

Kentucky's Senate Bill 200: Comprehensive Reform Implementation Successes

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LEGISLATIVE CHANGE

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

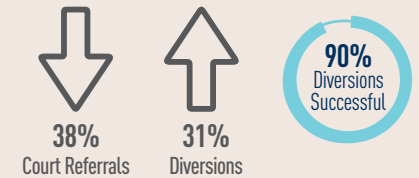
OUTCOMES*

INCREASE DIVERSION

- Codify mandatory diversion for lower-level offenses
- Establish Family Accountability, Intervention and Response (FAIR) Teams for enhanced diversion

- Helped draft juvenile court rules to limit diversion-eligible cases from going to court
- Implemented train-the-trainer process on Principles of Effective Intervention and Graduated Responses in Diversion

More Diversions, Fewer Court Referrals



3,000+ cases referred to FAIR teams

LIMIT OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT

- Prohibit out-of-home placement for lower-level offenses and limit length of stay
- Require use of graduated responses, risk assessment and effective case planning

- Developed a needs assessment to inform case plans, and implemented train-the-trainer process on Principles of Effective Intervention
- Ensured risk assessments are scored properly, increasing scoring consistency from 55% to 80%

Significant Decline in Out-of-Home Placement



REINVEST

- Reinvest savings into community services and establish a fiscal incentive program

- Trained DJJ staff to implement Aggression Replacement Training (ART)
- Trained staff to conduct evidence-based program assessments and monitor fidelity

- In FY 2017, **3 facility closures**, representing reduction of 82 beds, with planned reinvestment into fiscal incentive program
- Up to **240 youth** can be served in ART program annually starting in Feb 2017
- Issued **new contracts** for intensive in-home services for high risk youth in two largest counties

*Outcome data show trends from 2013 (1 year pre-reform) to 2016 (2 years post-reform)

Sources: Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts, Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice