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Program Overview

The St. Clair County Teen Court serves as an alternative approach to juvenile justice that holds first-time non-violent youth accountable for their actions through remedies imposed by their peers and restorative justice conferencing participants. The program emphasizes accountability and responsibility instead of applying traditional punitive measures, thereby focusing on balanced and restorative justice which is the policy statement of the Illinois Juvenile Court Act.

Through this restorative approach, special emphasis is placed on restoring individuals who have been harmed, the respondent who caused the harm, and taking steps toward broader community healing. As respondents assume responsibility for their actions, and through successful completion of their remedies, those cases will not be charged in juvenile court.

Our youth respondents have more opportunities to access housing, higher education, armed forces, and other desirable career options as they successfully transition into adulthood. Each respondent is given 90 days to complete their restorative justice remedies to prevent the case from being returned to the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office for prosecution. Teen Court is a collaborative effort administered by the St. Clair County Juvenile Justice Council in cooperation with the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office and the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department.

Due to COVID-19, some of our Teen Court sessions were convened virtually. As mandates were lifted, we were able to host our annual training and many sessions in-person at our new location, thanks to the St. Clair County Regional Office of Education. Teen Court maintained momentum by continuing to engage peer jurors, volunteers, respondents and their families.

In this report, you will learn how Teen Court continued to meet the needs of young people during the pandemic and reopening phase by connecting them to supportive services to promote their safety, mental health, stronger relationships, and communal healing.

We Appreciate the Generosity of These Champions of Youth

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Belleville Boot Company

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St. Clair County Regional Office of Education

St. Clair County Sheriff's Department

St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office

Teen Court Peer Jurors and Volunteers

The Benefits of Implementing a Restorative Justice-Based Diversion Program

Teen Court benefits Youth Respondents by:

- Providing each young person with an opportunity to recognize the consequences of his/her behavior, actions and to make conscience decisions for correction and improvement.
- Allowing each young person to be held responsible and provided with a second chance to pursue future goals and aspirations.
- Granting each young person with an opportunity to repair harm to restore self, victim(s), and community.
- Diverting youth through early interventions and restorative supports, the program assists with rebuilding the whole person.
- Connecting youth to community service opportunities in partnership with area businesses and nonprofits. Youth are paired with a mentor, most often an off-duty sheriff's deputy to reinforce restorative justice principles highlighted in Teen Court sessions.

Teen Court benefits the Peer Jurors by:

- Giving them an opportunity to develop a sense of empathy and compassion as they interact with other young people from different racial/ethnic groups, socio-economic status and communities.
- Increases their knowledge, skills, and abilities: civic/community engagement, youth leadership, critical thinking, communication, teamwork, and social skills.
- Allows jurors to be “change agents” within their schools and community by setting a positive example for other young people to consider.
- Prepares jurors for real life experiences.

Teen Court benefits the Community by:

- Serving as an early intervention and prevention program.
- Promoting the principles of Restorative Justice and Trauma-Informed Care.
- Connecting respondents to community-based resources and services to impact positive youth development outcomes.
- Educating youth about the legal system.
- Encouraging civic engagement and responsibility.
- Supporting a reduction in recidivism while improving youth development outcomes.

Teen Court Program History from December 2014 - June 2021

Program Year 1: December 2014 – June 2015

TOTAL Participants	24 Respondents
Successful Completions	12 Graduates

Program Year 2: July 2015 – June 2016

TOTAL Participants	38 Respondents
Successful Completions	35 Graduates

Program Year 3: July 2016 – June 2017

TOTAL Participants	56 Respondents
Successful Completions	41 Graduates

Program Year: 4: July 2017 - June 2018

TOTAL Participants	39 Respondents
TOTAL Declined	21 Failed to Respond
Successful Completions	38 Graduates

Program Year 5: July 2018 - June 2019

TOTAL Participants	34 Respondents
TOTAL Declined	15 Failed to Respond
Successful Completions	36 Graduates

Program Year 6: July 2019 - June 2020

TOTAL Participants	27 Respondents
TOTAL Declined	10 Failed to Respond
Successful Completions	32 Graduates

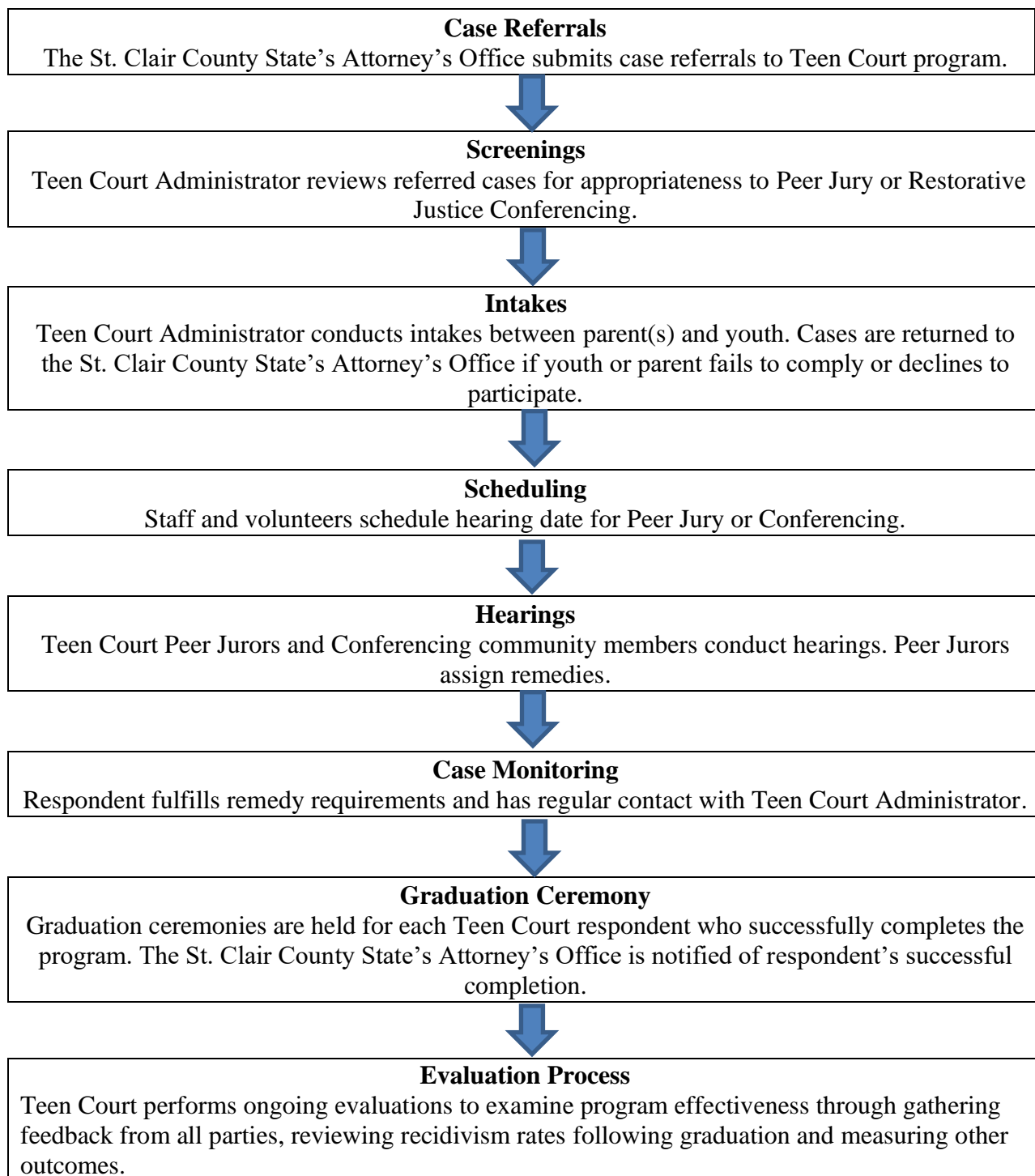
Program Year 7: July 2020 – June 2021

TOTAL Participants	13 Respondents
Successful Completions	12 Graduates

Program Year 8: July 2021 – June 2022

TOTAL Participants	17 Respondents
TOTAL Declined	7 Failed to Respond
Successful Completions	14 Graduates

