

# Juvenile Crime Prevention Council County Plan

## **Union County**

### **For FY 2026-2027**

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- Union County Funding Plan
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## Executive Summary

The Union County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC), in fulfillment of the duties and responsibilities as set forth in the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, has reviewed and updated this County Plan for FY 2026-2027. In 2019, House Bill 593 passed which approved an optional 1 or 2-year funding cycle for DPS JCPC funds, which is determined locally by each JCPC statewide. Also included in the HB was Raise the Age in N.C. which directs 16 & 17 years old from District Court to Juvenile Court. In order to see any new possible trends in juvenile justice data (now serving 16 & 17 year old) and to plan programming in the community accordingly, the Union County JCPC approved a 1 year funding cycle. Data continues to be monitored by the JCPC annually, which provides direction to which funding cycle is most beneficial to the community and Council.

The JCPC has identified the issues and factors which have an influence and impact upon vulnerable youth, at-risk youth, delinquent youth, and their families in Union County. Further, the JCPC has identified the strategies and services most likely to reduce/prevent delinquent behavior.

Monitoring and Evaluation: Each program funded in the past fiscal year by the JCPC has been monitored by the JCPC Monitoring Committee and programs were found in full compliance with DPS JCPC Policy and within the operating parameters of their budget and providing the services as described in their program agreement. The monitoring results and program outcome evaluations were considered in making funding allocation decisions. The JCPC will continue to conduct annual implementation monitoring of its funded programs.

Priorities for Funding: Through a review of risk & needs assessment data, the Youth Assessment Screening Inventory (YASI) data and a community resource assessment, the JCPC has determined that the following services are needed to reduce/prevent delinquency in Union County.

1. School Problem Behaviors
2. Juveniles who associate with other delinquent peers
3. Substance abuse
4. Parenting Skills
5. Mental Health
6. Reduction in juvenile recidivism
7. Gang involvement
8. Weapon possession

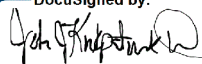
Funding Recommendations: Having advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) for these needed services for a minimum of thirty (30) days, the JCPC has screened the submitted proposals and has determined which proposals best meet the advertised needed services. As required by statute, the JCPC recommends allocation of the NC Department of Public, Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention funds to the following programs in the amounts specified below for the upcoming fiscal year: (Also, see the Union County Funding Plan with this report.)

***If applicable, please note which programs were funded for two years.***

1. Life Connections of the Carolinas-DASH Counseling Services	\$100,00
2. Transforming Youth Movement, INC- Transforming Futures	\$125,000
3. Aspire Youth & Family, Inc-Kids At Work! Union	\$75,312
4. Union County-JCPC Administration	\$9,502
5. A.R.I.S.E- Union-Kre8ivu	\$50,000
6. The Connect Center	\$45,835
7. Transforming Youth Movement-Union County Teen Court Program	\$40,790
8. NCCDC Next Step Youth Program	\$30,000

The JCPC further recommends that the following amount be allocated for the administrative costs of the Council for fiscal year 26-27: \$476,439.

Respectfully Submitted,

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\_\_\_\_\_, Chair

Union County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Date: 6/1/2026

## Union County NC DPS - Community Programs - County Funding Plan

Available Funds: \$ 476,439 Local Match: \$ 229,477 Rate: 30%

DPS JCPC funds must be committed with a Program Agreement submitted in NC Allies and electronically signed by authorized officials.

#	Program Provider	DPS-JCPC Funding	LOCAL FUNDING			OTHER	OTHER	Total	% Non DPS-JCPC Program Revenues
			County Cash Match	Local Cash Match	Local In-Kind	State/Federal	Funds		
1	Life Connections of the Carolinas-DASH Counseling Services	\$100,000			\$31,689			\$131,689	24%
2	Transforming Youth Movement, INC- Transforming Futures	\$125,000			\$40,000			\$165,000	24%
3	Aspire Youth & Family, Inc-Kids At Work! Union	\$75,312			\$29,388			\$104,700	28%
4	Union County-JCPC Administration	\$9,502						\$9,502	
5	A.R.I.S.E- Union-Kre8ivu	\$50,000			\$30,000			\$80,000	38%
6	The Connect Center	\$45,835		\$50,502				\$96,337	52%
7	Transforming Youth Movement-Union County Teen Court Program	\$40,790			\$13,000			\$53,790	24%
8	NCCDC Next Step Youth Program	\$30,000		\$2	\$34,896			\$64,898	54%
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	<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$476,439</b>		<b>\$50,504</b>	<b>\$178,973</b>			<b>\$705,916</b>	<b>33%</b>

The above plan was derived through a planning process by the Union County  
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and represents the County's Plan for use of these funds in FY 2026-2027

