

Division of Juvenile Justice

Juvenile Justice Overview

House Finance Committee

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These are strong risk factors for delinquent behavior:

- ▶ A history of offending
- ▶ Challenging family circumstances
- ▶ Difficulties in education, employment
- ▶ Poor peer relations
- ▶ Substance abuse
- ▶ Few leisure activities, interests
- ▶ Pro-criminal behavior or personality
- ▶ Pro-criminal attitudes

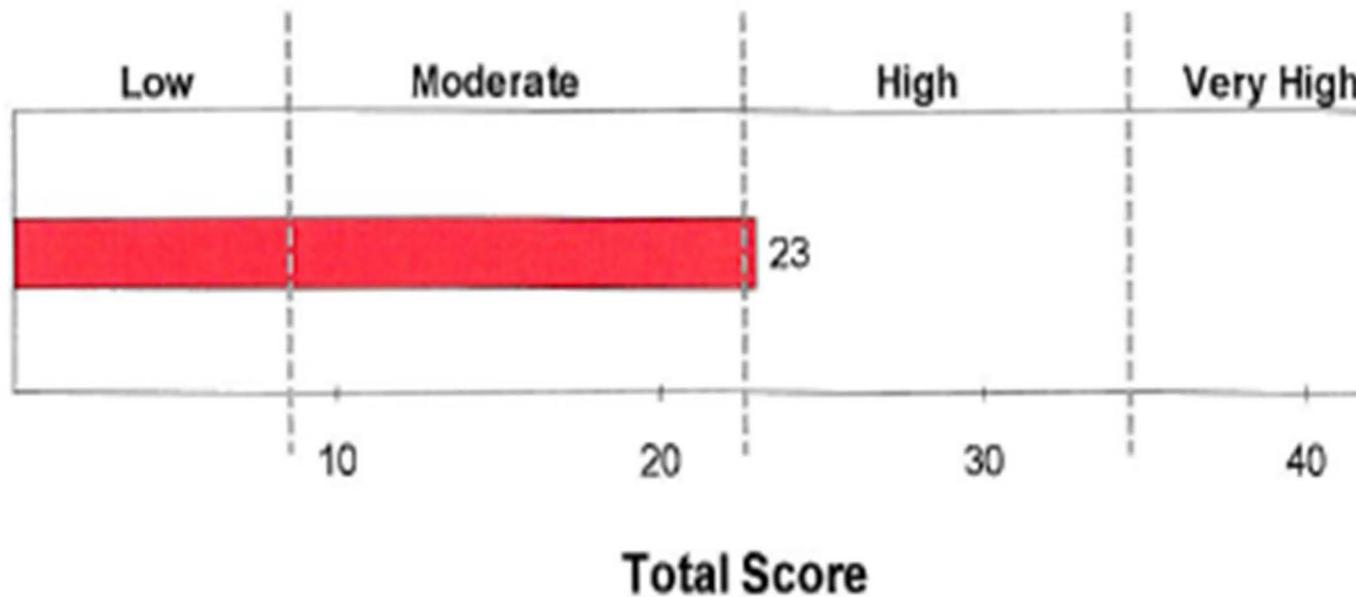


These are NOT strong risk factors for delinquent behavior:

- ▶ Socio-economic status
- ▶ Personal distress
- ▶ Mental illness
- ▶ Family structure
- ▶ Learning disabilities
- ▶ Abusive parents
- ▶ Low self-esteem

