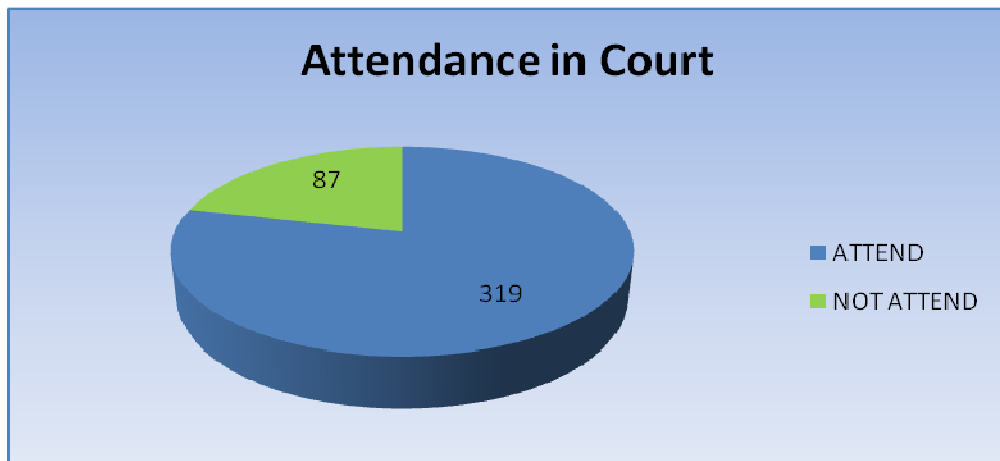


Pierce County Juvenile Court –Strategies to reduce admissions into detention for youth that ‘Fail to Appear’ for court proceedings

Fail To Appear Reduction Program

The FTA Reduction Program provides reminder phone calls and face to face contacts for out of custody pre-trial youth scheduled for arraignment hearings. The protocol/practice of the program is for Community Detention case monitors to call and remind youth/families of their court appearance 2-3 days before the hearing occurs. If a youth/family is not able to be contacted via a telephone communication, Community Detention Monitors attempt to contact the youth/family in the community (i.e. home or school visit). The program is also able to provide bus tickets and transportation for families that have transportation challenges. The following chart shows the overall number of youth who appeared (79%) and did not appear (21%) for court after being contacted by ADS staff.

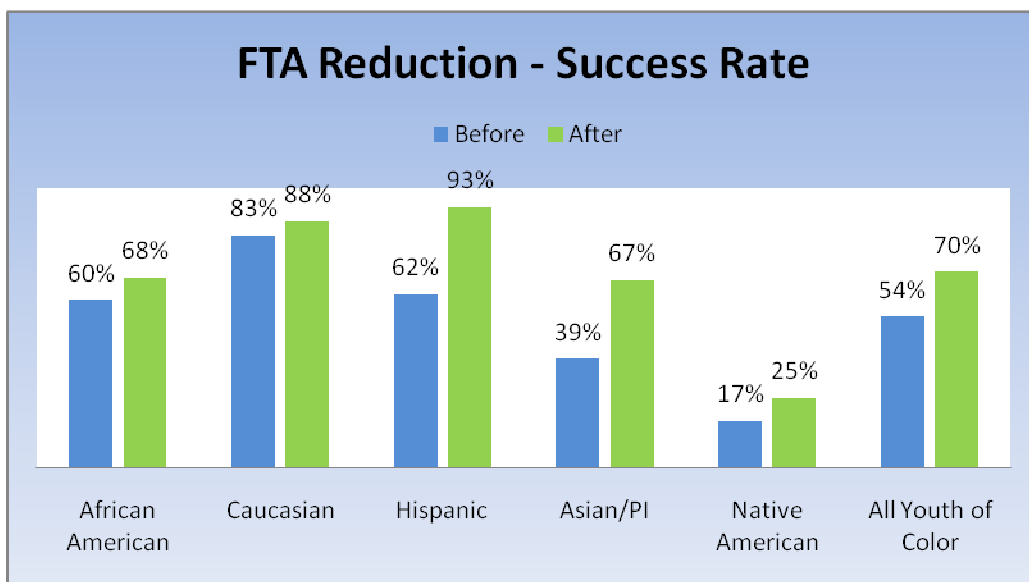


The impact on DMC is broken down as follows:

Race/Ethnicity	Successful 2009	Unsuccessful 2009
African American	68%	32%
Caucasian	84%	16%
Hispanic	78%	22%
Asian/Pacific Islander	64%	36%
Native American	40%	60%

A more in-depth assessment of the program shows that 84% of youth contacted by CDET attended their scheduled hearings. This is encouraging because CDET contacts were a program enhancement the court made at the end of the 3rd quarter of 2008 based on data that reflected lack of success for youth of color. The chart below highlights the data since the

program enhancement was made; the first 3 quarters of 2008 (before) vs. the first three quarters of 2009 (after).

