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Why reduce institutional commitments and out of home placements

As outlined in the Annie E. Casey monograph “No Place for Kids,*”
Institutional commitment facilities in the deep end of the system are:

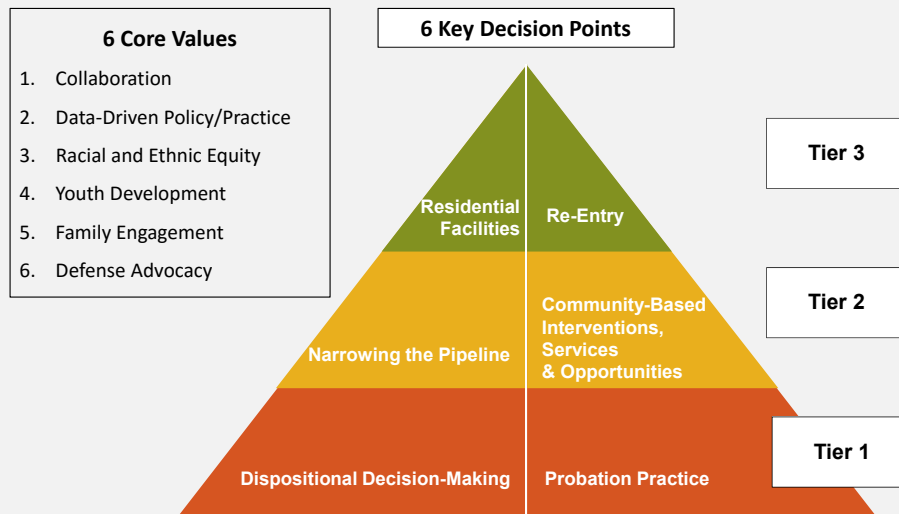
- Dangerous
- Ineffective
- Unnecessary
- Obsolete
- Wasteful
- Inadequate

* <http://www.aecf.org/resources/no-place-for-kids-full-report/>

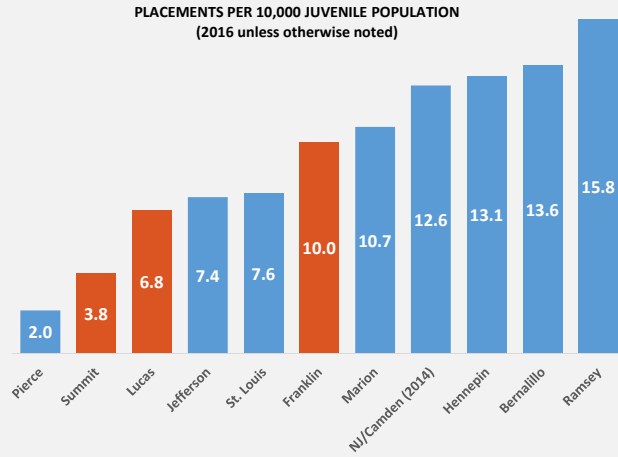
The Goal of the Deep End Initiative:

To safely and significantly reduce out-of-home placements, especially for youth of color.

Deep End Initiative Framework

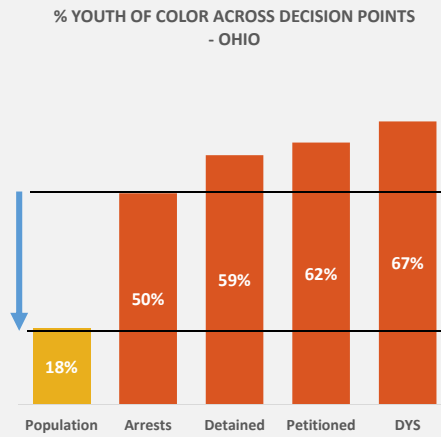


The degree to which the 12 Deep End sites rely on placement varies across sites.



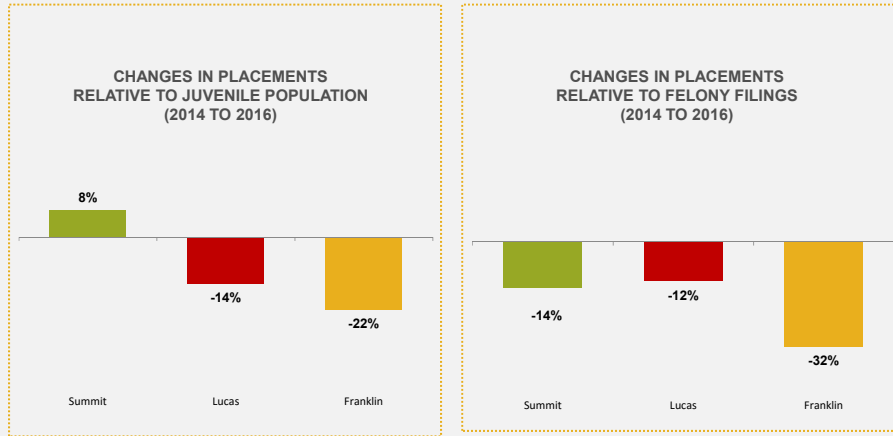
This graph shows the number of placements for every 10,000 young people (under 18) in the jurisdiction's overall population.