Amount of Unallocated Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount of funds reverted back to DPS \_\_\_\_\_  
 Discretionary Funds added \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by: John J. Kirkpatrick, IV 5/20/2026  
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Reviewed by <u>Sherri Hill</u>	5.14.26
<small>Area Consultant</small>	<small>Date</small>
Reviewed by <u>Tracy Irish</u>	5/14/26
<small>Program Assistant</small>	<small>Date</small>
Verified by _____	_____
<small>Designated State Office Staff</small>	<small>Date</small>

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners (Date)  
 or County Finance Officer

# Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Organization

FY 26-27	Name	Organization	Title
<b>Chairperson</b>	John Kirkpatrick IV	Rehoboth Church; Union County Public Schools	Reverend; Union County Board of Education Member
<b>Vice-Chairperson</b>	Jim Chaffin	Union County Parks & Recreation	Parks & Recreation Director
<b>Secretary</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Treasurer</b>	Natasha Stovall	Court Counselor Supervisor	
<b>Risk &amp; Needs Committee Chairperson</b>	Dr. Jay Jones	Union County Public Schools	Assistant Superintendent of School Support
<b>Funding Committee Chairperson</b>	Malisha Ross (Co-Chair); James Johnson Jr. (Co-Chair)	Partners Behavioral Health; N/A	Regional Director of Community Operations in Cabarrus, Stanly, & Union Counties; Member of the Community

**Number of members for FY 26-27:** 24 (Average)

List meeting dates during the **current fiscal year** and identify the number of JCPC members in attendance for each.

Meeting Date	Number of Members in Attendance	Quorum Present? Yes/No
August 13, 2025	10 out of 16	Yes
September 10, 2025	11 out of 23	No
October 8, 2025	19 out of 23	Yes
November 12, 2025	15 out of 23	Yes
December 10, 2025	16 out of 24	Yes
January 14, 2026	16 out of 24	Yes
February 11, 2026	14 out of 24	Yes
March 23, 2026	14 out of 24	Yes

April 8, 2026	16 of 24	Yes
May 13, 2026	15 of 24	Yes
June 10, 2026	<i>Pending</i>	<i>Pending</i>
<i>No July Meeting</i>	N/A	N/A

## JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL CERTIFICATION STANDARDS

G.S. 143B-853 allows for a 2-year funding cycle for programs that meet the requirements of the statute and have been awarded funds in a prior funding cycle. Indicate below if the JCPC plans to allow for a 1-year or 2-year funding cycle.

1-Year Funding: FY 2026-2027

### Membership

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|---|------------|
| A. Have the members of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council been appointed by county commissioners?                              | <u>Yes</u> |
| B. Are members appointed for two-year terms and are those terms staggered?  | <u>Yes</u> |
| C. Is membership reflective of social-economic and racial diversity of the community?   | <u>Yes</u> |
| D. Does the membership of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council reflect the required positions as provided by N.C.G.S. §143B-846? | <u>No</u>  |

If not, which positions are vacant and why?

The following Union County JCPC Board Member Terms are expected to expire on June 30, 2026. The notice regarding the upcoming Board Vacancies was posted on 4/6/2026. The board is currently working through the Membership Committee to address these vacancies. It has been confirmed that these positions have interested applicants including possible reappointments.

- One (1) Representative from United Way/other nonprofit
- One (1) Member of the Faith Community
- One (1) Juvenile Defense Attorney
- Two (2) County Commissioner Appointees
- One (1) Parks & Recreation Representative

### Organization

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|---|----------------|
| A. Does the JCPC have written Bylaws?   | <u>Yes</u>     |
| B. Bylaws are   | <u>On file</u> |
| C. Bylaws contain Conflict of Interest section per JCPC policy and procedure. | <u>Yes</u>     |
| D. Does the JCPC have written policies and procedures for funding and review? | <u>Yes</u>     |
| E. These policies and procedures  | <u>On file</u> |
| F. Does the JCPC have officers and are they elected annually?                 | <u>Yes</u>     |

### Meetings

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| A. JCPC meetings are considered open and public notice of meetings is provided.  | <u>Yes</u> |
| B. Is a quorum defined as the majority of membership and required to be present in order to conduct business at JCPC meetings? | <u>Yes</u> |
| C. Does the JCPC meet six (6) times a year at a minimum?   | <u>Yes</u> |
| D. Are minutes taken at all official meetings?   | <u>Yes</u> |
| E. Are minutes distributed prior to or during subsequent meetings?   | <u>Yes</u> |

### Planning

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| A. Does the JCPC conduct a biennial planning process which includes a needs assessment, monitoring of programs and funding allocation process? | <u>Yes</u> |
| B. Is this Biennial Plan presented to the Board of County Commissioners and to DPS?  | <u>Yes</u> |
| C. Is the Funding Plan approved by the full council and submitted to Commissioners for their approval?   | <u>Yes</u> |

### Public Awareness

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| A. Does the JCPC communicate the availability of funds to all public and private non-profit agencies which serve | <u>Yes</u> |
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children or their families and to other interested community members?

