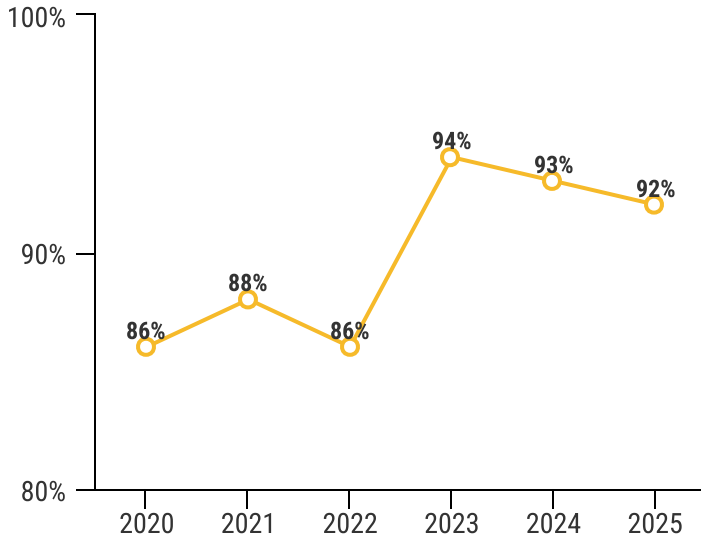
Russell Carlino, Administrator/Chief Probation Officer



Allegheny County Juvenile Probation 2025 Outcome Measures

Community Protection

92% of youth successfully completed supervision.

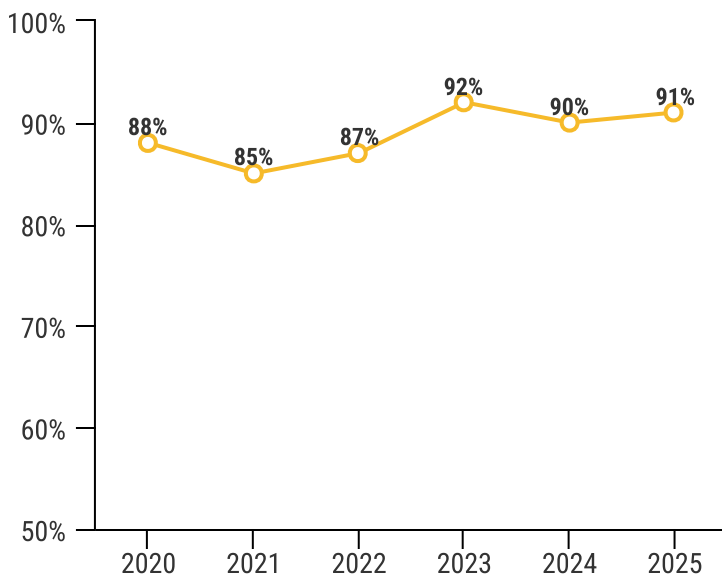


Percentage of youth that successfully completed supervision

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.

Competency Development

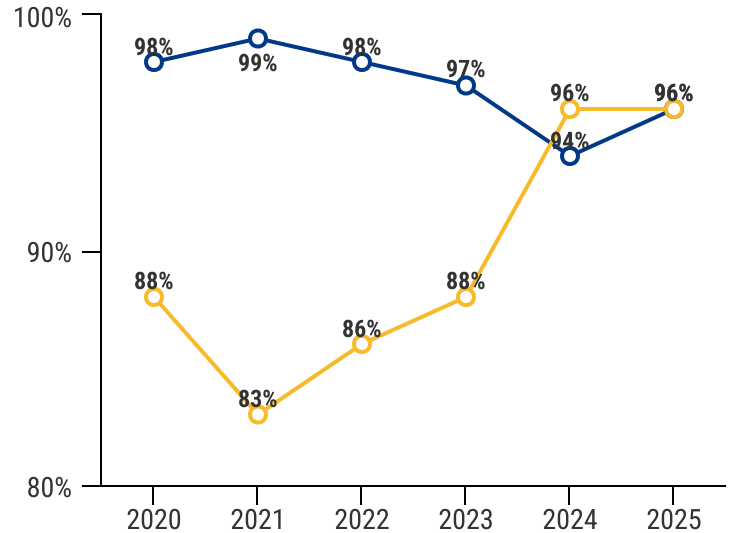
91% of youth under court ordered supervision were involved in a productive competency development activity at case closing.



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

Accountability

At the time of case closing, 96% of youth fully completed community service hours for a total of 11,601 hours, and 96% of youth fully paid restitution to victims for a total amount of \$109,858.

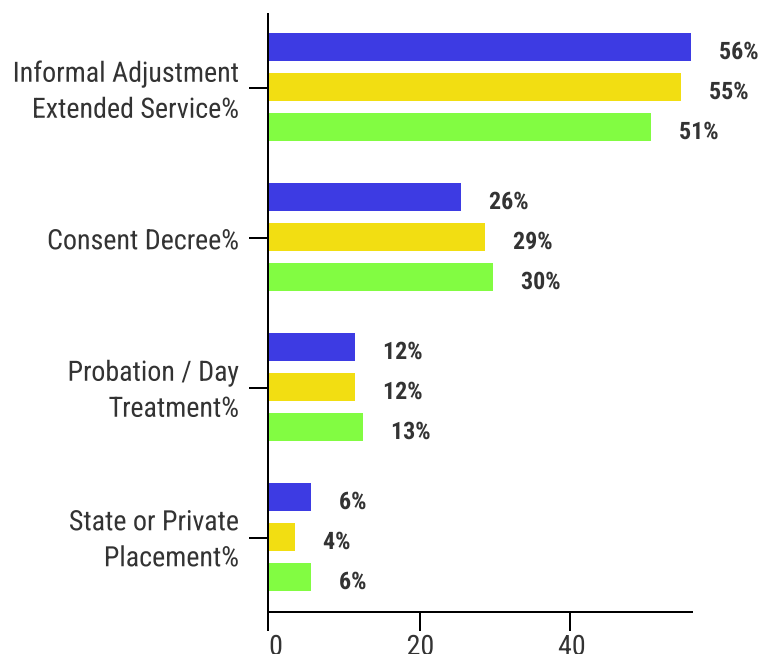


Percentage Fully Completing Community Service

Percentage Fully Paying Restitution to Victims

Disposition Outcomes

In 2025, diversion was achieved in 81% of outcomes through the use of Informal Adjustment, Extended Service, and Consent Decree.



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