MULTI-SYSTEMS YOUTH: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, TRAUMA, AND CROSS-SYSTEMS APPROACHES

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Who are Crossover Youth?

Crossover Youth

Dually-Involved

Dually-Adjudicated
Research

Multi-Systems Crossover Youth
Prevalence

Child Welfare Population
• 10-29% of youth ≥ 8 years old in CW are subsequently arrested

Juvenile Justice Referrals
• Overall Cases: 67% with some type of CW history (King County)
• Diversion Cases
  • 1% (4 Arizona Counties)
  • 34% (King County)

Juvenile Justice Adjudicated Cases
• Overall: 35% (New Mexico)
• Probation Supervision: 7% (4 Arizona Counties)
• Probation Placement: 42% (4 Arizona Counties)

What Contributes to Crossing Over?

- Experiences w/ Child Welfare System
  - Placement Type
  - Adolescent-Limited and Persistent Maltreatment
  - Absence of Positive Attachments
  - Education Instability
  - Placement Instability
Characteristics of Youth

- Living in group home at time of arrest: 26%
- AWOL at time of arrest: 47%
- Attending school: 94%
  (80% of whom had academic or behavior problems)
## Characteristics of Youth

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<th>African American Youth Overrepresented</th>
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A Multi-System Response

The Crossover Youth Practice Model
Core Elements

- Identification
- Equitable Treatment
- Family Teaming Model
- Information Sharing
- Coordinated Case Assessment, Planning, and Management
- Evidence-Based Services
- Trauma Informed Care
- Judicial Administration
- Permanency
Process and Practice Goals

1. Reduce Juvenile Justice Penetration
2. Use of Pre-Adjudication Detention
3. Rate of Recidivism
4. Re-entering CW from JJ
Process and Practice Goals

- Increase Information Sharing
- Family Voice In Decision Making
- Family and Youth Engagement
- Joint Assessment and Case Planning
- Coordinated Case Management
- Behavioral Health Treatment
- Pro-Social Bonds
- Diversion
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