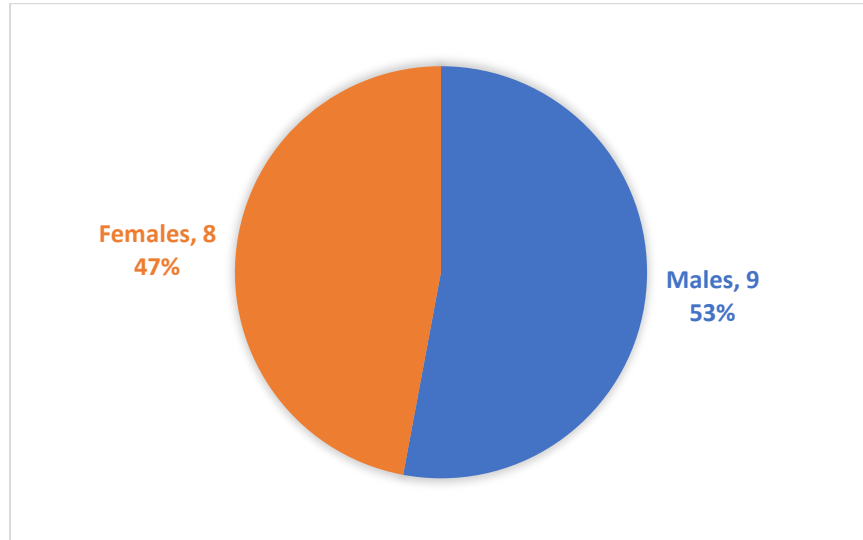
St. Clair County Teen Court Process



July 2021 – June 2022

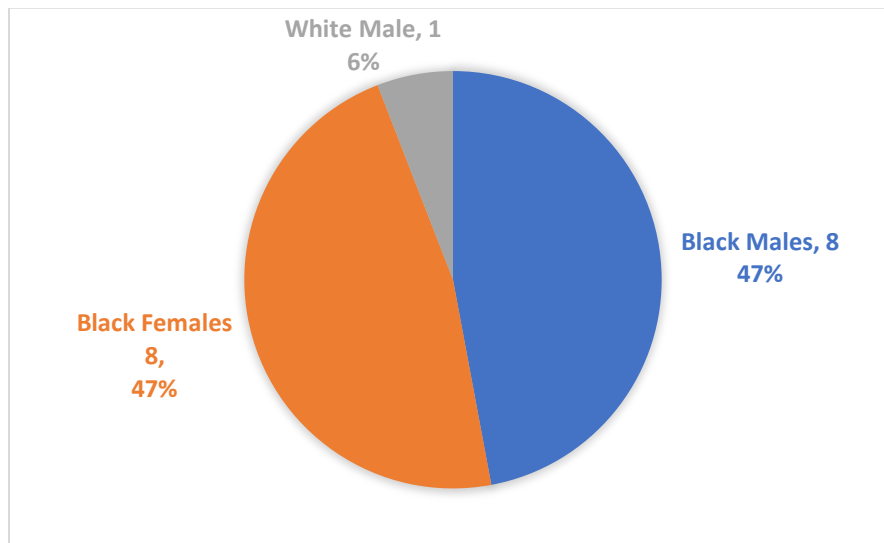
The chart below provides a breakdown of each respondent's gender appearing before Teen Court during the July 2021 – June 2022 program year.

Figure 1. *Respondents by Gender*



The chart below provides a breakdown of each respondent's race and gender appearing before Teen Court during the July 2021 – June 2022 program year.

Figure 2. *Respondents by Race and Gender*



Respondents by Race, Gender and Age

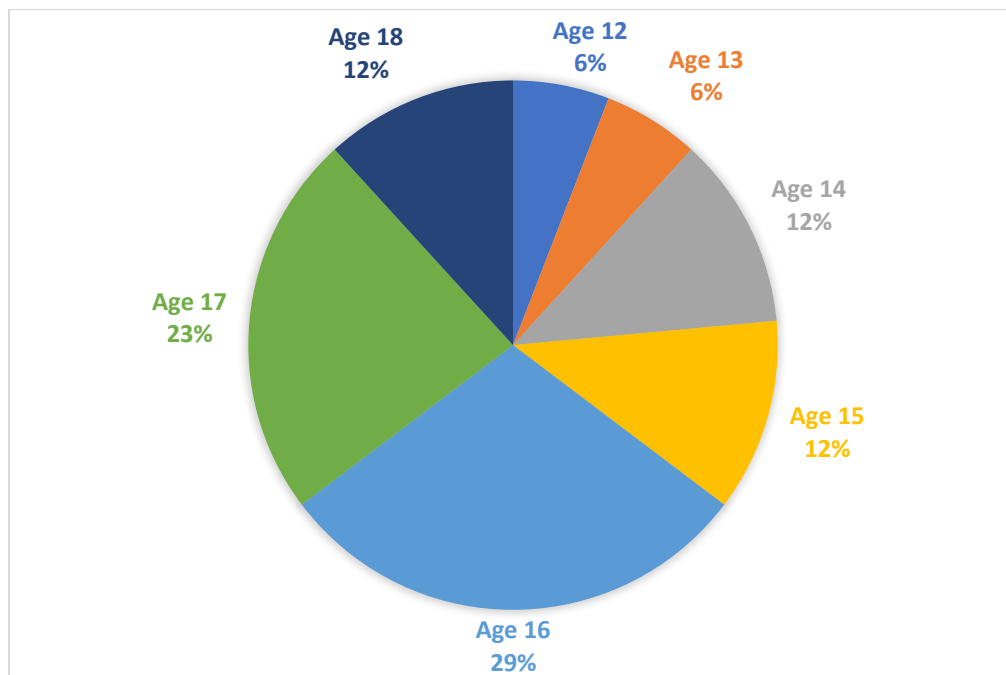
The chart below provides a breakdown of each respondent's race and gender appearing before Teen Court during the July 2021 – June 2022 program year.