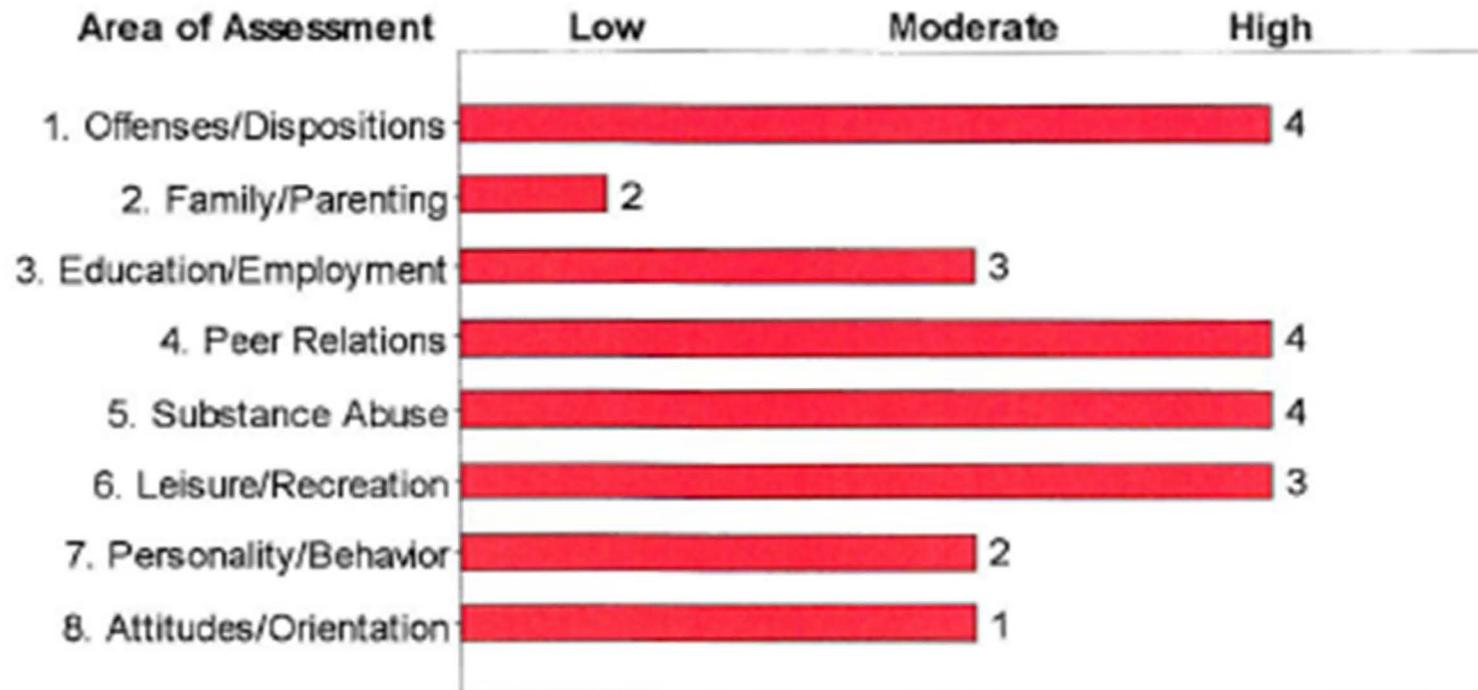
Overall Assessment Based on YLS/CMI Total Risk/Need Level

The graph below displays the YLS/CMI Total Score and indicates the classification level associated with that score (using standard cut-off scores).