RFP, Distribution List, and Advertisement attached

- B. Does the JCPC complete a biennial needs assessment and make that information available to agencies which serve children or their families, and to interested community members? Yes

**No Overdue Tax Debt**

- A. As recipient of the county DPS JCPC allocation, does the County certify that it has no overdue tax debts, as defined by N.C.G.S. §105-243.1, at the Federal, State, or local level? Yes

Briefly outline the plan for correcting any areas of standards non-compliance.

The council is working through its Membership Committee to fill vacant/expiring seats on the council and will continue to address this in the new Fiscal Year until positions are filled. The Membership Committee is also working on better tracking JCPC members' staggered terms, and developing written procedures for appointing designee members and how to address multiple applicants for one position.

Areas of Opportunity:

- Additional clarity of written policies and procedures for funding and review, including reimbursement procedures.
- Improved timeliness of meeting minutes distribution.

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Specified Members	Name	Title	Designee	Race	Gender
1) School Superintendent or designee	Dr. Jay Jones	Assistant Superintendent of Student Support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	White	Male
2) Chief of Police or designee	VACANT				
3) Local Sheriff or designee	Chris Black	SRO Sergeant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	White	Male
4) District Attorney or designee	Ashley Kuly	Assistant DA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	White	Female
5) Chief Court Counselor or designee	Phillip Speight	Chief Court Counselor		White	Male
6) Director, Local Management Entity/ Managed Care Organization (LME/MCO), or designee	Malisha Ross	MH/SU Care Management Supervisor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Black or African-American	Female
7) Director DSS or designee	Alisa Etter	Social Work Program Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	White	Female
8) County Manager or designee	Patrick Niland	Deputy County Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	White	Male
9) Substance Abuse Professional	Rachel Patton	Substance Abuse Counselor		White	Female
10) Member of Faith Community	John J. Kirkpatrick IV	Reverend		Black or African-American	Male
11) County Commissioner	Gary Sides	Board of County Commissioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	White	Male
12) A Person Under the Age of 21	Ethan Davis	Youth Representative		Black or African-American	Male
13) A Person Under the Age of 21, or a member of the public representing the interests of families of at-risk juveniles	Lilly Patton	Youth Representative		White	Female
14) Juvenile Defense Attorney	Angela Watkins	Attorney		White	Female
15) Chief District Judge or designee	Anna Goodwin	Chief District Court Judge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	White	Female
16) Member of Business Community	Kiala Davis	Business Owner		Black or African-American	Female
17) Local Health Director or designee	Traci Colley	Union County Public Health Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	White	Female
18) Rep. United Way/other non-profit	VACANT				
19) Representative/Parks and Rec	Jim Chaffin	Division Director		White	Male
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21) County Commissioner appointee	Bob Reichman	Community Member		White	Male
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## **SUMMARY REPORT OF THE RISK AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

- I. Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) Summary**
- II. Summary of Community Resources**
- III. Summary of Gaps and Barriers in the Community Continuum**
- IV. Proposed Priority Services for Funding**

### Introduction:

Juvenile Court Services implemented the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) beginning January 1, 2021; the following data summary represents the first full fiscal year of implementation of the YASI.

In reviewing and prioritizing the elevated risk and needs extracted from this data set, one must consider the utilization of YASI:

1. As a predictor of future risk of offending; and
2. As a Case Management instrument for determining level of service and types of services necessary to reduce recidivism.

### **Part I. Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (Full YASI)**

The Risk and Needs Assessment Committee reviewed aggregate data gleaned from YASI assessments administered in the county during the previous fiscal year. The full assessment consists of over 100 separate items useful for both predictive risk and case management, so data reported from this review will consist of county-level risk factors that may be prioritized by the JCPC for RFP development, as well as for highlighting prevalent issues among court involved juveniles that individual programs and community-based service organizations will want to consider when working with court-involved juveniles in the county.

All juveniles at intake receive the YASI Pre-Screen (33 questions) which is also embedded in each full assessment. The aggregate outputs from full YASI assessments are just one of the data sources used by the Committee and, are the focus of summaries that follow in this document.

YASI questions are framed in either a historic context (Legal History, for example), or in some cases, “current” or “prior three-months” timeframes for other, more dynamic, questions.