Figure 3. *Respondents by Race and Gender*

Race	Male	Female	Total
Black	8	8	16
White	1	0	1
Total	9	8	17

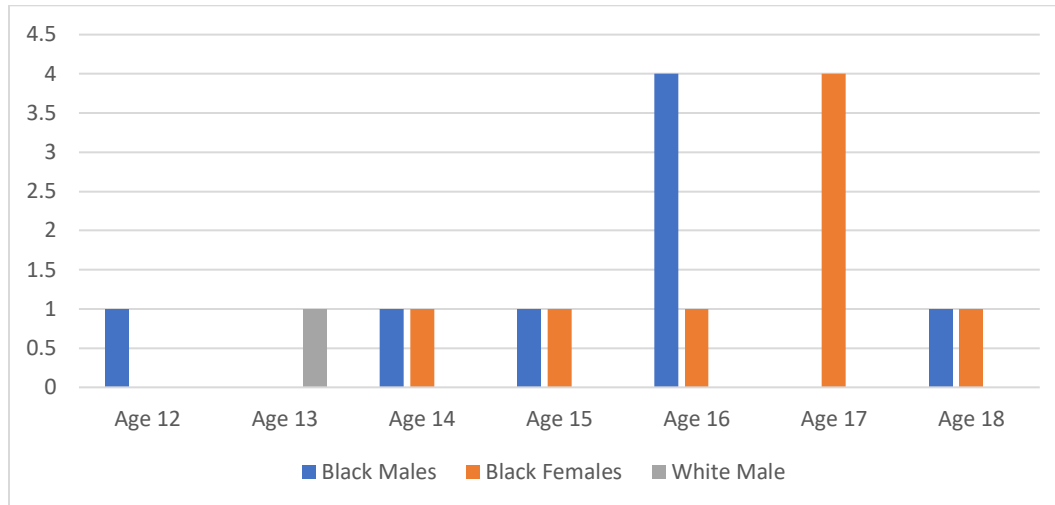
The chart below provides a breakdown of each respondent's age appearing before Teen Court during the July 2021 – June 2022 program year.

Figure 4. *Respondents by Age (Total) and Percentage*



The chart below provides a breakdown of each respondent's gender, race and age appearing before Teen Court during the July 2021 – June 2022 program year.

Figure 5. Respondents by Gender, Race and Age



The chart below provides a breakdown of schools attended by each respondent appearing before Teen Court during the July 2021 – June 2022 program year.

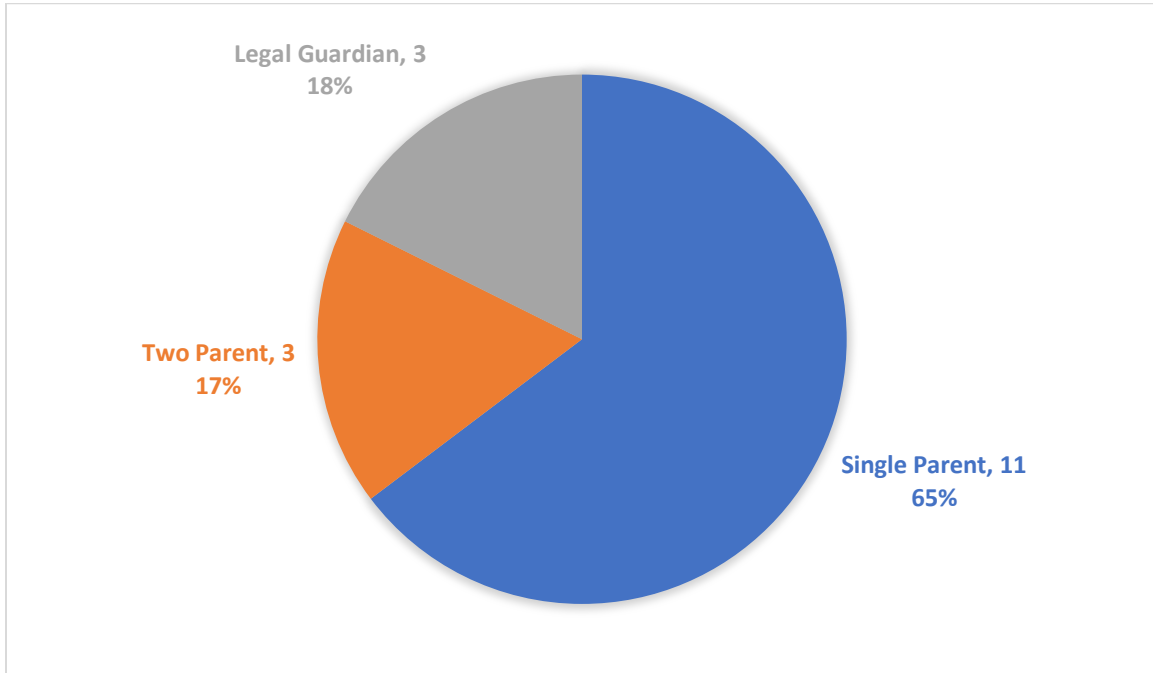
Figure 6. Respondents by Schools

Schools	Number of Students Attending
Belleville East High School	3
Belleville West High School	2
Cahokia High School	2
East St. Louis High School	3
Edward A. Fulton Jr. High School	1
Lincoln Middle School	1
SIUE – Charter School	1
Currently Not Attending School	3
Unknown	1
Total	17 Students

Household Status

The chart below provides a breakdown of each respondent's family status appearing before Teen Court during the July 2021 – June 2022 program year.