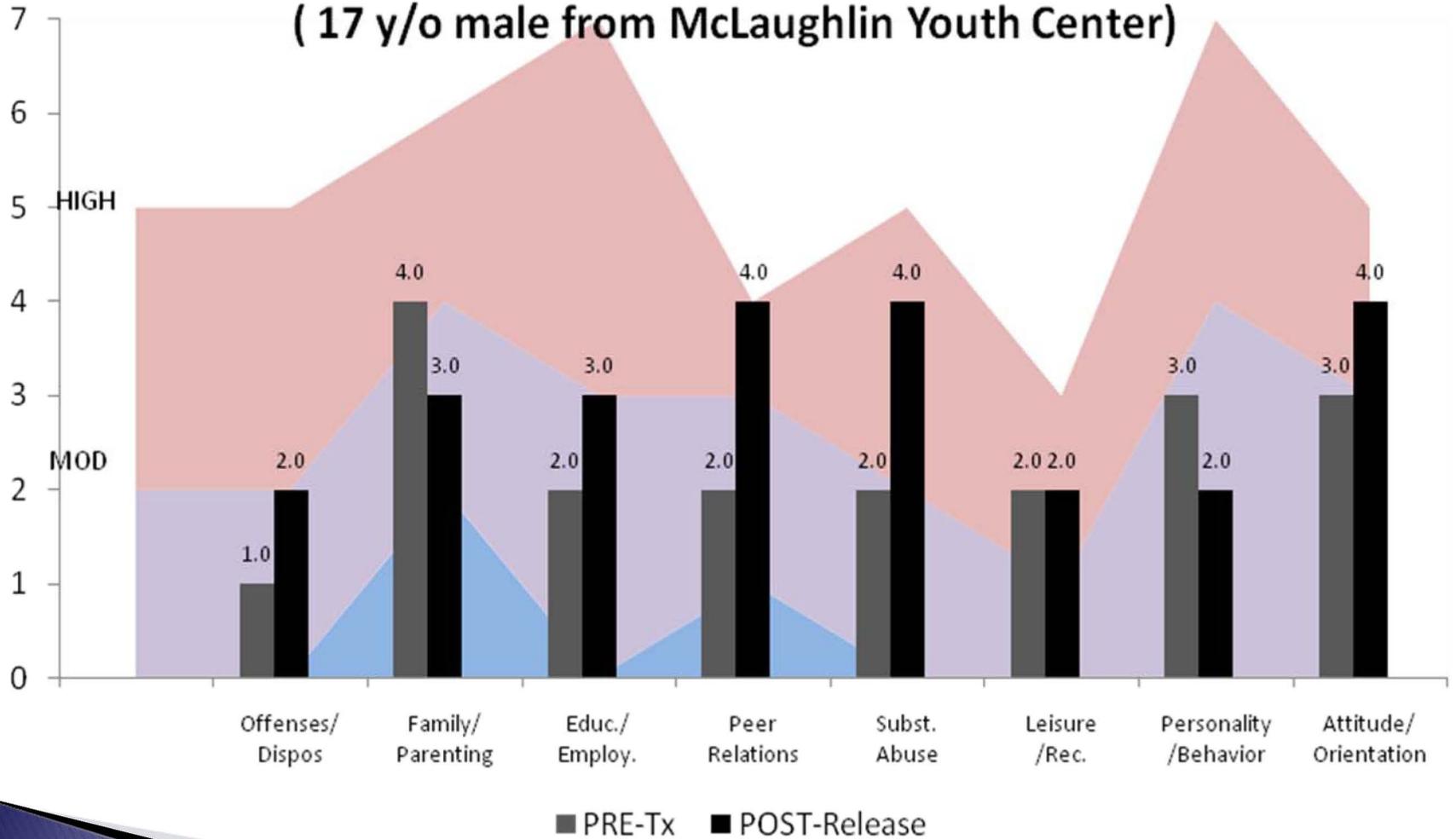
Assessment of Risks and Needs

The graph below displays the risk level for each area of assessment (using standard cut-off scores).



