



Evening Reporting Center

Background:

In August 2006, Rite of Passage forged an alliance with D.J.J.S. to open the Evening Reporting Center (ERC). Since that time, the ERC has added highly qualified dedicated staff and are Mentor-Service Coordinators who bring a vast and full background of experience working with youth in need.

The goal of the ERC is to minimize re-arrest and Failure-To-Appear rates at court dates, and to provide a structured therapeutic program to youth ages 13-18. Male and female clients are offered individual counseling, group counseling, basic skills training and employment training. In conjunction with the client, the family, the probation officer, and the Mentor-Service Coordinator, develop a prescribed treatment plan, which includes specific goals and objectives. These goals are identified as developing long term skills and character development such as: working within the community in order to learn the benefit of contribution, working on personal issues, addressing family issues, being accountable by checking in with their Mentor-Service Coordinator, staying clean of drugs and alcohol, and following the rules of the Center, their school, and their home. When goals are reached, there are monthly youth recognition activities to promote positive behaviors and attitude.



One of the most critical aspects of transitional services is the ability to communicate with the



designated probation representatives on a regular basis. The ERC continually monitors the client's success pertaining to their treatment plan with weekly progress reports and monthly meetings to review treatment services and progression. When violations occur there are incident reports to the probation officer. As many of the clients and family do not have transportation, the ERC provides transportation assistance to all counseling sessions and work, if applicable. Since January 2007, there has been the unique opportunity for parents to attend parenting classes on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Through this program, clients receive mentoring, tracking, family counseling and crisis counseling intervention designed to empower them to live successfully in their home communities. Clients demonstrate competencies in independent living, educational-vocational training, job placement, and family systems. These accomplishments culminate into the youths' successful completion of the transitional services program and terms of their probation.

Boys Program:

The target population has been male youth aged 13-18 who would otherwise be detained in the Juvenile Justice Detention Center. Youth referred to the ERC program may have a history of abuse

and/or neglect. Youth may also have a history of offenses against persons and/or property, drug use, disruptive in school, gang member or runaway. Rite of Passage will generally disqualify a youth who has severe mental health needs and /or drug dependency that requires inpatient detoxification.

Rite of Passage has operated within the framework of the JDAI objectives while providing youth with services directed at helping them succeed and become productive member of their schools and communities. The ERC has provided structured services, support and activities in a community environment as an alternative to secure detention.

The Right of Passage staff emphasize success at school and provide both tutoring and homework assistance to the youth. Numerous evaluations have indicated that school related success is important to the successful completion of probation.

Program activities have included life skills, including independent living skills, as well as meal preparation, employment skills, and substance abuse programming. Guest speakers have been utilized to cover topics about Planned Parenthood, gang intervention, and conflict resolution. Group focus areas have included anger management, conflict resolution, problem solving, and multicultural education.

Boys Program Outcomes:

Referrals:	203 males referred to the program
Acceptance:	100% (Average of 17 referrals per month)
Average LOS:	22 days
Positive Discharge:	152 youth (75%)
Negative Discharge:	51 youth (25%)
Average Daily Attendance:	91%
Court Appearances:	96% made their court date
Urinalysis:	48 total tests were administered (New procedures under review)
Positive:	36 youth (75%)
Negative:	12 youth (25%)
New Charges:	12 males were arrested on new charges while in the program. This is 6% of the total males in the ERC
Average cost per day:	\$51.65
X 22 day ALOS:	\$1136.30
Total monthly cost:	\$19,222.00
Total annual cost:	\$230,664.00

Girls Program:

The Girls Program has an "event-based" gender-specific curriculum that accommodates the 5 to 21 day length of stay. There is greater emphasis on some services for girls than on those provided to the boys. However, the greatest difference has been in the theoretical approach to working with girls. Rite of Passage has provided an accepting environment that balances structure and accountability with care and compassion, based on relationships with educated, experienced, and well-trained staff as role models.

Rite of Passage provides a structured day, which enhances the total environment, supports the expectations and structure necessary with this population, and contributes to the young women establishing trust with the direct care staff; the daily schedule is set and the rules will not change no matter what a girl does or how she behaves.

According to research, gender-specific programming aims to create an environment where young women can develop and strengthen their female identities. The educational program has integrated

academics with a learning environment that nurtures and reinforces social and emotional skills, as well as the decision making and life skills needed to transition successfully.