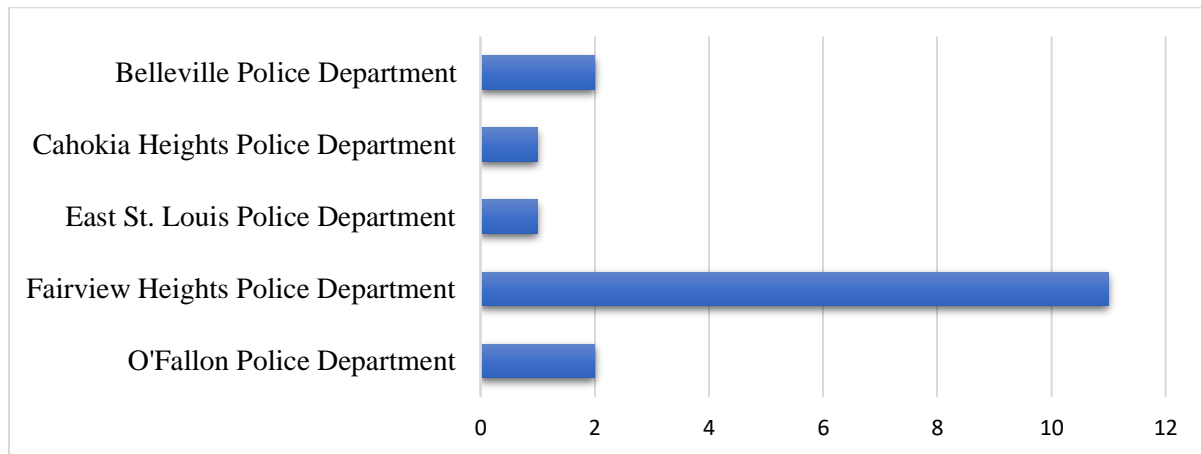
Figure 7. *Respondents by Household*



Referring Police Departments

Figure 8. *Referring Police Department*

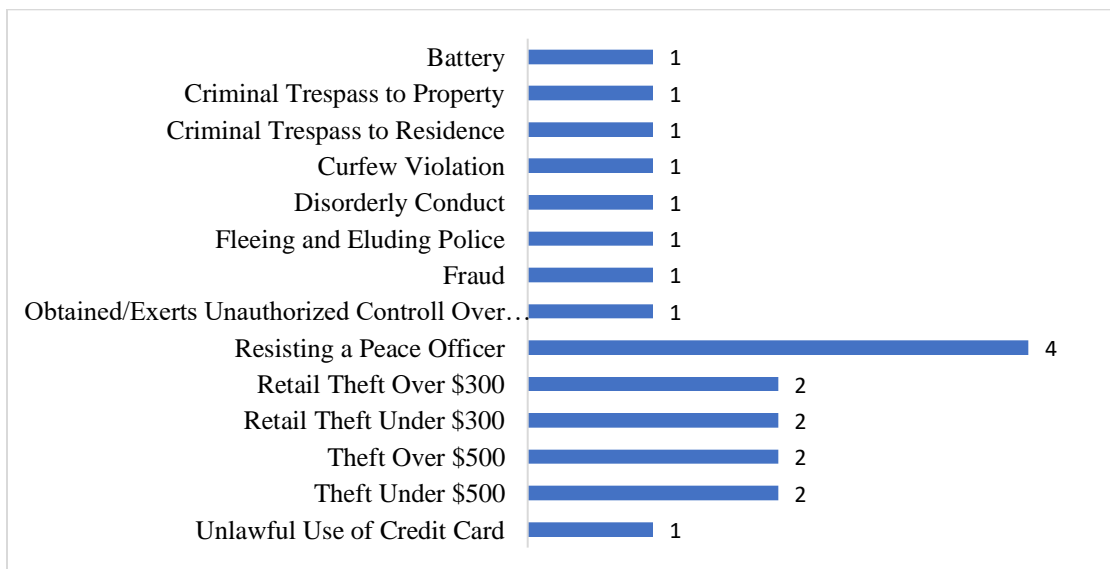
The chart below provides a breakdown of each police department that was involved with referring cases to Teen Court during July 2021 – June 2022 program year.



Please note: A large shopping center with many retail stores is in Fairview Heights, IL which explains the high number of referrals related to the theft and retail theft in comparison to other police departments.

The chart below provides a breakdown of all offenses committed by respondents appearing before Teen Court during the July 2021 – June 2022 program year.

Figure 9. *Offenses Committed*



Offenses by Race and Gender

The chart below provides a breakdown of all offenses committed by respondents appearing before Teen Court during the July 2021 – June 2022 program year. Some respondents committed more than one offense.

Figure 10. *Offense Chart by Race and Gender*

Offense Type	Black Males	Black Females	White Male	Total
Battery		1		1
Criminal Damage to Property	1			1
Criminal Trespass to Residence	1			1
Curfew Violation			1	1
Disorderly Conduct		2		2
Fleeing and Eluding Police			1	1
Fraud	1			1
Obtained/Exerts Unauthorized Control Over Property	1			1
Resisting a Peace Officer	1	3		4
Retail Theft Over \$300	1	1		2
Retail Theft Under \$300		2		2

Theft Over \$500	1	1		2
Theft Under \$500	2			2
Unlawful Use of Credit Card	1			1
Total Number of Offenses	10	10	2	22

Teen Court Cases, Offense Type, Race, Gender, Age and Referring Police Departments

The chart below provides a breakdown of all Teen Court cases heard, offense type, race, gender, age, and referring police departments.

Figure 11. *Cases, Offenses, Race, Gender, Age and Referring Police Departments*

1 Case of Battery

(1) Black Female, Age 17 – O’Fallon Police Department

1 Case of Criminal Damage to Property

(1) Black Male, Age 12 – East St. Louis Police Department

1 Case of Criminal Trespass to Residence

(1) Black Male, Age 18 – Cahokia Heights Police Department

2 Cases of Disorderly Conduct

(2) Black Females, Ages 14 and 15 – Fairview Heights Police Department

1 Case of Fleeing and Eluding Police and Curfew Violation

(1) White Male, Age 13 – O’Fallon Police Department

1 Case of Obtained/Exerts Unauthorized Control Over Property and Theft Over \$500

(1) Black Male, Age 16 – Belleville Police Department

4 Cases of Resisting a Peace Officer

(1) Black Male, Age 16 – O’Fallon Police Department

(3) Black Females, Ages 14, 15 and 16 – Fairview Heights Police Department

2 Cases of Retail Theft Under \$300

(2) Black Females, Both age 17 – Fairview Heights Police Department

2 Cases of Retail Theft Over \$300

- (1) Black Male, Age 16 – Fairview Heights Police Department
- (1) Black Female, Age 17 – Fairview Heights Police Department

1 Case of Theft Over \$500

- (1) Black Female, Age 18 – Fairview Heights Police Department

2 Cases of Theft Under \$500

- (2) Black Males, Ages 14 and 15 – Fairview Heights Police Department

1 Case of Unlawful Use of a Credit Card and Fraud

- (1) Black Male, Age 16 – Belleville Police Department

Teen Court Restorative Justice Remedies

Community Service Hours

During this program year, Teen Court was able to refer respondents for community services as COVID-19 safety mandates were lifted. Through our partnership with R3 Construction and St. Vincent DePaul, our respondents served onsite by distributing food, stocking shelves and rehabbing houses in East St. Louis. Prior to COVID-19, our other community service sites included the Shelter Shop and the Tapestry of Community Offerings (TOCO) Shop in Belleville, IL.

Individual & Family Counseling Referrals (In-person and Telehealth)

Teen Court connects youth with community-based counseling services to improve social-emotional health outcomes. Throughout the pandemic, counseling has been a vital resource to assist respondents with accessing healthcare to address behavioral and mental health, trauma, grief, homelessness, family instability and other counseling needs. This year, Teen Court made referrals to the following:

- Chestnut Mental Health Juvenile Justice (MHJJ)
- Heartlinks Grief Counseling
- School-Based Counseling
- Independent Counselors

Counseling to Approved Alcohol Anonymous (AA) or Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Meetings

Teen Court respondents who disclose or may be at risk of substance use may be ordered to attend a teen-friendly AA or NA meeting in St. Clair County. The Teen Court Administrator coordinates the meeting dates and times with the respondent and his/her parents to ensure that an adult connected to the young person will be present to sit with the respondent for moral and emotional support.

Essays

Teen Court respondents were assigned to write an essay are given a minimum amount of words required for the essay as well as a topic for the essay. The Peer Jury customize the topics for the respondents based upon information obtained during the court proceedings. Topics during this program year included making healthy choices, choosing better friends, handling peer-pressure, managing stress, and dealing with conflict.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Teen Court respondents are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities to enhance their academic, recreational, and prosocial connections.

Interviews

Teen Court respondents conduct interviews with local professionals and mentors to gain insight about required certifications and college courses to achieve their professional aspirations. Through this remedy, respondents have interviewed military personnel, nurses, truck drivers and other professionals.