Deep End sites aim for equity.



Decision-makers in Deep End sites are crafting policy, practice, and programs in a way that aims to counter pre-existing disparities.

Results from three Ohio County Deep End Initiative Sites



To use the Deep End Performance Measures in your own site, download a tracking sheet from www.aecf.org/deependtoolkit.

Lucas County Ohio

Deep End and Probation Transformation Initiatives

What are we doing to reduce OOH placements and state commitments?

innovations that limit the reach of probation, structure dispositional decisions and leverage family and community partnerships.

- ❖ Structured Decision Making Matrix
- ❖ Expanded Diversion – Misdemeanors Services
- ❖ Community Asset Mapping
- ❖ Family Navigators
- ❖ Community Advisory Board
- ❖ Positive Youth Development

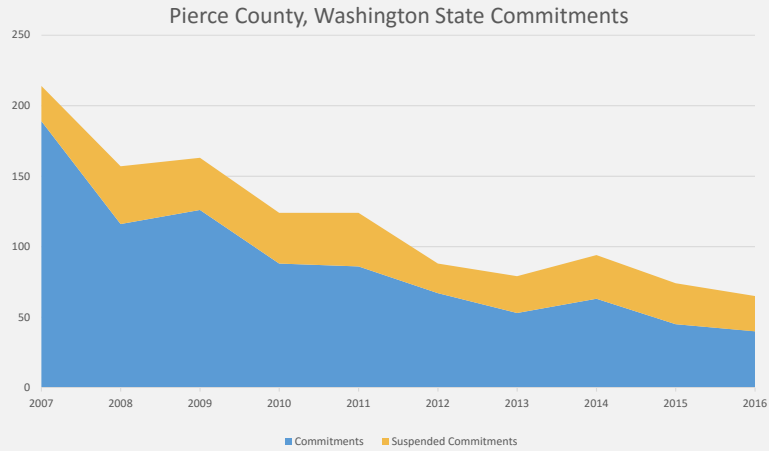


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Pierce County Washington

Deep End and Probation Transformation Initiatives

In Pierce County state commitments have declined.



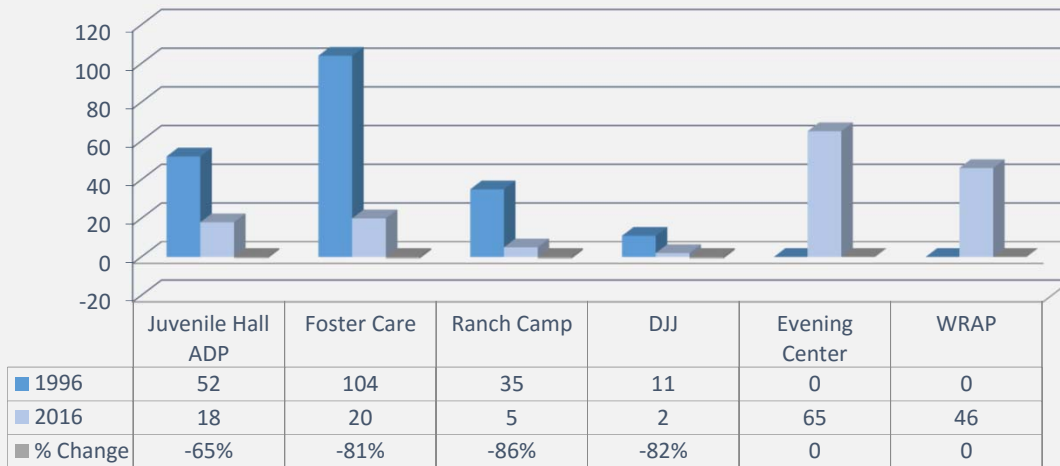
Pierce County, WA (Tacoma) is partnering with families and incentivizing opportunities for positive youth development

- ❖ Opportunity-based probation – incentive grid tied to case plan
- ❖ Coordination of Services – expanded diversion
- ❖ *Pathways to Success*: family partner-led teaming for high risk cases
- ❖ Positive Youth Development programs:
 - Tacoma Boat Builders
 - 2nd Cycle (bicycle program)
 - YMCA Evening program
- ❖ Family Council