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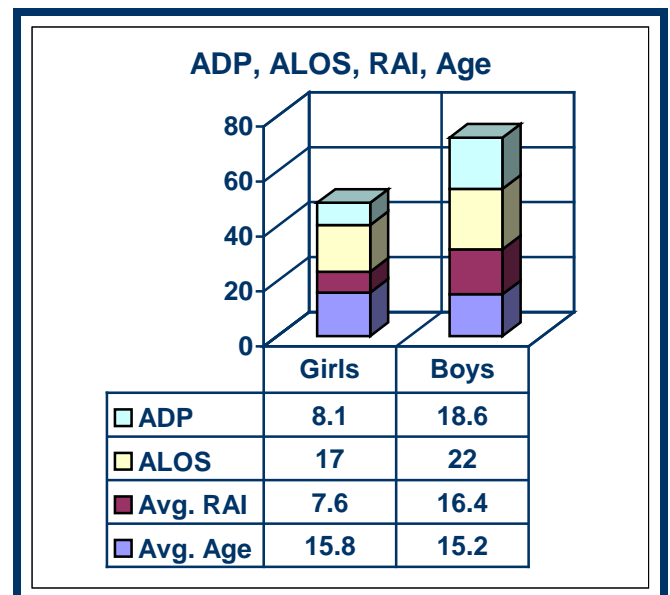
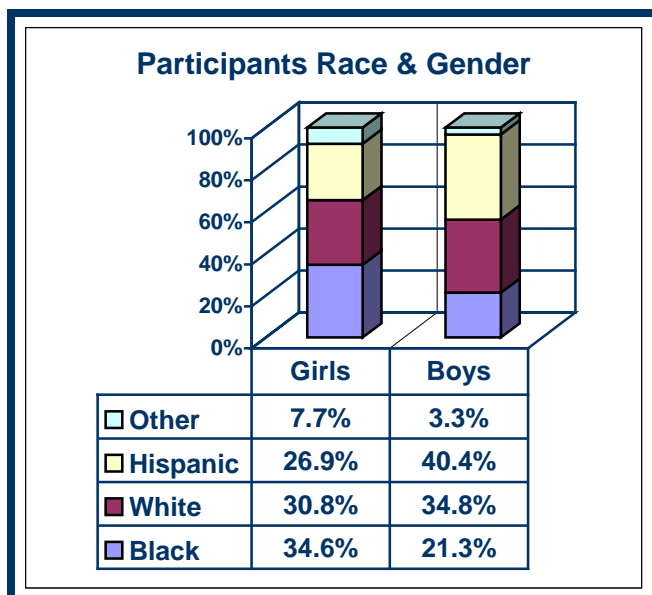
Referrals:	85 females referred to the program
Acceptance:	100% (Average of 7 referrals per month)
Average LOS:	17 days
Positive Discharge:	58 youth (68%)
Negative Discharge:	27 youth (32%)
Average Daily Attendance:	88%
Court Appearances:	93% made their court date
Urinalysis:	26 total tests were administered (New procedures under review)
Positive:	12 youth (45%)
Negative:	14 youth (55%)
New Charges:	2 females were arrested on new charges while in the program. This is 7% of the total females in the ERC
Average cost per day:	\$110.89
X 17 day ALOS:	\$1885.31
Total monthly cost:	\$13,353.60
Total annual cost:	\$160,243.20

Summary and Conclusions:

The ERC has an "event based" curriculum that accommodates the 15 to 25 day length of stay. Through support, structure and supervision of youth, Rite of Passage has demonstrated an extremely high percentage of youth returning to court hearings and they do not commit other delinquent offenses while delinquency proceedings are pending.

The number one objective has been to minimize re-arrest and failure to appear rates for pending adjudication; and in this regard, the ERC has proven a successful alternative to secure detention.

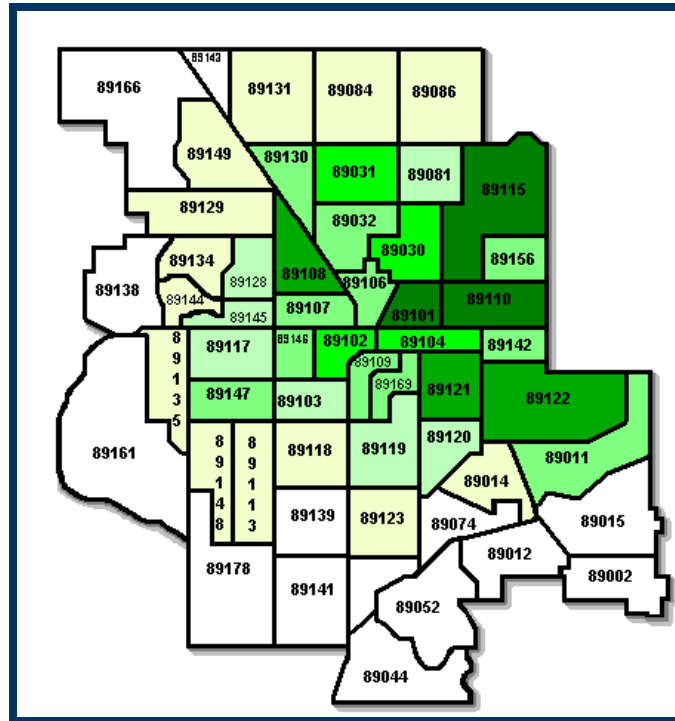
Snapshot Statistics and Subjective Results:



Top 10 Zipcodes Served:

(Darker green equals more referrals)

89101 = 26, 89115 = 25, 89110 = 20, 89108 = 18, 89121 = 16,
 89122 = 11, 89102 = 10, 89030 = 8, 89031 = 8, 89104 = 8



Exit Interview Survey Results:

- # 1: The ERC Program has been a good experience for me.
- # 2: I have learned new skills and information through the program.
- # 3: I can apply the things I've learned after I complete the program.
- # 4: The staff have been responsive to my needs and treated me with respect.