Letter of Apology

The letter of apology provides our respondents with an opportunity to work toward correcting their actions to reduce harm as result of the offense(s) committed. Letters of apology are usually written to the respondent's parents, siblings, teachers, business owners and loss prevention officers. The remedy helps respondents work towards repairing broken relationships.

Teen Court Peer Jury

Youth respondents may be recommended and requested to serve as a peer juror at a future Teen Court hearing. The respondents serving on the peer jury have an opportunity to actively participate as a peer juror to help a fellow teen in a situation. The respondent serving on the peer jury has a role in determining the appropriate remedies for other teen respondents appearing before the Teen Court on the date required for juror service.

Teen Strong

Through our partnership with the Gateway YMCA in East Belleville and the 375th Security Forces from Scott Air Force Base, respondents have access to mentoring, recreational activities and other supports to help them become successful members of society. During the program year, (2) respondents engaged in Teen Strong to build stronger relationships with peers and service personnel. Since COVID mandates have been lifted, more youth will be referred to Teen Strong.

Verbal Apology

The peer jury may request Teen Court respondents to openly apologize to another person during a court proceeding. The verbal apology, like the letter of apology allows the respondent to take responsibility for their actions. This is another way to mitigate harm and moving parties involved toward healing.

Vision Board

A vision board is a visual art project completed by Teen Court respondents. Through this remedy, respondents use visual images of pictures, quotes and words of encouragement to express their goals and aspirations. The creation of vision boards gives respondents an opportunity to create poetry, art, music, business plans and other creative ideas.

Teen Court Remedies Assigned during the July 2021 - June 2022 Program Year

Remedies Category	Number of Referrals	Remedies Assigned by Peer Jurors
Community Service	5	Teen Court respondents assigned (25) hours of community service at an area food pantry in East St. Louis.
Counseling Referrals	9	Teen Court respondents and members of their families were referred to community-based health care providers to increase access to counseling services. As a result of the pandemic, many of these sessions were tele-health conferences.
Essays	7	Teen Court respondents were given essay writing assignments for setting goals, self-reflection, and personal development.
Extra-Curricular Activities	11	Teen Court respondents were assigned extra-curricular activities to connect youth to pro-social activities, academic enrichment and sports. These activities included journal writing, joining school leadership groups, and school sporting events.
Career Development Interviews	1	Teen Court respondents had to conduct interviews to learn about joining the United States Armed Forces and becoming a registered nurse.
Letter of Apology	17	Teen Court respondents are given an opportunity to repair harm caused to members of the community by writing letters of apology. A total of (15) letters have been written to family members, teachers,

		and businesses to restore trust and repair relationships.
Teen Court Peer Jury	4	Teen Court respondents are oftentimes selected to serve on Peer Jury. This process allows the respondent to experience the Teen Court process and engage in assigning remedies.
Teen Strong	2	During this program year, (2) respondents were referred to Teen Strong at the YMCA in East Belleville.
Verbal Apology	2	Teen Court respondents verbally apologized to their family members to regain trust and heal broken relationships.
Vision Board	12	Teen Court respondents developed vision boards to focus on their aspirations and goals. During graduation ceremonies, respondents typically present their vision boards and share what inspired them by citing quotes, artwork and other forms of creative expression.

Teen Court Recidivism Log
Program Year July 2021 – June 2022

Three Months Post-Graduation

2/220 graduates committed a new offense at any point within 3 months of exiting the program, for an approximate 0.9% recidivism rate at the 3-month point, based on locally available data.

This data includes youth who committed the offenses described above as well as the following:

Youth 1: Committed offense of Unlawful Possession with Intent to Deliver Cannabis

Outcome: Youth received juvenile court supervision

Youth 2: Committed offense of Retail Theft Under \$300

Outcome: Youth was adjudicated delinquent and sentenced to juvenile probation.

Six Months Post – Graduation

9/210 graduates committed a new offense at any point within 6 months of exiting the program, for an approximate 4.2% recidivism rate at the 6-month point, based on the locally and available data.

This data includes youth who committed the offenses described above as well as the following:

Youth 3: Committed offense of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of Cannabis

Outcome: Youth successfully completed community service and drug prevention classes in exchange for a dismissal of charges

Youth 4: Committed numerous offenses including: Burglary, Possession of Alcohol by Minor, Burglary, Criminal Damage to Government Supported Property, Theft Under \$500, Criminal Damage to Property, Criminal Damage to Property, Retail Theft, Theft from a Person and Aggravated Battery

Outcome: Youth was adjudicated delinquent and sentenced to juvenile probation

Youth 5: Committed offense of Leaving the Scene and Theft from a Person

Outcome: Youth received juvenile court supervision

Youth 6: Committed offense of Unlawful Possession of Cannabis and Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Outcome: Youth successfully completed supervised supervision and received credit for employment

Youth 7: Committed offense of Retail Theft Over \$300

Outcome: Youth was adjudicated delinquent and sentenced to juvenile probation

Youth 8: Committed offense of Aggravated Battery and Criminal Trespass

Outcome: Youth was adjudicated delinquent and sentenced to juvenile probation

Youth 9: Committed offense of Aggravated Battery

Outcome: Youth was adjudicated delinquent and sentenced to juvenile probation

One Year Post – Graduation

22/206 graduates committed a new offense at any point within the first 12 months of exiting the program, for an approximate 10.7% recidivism rate at the 12-month point, based on locally available data.

This data includes youth who committed the offenses described above as well as the following:

Youth 10: Committed two unrelated series of offenses including Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking, Aggravated Battery, Aggravated Fleeing, Eluding a Police Officer and Attempted Residential Burglary

Outcome: Youth was committed to the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice

Youth 11: Committed offense of Aggravated Fleeing, Attempting to Elude Police, Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon

Outcome: Youth was adjudicated delinquent and sentenced to probation

Youth 12: Committed offense of Possession of Cannabis

Outcome: Youth received alternative disposition of Risk Education classes

Youth 13: Committed offense of Unlawful Possession of Cannabis

Outcome: Youth successfully completed Community Service

Youth 14: Committed offense of Retail Theft Under \$300

Outcome: Youth successfully completed Supervised Supervision and Community Service

Youth 15: Committed offense of Aggravated Battery and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon

Outcome: Youth was adjudicated delinquent and sentenced to juvenile probation

Youth 16: Committed offense of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm

Outcome: Youth received juvenile court supervision

Youth 17: Committed offense of Criminal Trespass to Residence

Outcome: Youth was adjudicated delinquent and sentenced to probation

Youth 18: Committed offense of Deer Hunting Violation

Outcome: Youth received active supervision

Youth 19: Committed offense of Deer Hunting Violation

Outcome: Youth received active supervision

Youth 20: Committed offense of Disorderly Conduct

Outcome: Youth received community service

Youth 21: Committed offense of Criminal Damage to Property

Outcome: Youth was adjudicated delinquent and sentenced to probation

Youth 22: Committed offense of Disorderly Conduct

Outcome: Youth receive court supervision

Three Year Post-Graduation

11/163 graduates committed a new offense at any point within the first 3 years of exiting the program, for an approximate 6.75% recidivism rate at the 3-year point based on locally available data. This meets our goal of less than 10% recidivism among graduates.