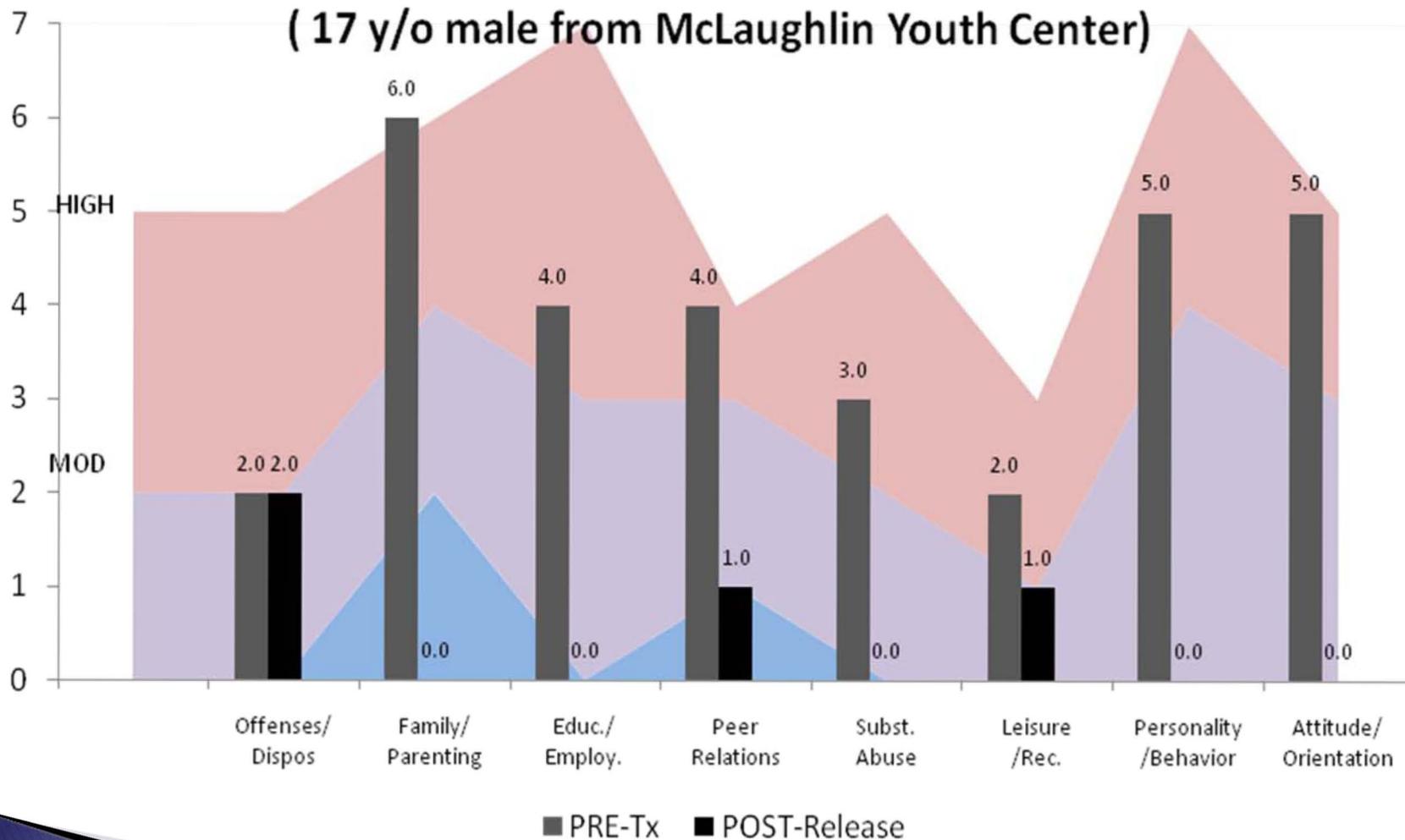
RECIDIVIST

(17 y/o male from McLaughlin Youth Center)



Non-RECIDIVIST

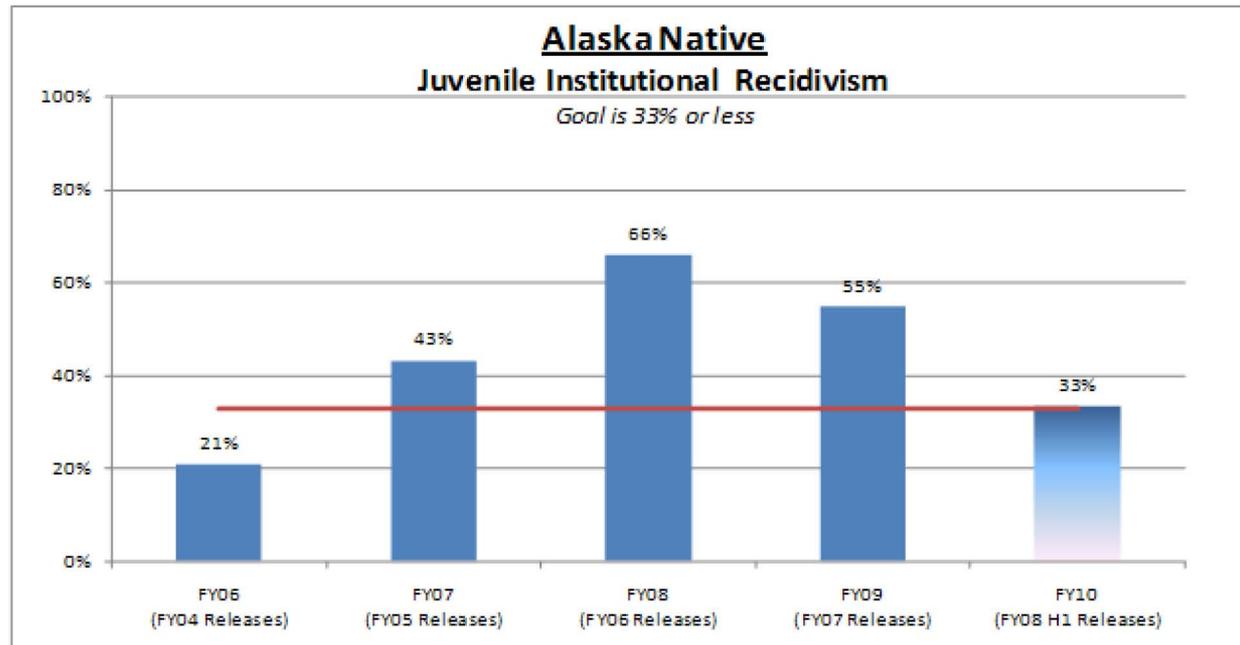
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Juvenile Institution Recidivism (Alaska Native)

Rationale: Improving juvenile offenders' success in the community following completion of services will result in higher levels of accountability and public safety.

