

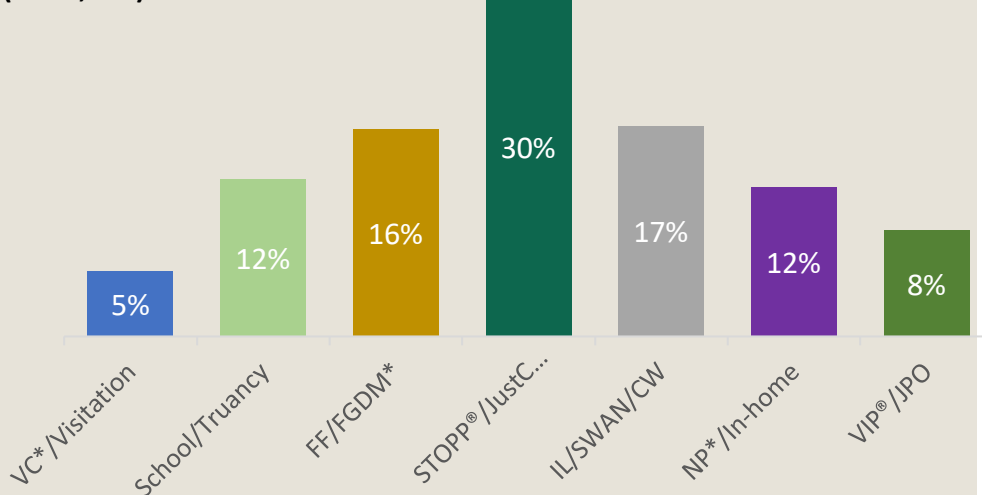


Social Impact in Action

Helping youth & families be successful!

JusticeWorks YouthCare in Pennsylvania has been working with children, youth, and families in more than 50 counties in Pennsylvania. The youth and families served come from diverse backgrounds and experiences and present for services with varying levels of strengths and resources to tackle their situations. JusticeWorks' staff build on their strengths and assist them to manage their situations to lead to the best outcomes for them and their families. Many of the families are provided JusticeWorks Signature Services to address their needs. Others are provided with research-informed models of intervention or a combination of services.

**The majority of individual discharged from Child Welfare Programming.
 (N = 4,679)**



History

JusticeWorks YouthCare

was founded in 1999 to provide a proactive continuing care program that embodies a 'whatever it takes' passion to be diligent, creative and tireless in serving children and families involved with the child welfare or juvenile justice systems. We incorporate into our service an array of evidence-based and research-informed programming to achieve the best outcomes for the youth and families in our care. We have also developed and continuously strengthen our own services of STOPP®, JustCare®, VIP®, and the program derivatives such as In-Home Services to document social impact. We continuously strive to achieve the best outcomes for those we serve.

For more information visit us at:
www.justiceworksyouthcare.com

Discharge Outcomes

A key outcome for JusticeWorks' services is to **prevent out-of-home placements**, improving the lives of youths and reducing costs to the child welfare and juvenile justice systems by enhancing stability & permanency.

The status of the youth and family at time of discharge is also critical for these youth and families to have stability in their lives and to obtain future successes. We strive to assist families in having their child return home or to the most homelike atmosphere as possible.

We also have families assess their own functioning. Parents and youth complete self-ratings of their family and the child functioning on the Family Assessment Device and the Columbia Impairment Scale at the beginning and end of services.

Additionally, meeting program components and reaching set goals are ways to measure program success. All youth and their families collaborate with staff to set goals and objectives that they want to work on during services. Collaborating with families in this way also increases the level of motivation and engagement with services. Progress is measured and reinforced throughout service delivery.



Prevented out-of-home placement for 97% of youth.

N= 2,641



55% of families had a positive discharge from JWYC services.

N=2,653



92% of youth were living in a home setting at time of discharge (all JWYC services).