To ensure our Teen Court program is effective and improving life outcomes for youth, we commit to doing the following:

- Reviewing our annual reports to examine racial and ethnic disparities in collaboration with our Juvenile Justice Council, program staff, community partners, and law enforcement agencies.

- Maintaining partnership with our local police chiefs to increase the number of Teen Court referrals to reduce the number of ordinance violations, citations, and unnecessary arrests.

- Training community partners and stakeholders about the benefits of implementing Restorative Justice principles into policies, programs and practices to mitigate harm and re-traumatization.

- Incorporating Restorative Justice remedies that are responsive to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) which include grief counseling, homelessness, racism, suicidal ideation, substance use, etc.

- Building youth resiliency to support young peoples' strengths, talents, pro-social skills, and positive relationships.

- Increasing Teen Court's capacity through ongoing learning and training opportunities.

There are limitations on the ability to check for recidivism rates, as there is limited access to juvenile arrest records overall. This is a barrier to completing a full, comprehensive criminal records check on graduates; however, all locally available records are limited in this data. Examining "reoffending" includes reporting on matters filed in St. Clair County, Illinois. This rate includes cases where the graduate was charged with an offense (whether in criminal court, an ordinance violation, or a new juvenile delinquency allegation), and there was a finding or admission of guilt, resulting in conviction, adjudication of guilty, or an alternative disposition such as diversion or court supervision. The offenses would include misdemeanor offenses, a serious ordinance violation (such as theft or drug offenses), or serious traffic offenses such as DUIs or reckless homicide; minor traffic offenses, such as speeding tickets are not included in this evaluation. Pending allegations are not included in the final recidivism rate in order to avoid cases where youth may be found not guilty or there is not enough evidence to proceed with a charge.

The (22) graduates captured in the overall recidivism rate are from the following communities:
(5) Belleville

- (5) Cahokia
- (3) East St. Louis
- (1) Fairview Heights
- (2) Freeburg
- (2) O'Fallon
- (1) Shiloh
- (3) Swansea

**Teen Court Feedback
June 2021 – July 2022**

Responses from our graduates

“I found the journal writing and vision board helpful to affirm my short and long-term goals.”

“Teen Court made me realize I want to be a chef just like my father.”

“This program helped me focus on improving my grades and take steps towards becoming a nurse.”

“I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as a peer juror to help other teens gain a second chance.”

Restorative Justice Conferencing Report

Program Year 1: October 2020 – June 2021

TOTAL Participants	4 Respondents
Successful Completions	2 Graduates

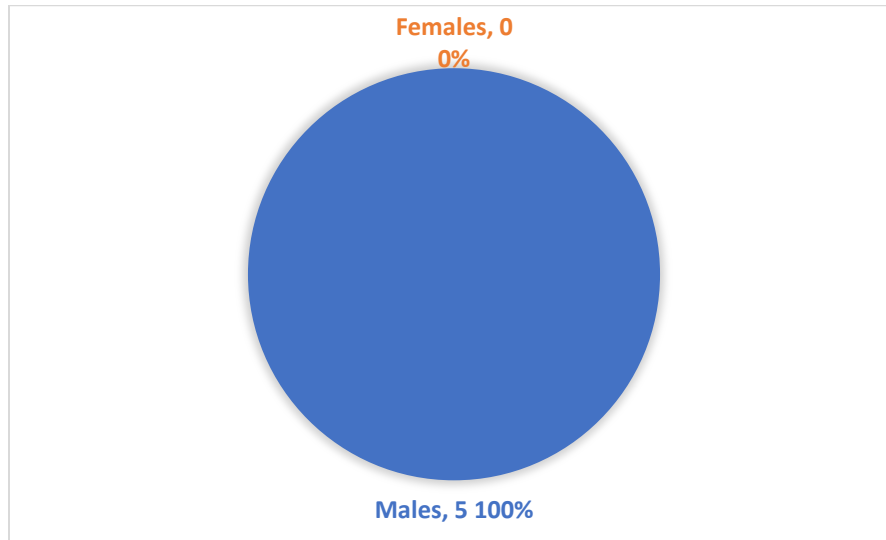
Program Year 2: July 2021 – June 2022

TOTAL Participants	5 Respondents
Successful Completions	2 Graduates

July 2021 – June 2022

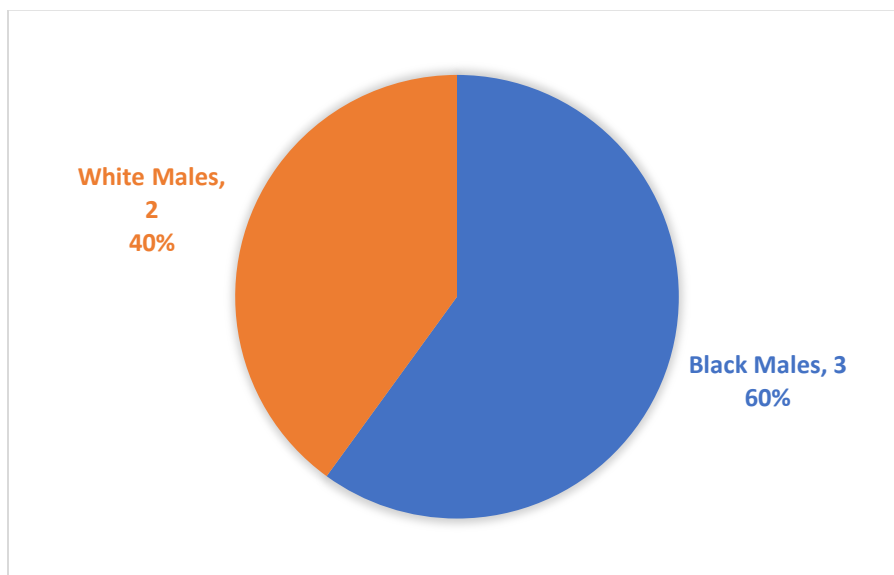
The chart below provides a breakdown of each respondent's gender appearing for Restorative Justice Conferencing during the July 2021 – June 2022 program year.

Figure 1: *Respondents by Gender*



The chart below provides a breakdown of each respondent's race and gender appearing for Restorative Justice Conferencing during the July 2021 – June 2022 program year.

