

New Jersey Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative
 Innovation, Improvement, or Institutionalization of Policy/Practice:
 Model Activities

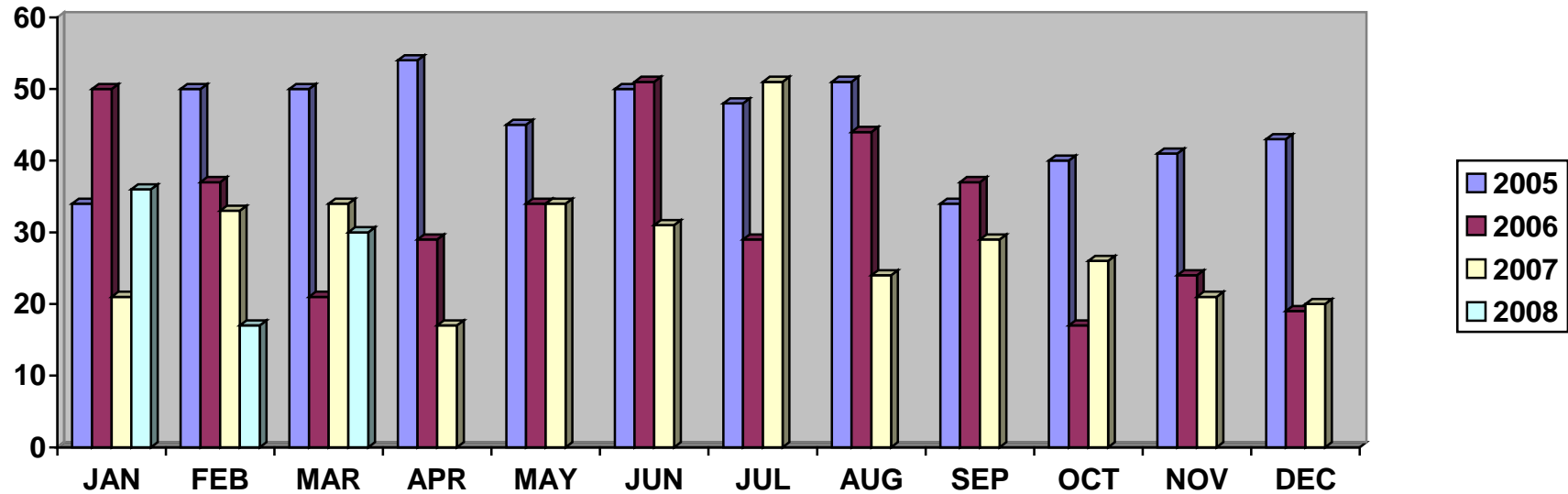
ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

Site:	HUDSON
Primary Core Strategy Area:	Using Data
Secondary Core Strategy Area:	Special Cases: Probation, Violations, etc.
Title/Name of Activity:	VOP Monthly Data Reports
Activity Start Date:	1/1/2006

Description of Activity:	Hudson County Probation began tracking the overall number of VOPs filed by month, as well as the percent change compared to prior years. This data is prepared by the Vicinage Chief of Probation, reported in table and graph form, and shared/discussed with probation staff, the Hudson County Local Steering Committee, and the Juvenile Court Judges.
Problem or Need this Activity Addressed:	Probation has implemented a number of policy and practice changes designed to provide probation officers with additional tools for responding to noncompliance, prior to filing a formal VOP. Without regular data, the effectiveness of these and future policy changes would remain unknown.
Data/Info that Identified this Problem or Need:	Prior to implementing this data effort, Probation was not routinely tracking the overall number of VOPs filed.
Impact/Results of this Activity:	Tracking the overall number of VOPs filed and generating monthly reports provides Probation not only with an internal management tool for assessing effectiveness, but promotes information-sharing and dialogue among key actors. Probation can now readily monitor and assess the effects of their intermediate sanctions and adjustment conference strategies, and has been able to clearly demonstrate the positive impact. Moreover, sharing the monthly report has fostered dialogue with other juvenile court personnel. The information is shared directly with the Juvenile Court Judges, which provides a platform for discussing the quality of formal VOPs submitted to the court. It seems an added benefit of reducing the overall volume of VOPs, is that those VOPs that are in fact filed are of increased quality.
Next Steps or Additional Comments:	Currently the Vicinage Chief of Probation prepares the reports via manual calculation. However, the Probation department has implemented a Microsoft Access database for tracking VOPs, and once the reports module is developed, the database will automatically generate the VOP monthly data reports.
List Attachments (if any):	Hudson Monthly VOP Report. (See also: Special Cases – Probation Intermediate Sanctions/Adjustment Conferences for information regarding how Hudson achieved the results indicated in the attached report)
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HUDSON MONTHLY VOP REPORT



	2005		2006			2007			2008		
	#	Cumulative #	#	Cum. #	% Change '05-'06	#	Cum. #	% Change '06-'07	#	Cum. #	% Change '07-'08
JAN	34	--	50	--	--	21	--	--	36	--	--
FEB	50	84	37	87	+3.6%	33	54	-39.0%	17	53	-2.0%
MAR	50	134	21	108	-19.4%	34	88	-18.6%	30	83	-6.0%
APR	54	188	29	137	-27.1%	17	105	-23.3%			
MAY	45	233	34	171	-48.1%	34	139	-19.0%			
JUN	50	283	51	222	-21.6%	31	170	-23.5%			
JUL	48	331	29	251	-24.2%	51	221	-12.0%			
AUG	51	382	44	295	-22.7%	24	245	-17.0%			
SEP	34	416	37	332	-20.2%	29	274	-17.5%			
OCT	40	456	17	349	-23.5%	26	300	-14.1%			
NOV	41	497	24	373	-25.0%	21	321	-13.9%			
DEC	43	540	19	392	-28.0%	20	341	-13.1%			

YEAR-TO-DATE CHANGE (JAN-MAR)		FULL YEAR/ANNUAL CHANGE	
2005-2008 (3 Year Change)	2007-2008 (1 Year Change)	2005-2007	