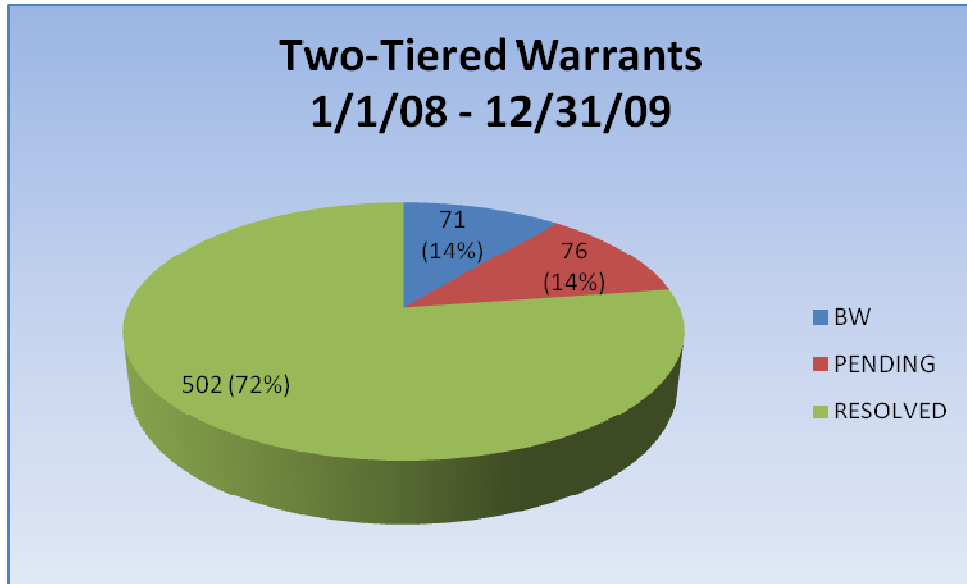


The next chart outlines the most effective method of contact by race/ethnicity for youth participating in the program.

Race/Ethnicity	Type of Contact	Success Rate
African American	CDET	82%
Caucasian	Phone	88%
Hispanic	Phone	85%
Asian/Pacific Islander	CDET	100%
Native American	Voicemail	100%

Two-Tiered Warrant

The Two-Tiered Bench Warrant is an option intended for youth that fail to appear for court on misdemeanor or Class C felony pre-trial court proceedings as well as for youth that have no prior FTA history. In the event of either of these, the court has the discretion to issue a 'non-custodial warrant'. If the youth is arrested by police on this type of warrant, the youth is released from detention that day (PRR), and scheduled to appear for a court date sometime in the next two weeks. The following charts track overall and specific outcomes by ethnicity for youth that received a Two-Tier warrant in 2009. 'Resolved' means the youth is no longer on bench warrant status and the pre-trial matter was adjudicated or dismissed. 'Pending' means the youth is no longer on bench warrant status but the pre-trial case is still open. 'Bench Warrant' means the youth is currently under bench warrant status.

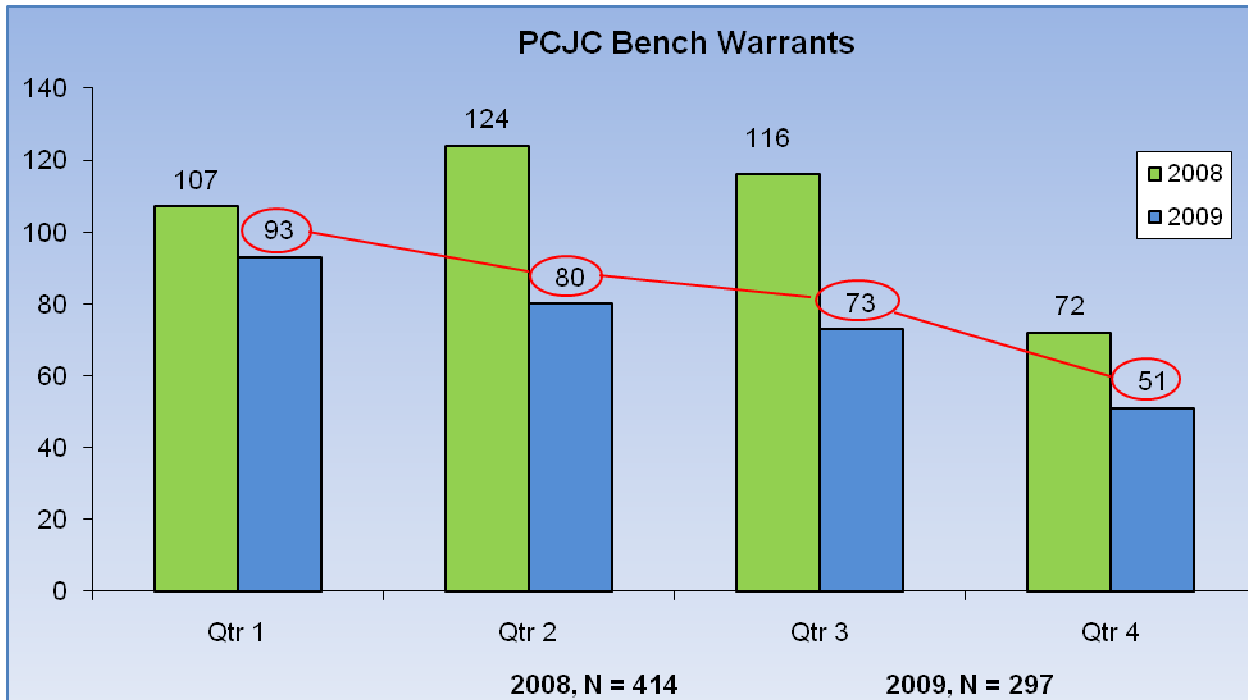


The impact on DMC is broken down as follows:

Race/Ethnicity	Resolved/Pending 2009
African American	85%
Caucasian	88%
Hispanic	85%
Asian/Pacific Islander	87%
Native American	50%

Bench Warrants

The Final charts magnify the overall impact these intentional strategies have had on reducing Failure to Appear bench warrants in 2009.



PCJC Bench Warrant by Ethnicity