Figure 2: *Respondent's by Race and Gender*



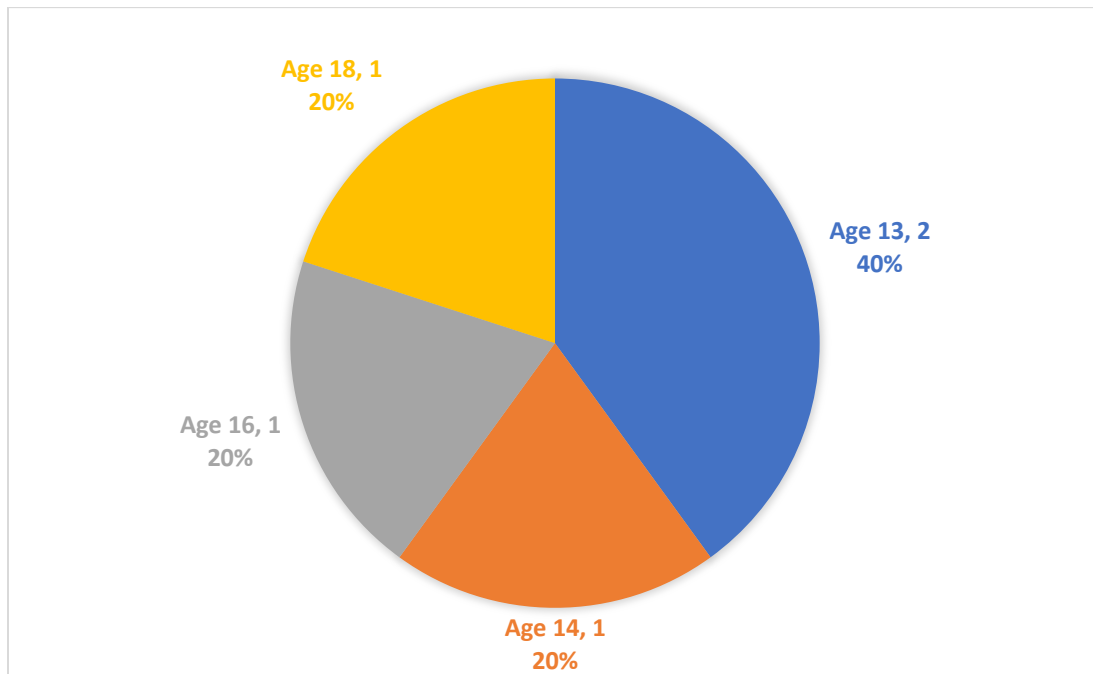
The chart below provides a breakdown of each respondent's race and gender appearing for Restorative Justice Conferencing during the July 2021 – June 2022 program year.

Figure 3. Respondents by Race and Gender

Race	Males	Females	Total
Black	3	0	3
White	2	0	2
Total	5	0	5

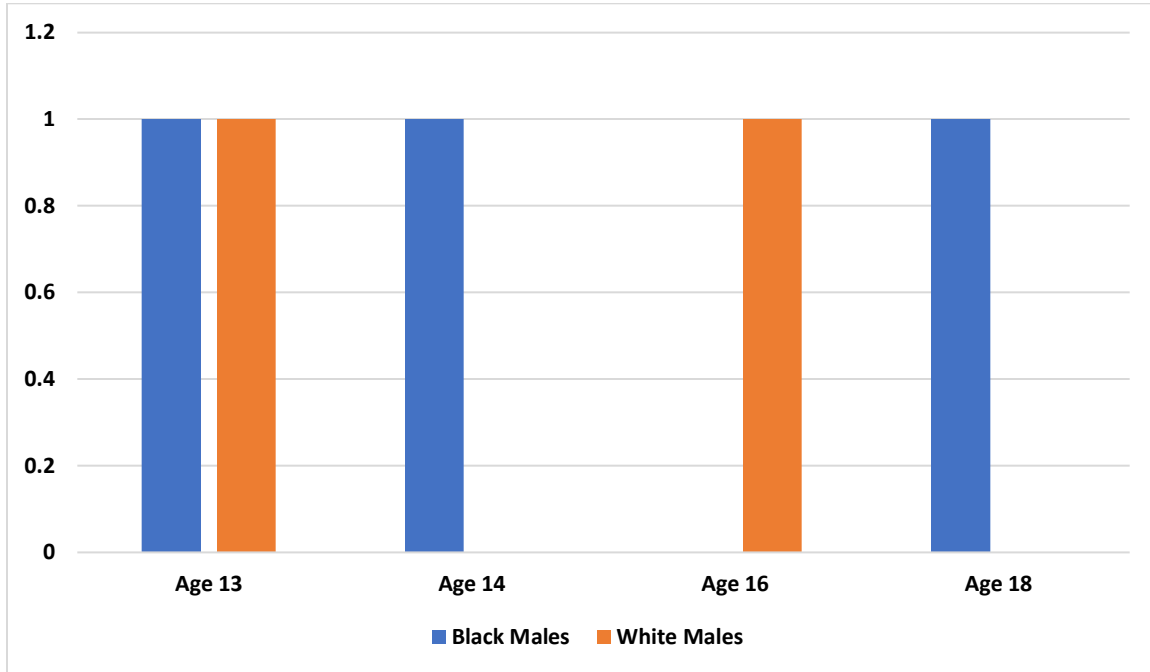
The chart below provides a breakdown of each respondent's age appearing for Restorative Justice Conferencing during the July 2021 – June 2022 program year.

Figure 4. Respondents by Age (Total) and Percentage



The chart below provides a breakdown of each respondent's gender, race and age appearing for Restorative Justice Conferencing during the July 2021 – June 2022 program year.

Figure 5. Respondents by Gender, Race and Age



The chart below provides a breakdown of schools attended by each respondent appearing for Restorative Justice Conferencing during the July 2021 – June 2022 program year.

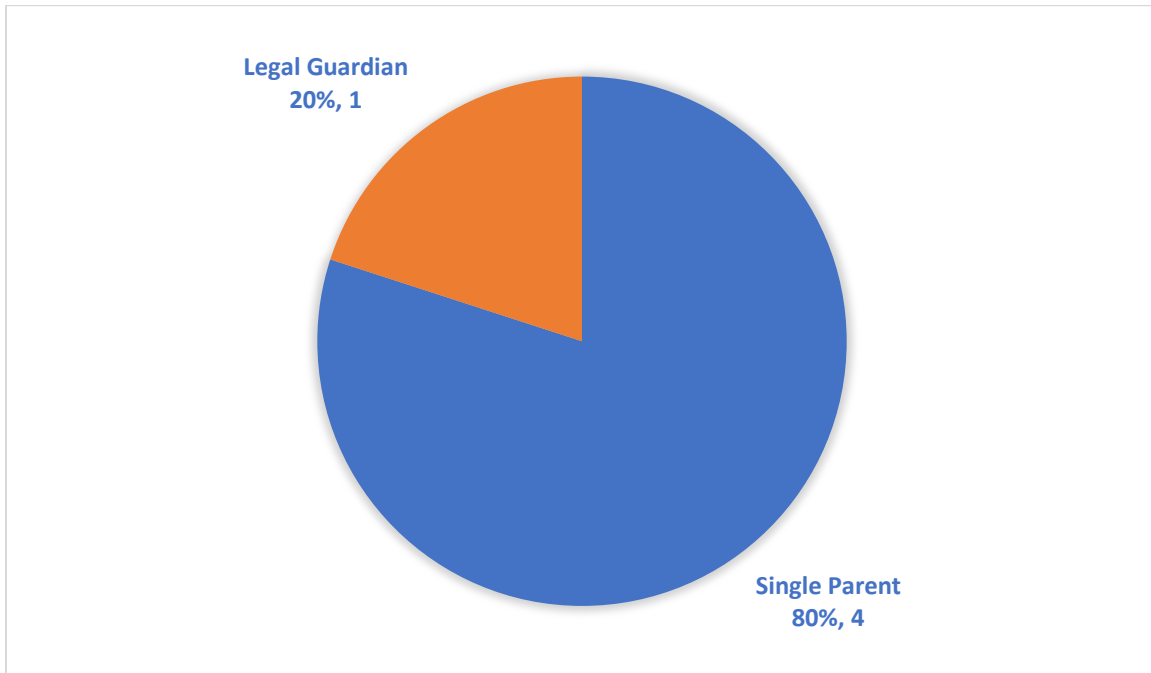
Figure 6. Respondents by Schools

Schools	Number of Students Attending
Belleville East High School	1
Dupo High School	1
East St. Louis Sr. High	1
West Haven Elementary School	2
Total	5 Students

Household Status

The chart below provides a breakdown of each respondent's family status appearing for Restorative Justice Conferencing during the July 2021 – June 2022 program year.