Santa Cruz County Juvenile Detention and Deep End Results

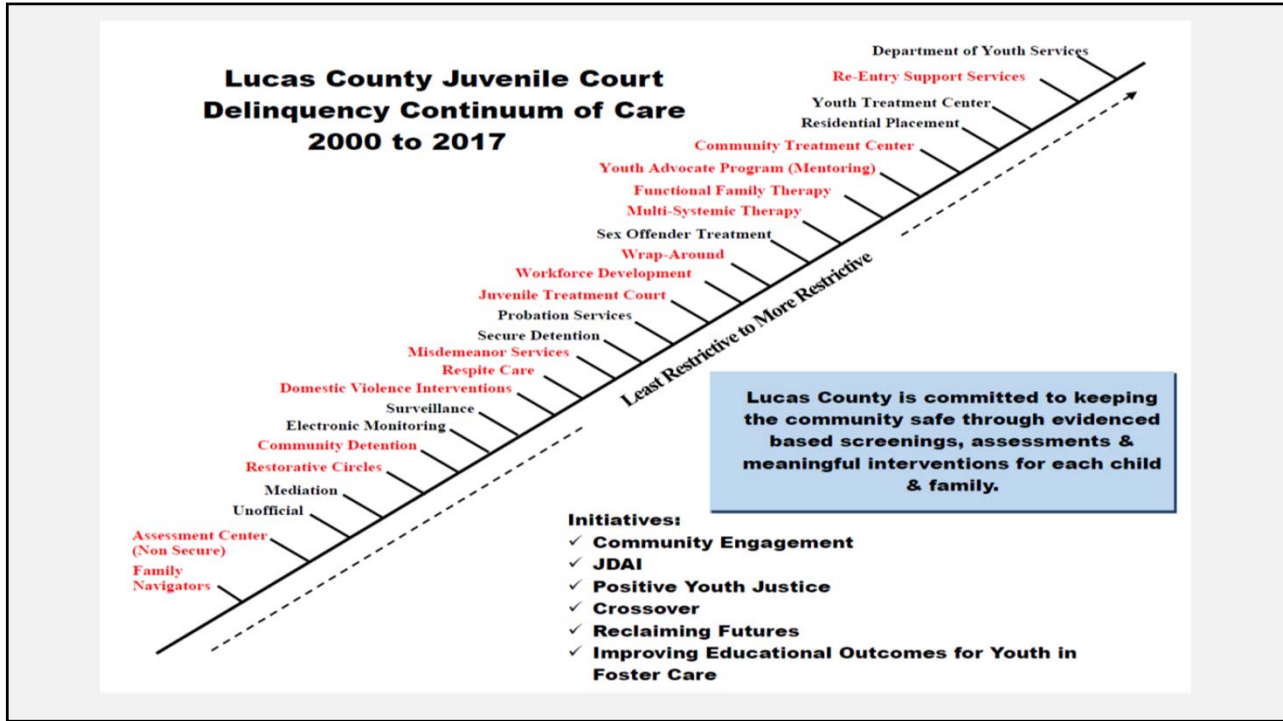
Santa Cruz:
Reductions in institutional commitments and placements, while increasing capacity of community based interventions...



Take away's from results to reduce reliance on the deep end

- It can be done
- State policies and initiatives can support reductions
- Requires data driven process
- Requires capacity to provide developmentally appropriate, responsive services that provide opportunities.
- Requires a focus on race equity.
- Requires inclusion of families and community
- When formal systems partner with community it requires work and staying at the table.

- JDAIConnect – www.jdaiconnect.org
- Deep End Tool Kit – www.aecf.org/deependtoolkit
- Deep End Resource Guide – www.aecf.org/deependresourceguide



What We Do

- Provide support to families during detention visitation
- Offer families the following services
 - Hearing Support
 - Connections to court staff
 - Connections to Community Resources
 - One-on-one or group support/mentoring
- Provide walk-in support Monday through Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm
- Provide monthly support groups
- Empower caregivers to become family ambassadors



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What we Learned – Services Requested

Service Type	Percentage
Hearing Support	65%
Parent In-Person Contact	63%
In-Person Contact	48%
Parent Meetings	25%
Probation Contact	19%
Mental health Linkage	9%
Positive Youth Development Linkage	8%
Resource Staffing	8%
School Linkage	7%
Housing	1%
Clothing	1%
Food	1%



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Equity, Privilege, and Structural Racism