Outcome: Reduce percentage of juveniles who reoffend following release from institutional treatment facilities to 33% or less



N= **FY06:** 12/57 = 21% **FY07:** 16/37 = 43% **FY08:** 25/38 = 66% **FY09:** 23/42 = 55%

FY10, based on first half releases only: 6/18 = 33% (preliminary results)

Data Source: JOMIS (Juvenile Offender Management Information System)

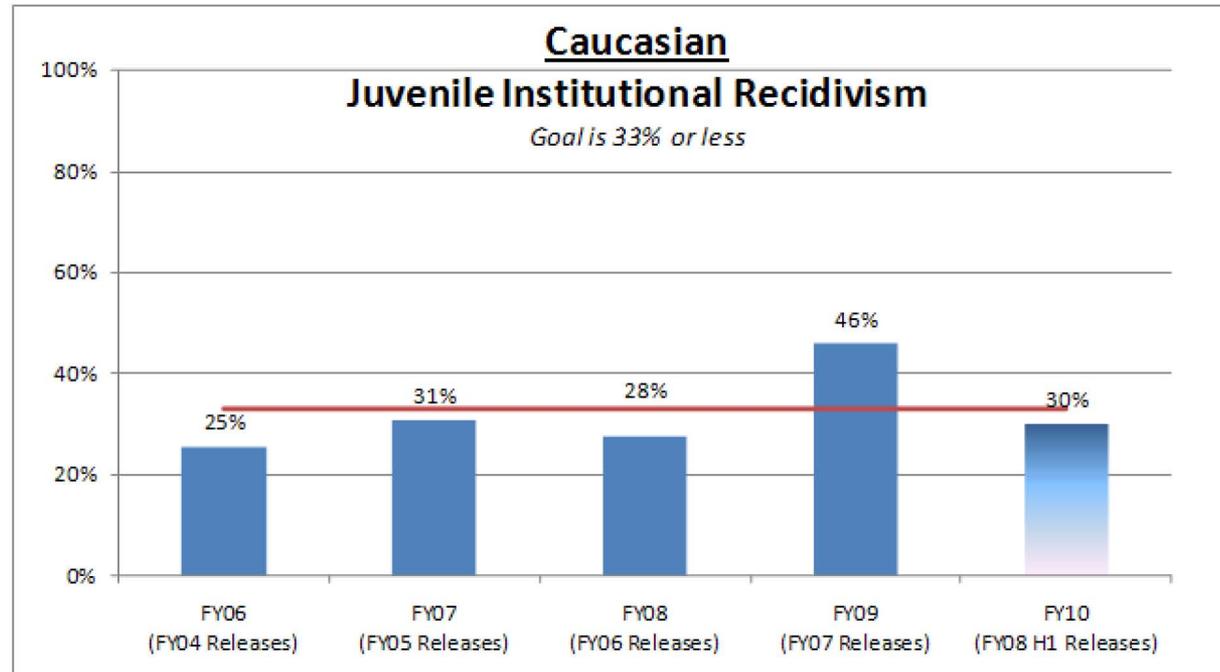
Between 35 and 60 Alaska Natives typically are released from DJJ Secure Treatment each year. Their recidivism rate has risen over the years, peaking at 66% for youth who had been released in FY2006 and adjudicated by FY2008. The recidivism rate for youth released in FY2007 and adjudicated in FY2009 decreased slightly to 55%, but this is still an unacceptably high rate.

While data for the releases made in the first half of FY08 project a 33% recidivism rate, the preliminary figures for the entire year appear to reflect a minimum of 41% for Alaska Native Recidivism.

Juvenile Institution Recidivism (Caucasian)

Rationale: Improving juvenile offenders' success in the community following completion of services will result in higher levels of accountability and public safety.

Outcome: Reduce percentage of juveniles who reoffend following release from institutional treatment facilities to 33% or less.