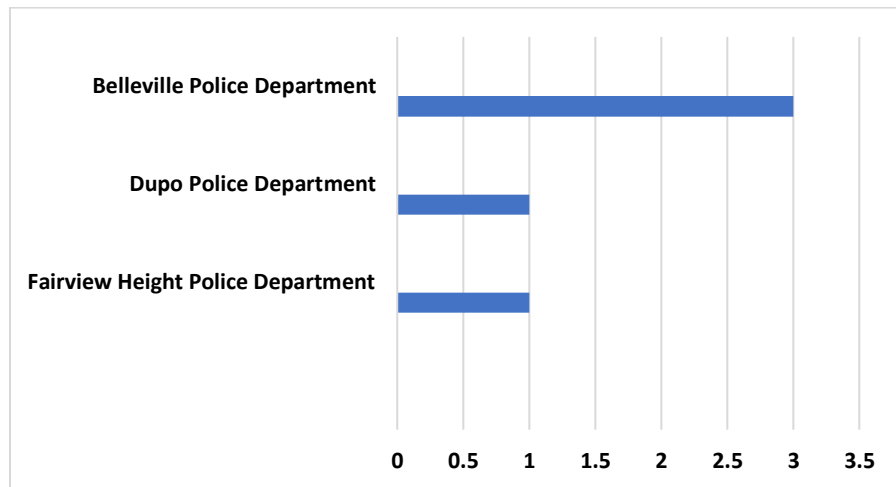
Figure 7. *Respondents by Household*



Referring Police Departments

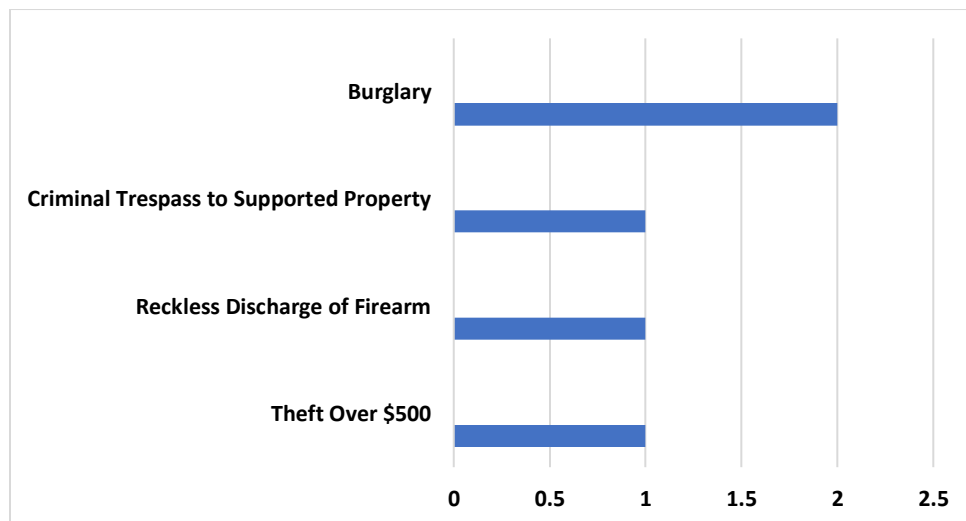
Figure 8. *Referring Police Departments*

The chart below provides a breakdown of each police department that was involved with referring cases heard in Restorative Justice Conferencing during the July 2021 – June 2022 program year.



The chart below provides a breakdown of all offenses committed by respondents appearing for Restorative Justice Conferencing during the July 2021 – June 2022 program year.

Figure 9. *Offenses Committed*



Offenses by Race and Gender

The chart below provides a breakdown of all offenses committed by respondents appearing for Restorative Justice Conferencing during the July 2021 – June 2022 program year.

Figure 10. *Offense Chart by Race and Gender*

Offense Type	Black Males	White Males	Total
Burglary	1	1	2
Criminal Trespass to Property	1		1
Reckless Discharge of Firearm	1		1
Theft Over \$500		1	1
Total Number of Offenses	2	2	5

Teen Court Cases, Offense Type, Race, Gender, Age and Referring Police Departments

The chart below provides a breakdown of all Teen Court cases heard, offense type, race, gender, age, and referring police departments.

Figure 11. *Cases, Offenses, Race, Gender, Age and Referring Police Departments*

2 Cases of Burglary

- (1) Black Male, Age 18 – Belleville Police Department
- (1) White Male, Age 13 – Belleville Police Department

1 Case of Criminal Trespass to Supported Land

- (1) Black Male, Age 13 – Belleville Police Department

1 Case of Reckless Discharge of Firearm

- (1) Black Male, Age 14 – Fairview Heights Police Department

1 Case of Theft Over \$500

- (1) White Male, Age 16 – Dupon Police Department

Restorative Justice Remedies Assigned during the July 2021 – June 2022 Program Year

Remedies Category	Number of Referrals	Remedies Assigned by Peer Jurors
Apology Letter	3	Respondents given the remedy to write letters of apology to repair harm within their families and communities.
Essay	1	Read “Teenership” and write essay about the experience.
Illinois State Police Summer Camp	1	Respondent given the remedy to attend the Illinois State Police Summer Camp to build leadership skills and connect with other youth and mentors.
Peer Jury	2	Respondents given the remedy to serve as peer jurors during our upcoming Teen Court sessions to help their peers.
Teen Strong	1	Respond given the remedy to attend an upcoming Teen Strong session at the YMCA – East Belleville.
Vision Board	2	Respondents given the remedy to create vision boards to develop personal and professional goals.

Recidivism Information – Restorative Justice Conferencing Year 2

Our Restorative Justice Conferencing program has been up and running since October 2020. A total of (4) youth successfully completed the program. This cohort of respondents have not reoffended based on our locally data records. We are tracking our recidivism rates every 3 months, 6 months, 1 year, three years, post-graduation.

Collectively, both Teen Court Peer Jury and Restorative Justice Conferencing have a total (224) youth that have successfully completed the programs. Many of these teens have reported graduating from college, working full-time jobs, serving our military and living successfully without a criminal background.

Restorative Justice Conferencing Feedback/Responses

July 2021 – June 2022

“This program is giving my child a second chance. He made a mistake and I’m happy my child can move forward with his future goals.” Parent –

“As a single parent, it’s hard trying to raise children when you have to work and provide for a family. My child is making new friendships and gaining support.” Parent –