N=2,641



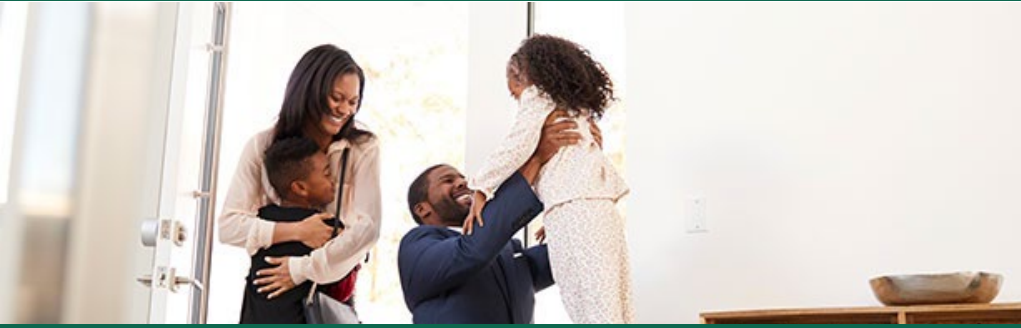
71% of family members reported seeing improvement in their family functioning.

N=515



58% of caregivers reported an improvement in their child's functioning.

N=733



Snapshot of Youth & Families Served -Signature Services

In the past fiscal year, most referrals came from county Child Welfare systems across Pennsylvania. The referral concerns at time of entry to the program varied from abuse & neglect to home management and parenting issues, as well as youth truancy.

Child Welfare

STOPP® is the most intensive Signature Service provided at JusticeWorks YouthCare. In FY 2023, we served 310 families in this service with an average length of care of 116 days.

In JustCare®, the least intensive of the signature services, we served 1080 families with an average length of care of 180 days.

Juvenile Justice

VIP® works with the youth who is experiencing difficulties as well as with the family. In FY 2023 there were 271 youth and families in this service with an average length of care of 172 days.

Satisfaction with Services

For all services, we strive for high satisfaction ratings from both the families and the referral sources. We collect satisfaction surveys at time of discharge.

Here's what some families are saying...

"I have...only compliments and gratefulness for them and how they have supported our family through this process."

"The FRS helped my son get through his worst days"

"Always in tune with the things I was going through."

"Anything I needed, my FRS was there. Didn't matter the time of day."

"So supportive for me from beginning to end."

"Made major improvements in my family's relationship and communication."

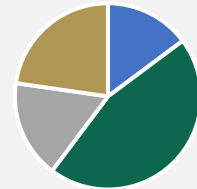
"Went above and beyond the scope of support, she understood, listened, and helped us problem solve to what was best for our situation."

"Fantastic with finding and assisting us with the implementation of resources."

Discharged youth & families in Signature Services

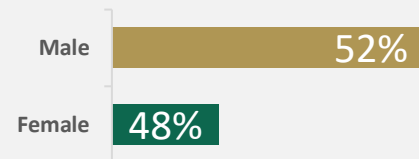
N= 1661

Race of Individuals Discharged



■ African-American ■ Caucasian
■ Other ■ Unknown

Gender of Individuals Discharged



Satisfaction Achieved

96% of youth & families were mostly or extremely satisfied with how the program met their needs

96% of youth and families were mostly or extremely satisfied with how staff assisted them on following through on goals

97% of youth and families felt understood by JWYC staff

94% of referral sources felt that the service provided was effective in completing goals

95% of referral sources felt that JWYC staff were professional



Snapshot of Services Provided

A variety of services are also available at JusticeWorks YouthCare that address needs of youth and families referred. JW's has a strong capacity for implementing several research-informed practices that have a proven track record of being able to demonstrate impact. We continuously assess the community need and institute those promising practices, ensuring the best quality of services possible.

Family Group Decision-Making (N= 538)

57%

Had a successful conference.

29%

Had a successful referral.

26%

Had an unsuccessful referral.

Nurturing Parenting (N = 185)



- 79% of families showed an improvement.
- 97% of families were at the low or medium risk level at discharge.

Family Finding (N = 180)

connects each child with a family so that every child may benefit from the lifelong connections that only a family provides.

An average of **35** new family members were discovered for the youth.



26% of youth had a family meeting held.



Truancy Diversion/Remediation (N = 148)

- 65% of youth showed improved WT Measure-R scores.
- Of the 86 youth with recorded attendance rates, 71% showed an overall improvement in school attendance.