N= **FY06: 15/59 = 25%** **FY07: 12/39 = 31%** **FY08: 11/40 = 28%** **FY09: 17/37 = 46%**
 FY10, based on first half releases only: 3/10 = 30% (preliminary results)

Data Source: JOMIS (Juvenile Offender Management Information System)

Between 35 and 60 Caucasian juveniles typically are released from DJJ Secure Treatment each year and their recidivism rate has risen over the years to a peak at 46% for youth released in FY2007 and followed up in FY2009.

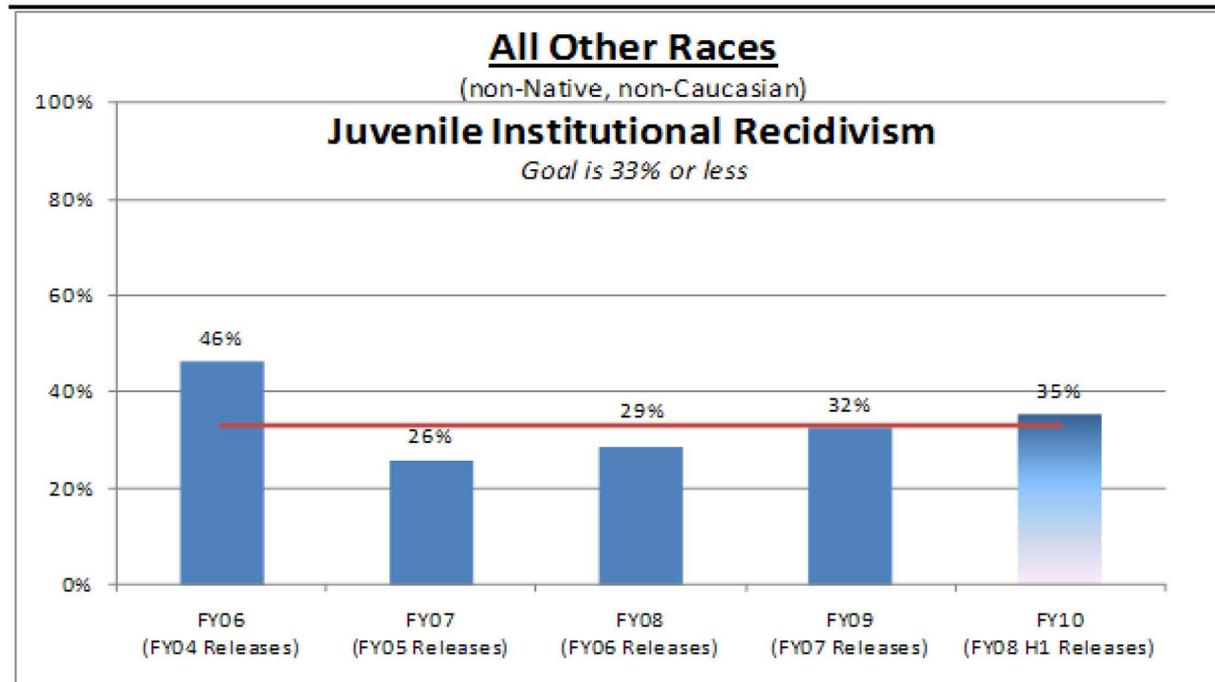
Approximately 95% of our FY08 Caucasian Secure Treatment residents were Trust Beneficiaries as they had been assessed a DSM IV diagnosis. And 54% of those had co-occurring disorders: a mental health diagnosis co-occurring with a drug or alcohol related diagnosis.

Juvenile Institution Recidivism (All Other Races)

(Other Races being non-Native and non-Caucasian)

Rationale: Improving juvenile offenders' success in the community following completion of services will result in higher levels of accountability and public safety.

Outcome: Reduce percentage of juveniles who reoffend following release from institutional treatment facilities to 33% or less.



N= **FY06: 13/28 = 46%** **FY07: 7/27 = 26%** **FY08: 10/35 = 29%** **FY09: 11/34 = 32%**
 FY10, based on first half releases only: 6/17 = 35% (preliminary results)

Data Source: JOMIS (Juvenile Offender Management Information System)

Between 25 and 35 juveniles from "All Other" races typically are released from DJJ Secure Treatment each year and their recidivism rate has dropped to 32% for youth who were released in FY2007 and followed up in FY2009.