### **Elevated Risk and Needs:**

**The Risk and Nees Committee met to review the YASI Data. The YASI Data includes the review of 291 juveniles for fiscal year 2024-2025. Union County YASI Data reported that 64% was Low Risk, 25% was Moderate Risk, and 11% was High Risk.**

Elevated factors relevant for Juvenile Justice program development in the county:

### **SUMMARY COMMENTS:**

YASI assessment points of interest for Union County:

#### **Legal History Domain**

- Age at First Referral (Under 12): Union County 11% - State 9%

#### **Family History Domain**

- Living with Parent/Stepparent: Union County 84% - State 84%
- Living with Sibling, Relative, Other: Union County 73% - State 74%
- \*Foster Care, Independent, Other: Union County 8% - State 9%
- Good/Some Supervision: Union County 93% - State 81%

#### **School Domain**

- Suspended: Union County 6% - State 3%
- Attends Regularly: Union County 79% - State 57%
- Not Applicable: Union County 9% - State 9%
- Police Filed by School: Union County 49% - State 22%
- One or More OSS: Union County 63% - State 61%
- Interested in Two+ Activities: Union County 10% - State 9%
- Involved in One Activity: Union County 14% - State 14%
- Interested but Not Involved in School Activities: Union County 38% - State 31%

#### **Community & Peers Domain**

- No Friends/No Consistent Friends: Union County 22% - State 15%

- \*Leads Anti-Social Peers: Union County 1% - State 2%

#### Alcohol/Drugs

- \*Reported Alcohol/Drug Use: Union County 39% - State 40%
- Age Reported at First Use Under 12: Union County 17% - State 11%
- Age Reported at First Use 15+: Union County 12% - State 10%
- Previous Drug Treatment: Union County 58% - State 58%

#### Mental Health

- Current Medications: Union County 20% - State 18%
- Sexual Abuse History: Union County 6% - State 6%
- Victim of Bullying: Union County 15% - State 11%
- Physical Assault: Union County 14% - State 9%

#### Physical Health

- *No elevated risk factors.*

#### Aggression

- *No elevated risk factors; monitoring aggression categories.*

#### Employment & Free Time

- Never Employed: Union County 82% - State 78%
- One or More Unstructured Free Time: Union County 30% - State 26%

## **Part II. Summary of Community Resources**

The following is a list of existing resources. It is not a measure of resource effectiveness and/or sustainability:

### **JCPC Funded Programs 2026-2027**

Life Connections of the Carolinas-DASH Counseling Services

Transforming Youth Movement, INC- Transforming Futures

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Union County-JCPC Administration

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The Connect Center

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**ADD CONTINUUM OF SERVICES – AT A GLANCE**

### **Part III. Summary of Gaps and Barriers in the Continuum of Services**

- **Transportation:** Transportation barriers for juvenile participating in programs.
- **Referrals:** Lack of program initiative to seek referrals outside of referrals from DJJ.
- **Funding:** Need for additional funding in county to potentially fund more programs.
- **Space:** Challenges with securing facilities or space to host current or additional sessions.
- **Awareness:** Lack of program initiative to seek community awareness of program and services.

### **Part IV. Proposed Priority Services for Funding**

**The Committee proposes that the following services in ranked order be approved as the funding priorities for FY 26-27:**

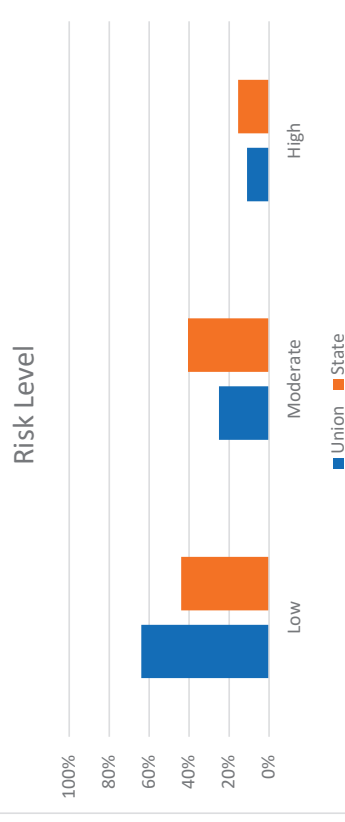
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- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Teen Court
- Parent/Family Skill Building
- Mentoring
- Tutoring/Academic Enhancement Programs
- Restitution/Community Service
- Vocational Development
- Experiential Skill Building
- Interpersonal Skill Building
- Mediation/Conflict Resolution
- Juvenile Structured Day
- Home Based Counseling
- Individual/Family/Group Counseling
- Problem Sexual Behavior
- Assessment/Treatment
- Temporary Shelter Care
- Runway Shelter Care

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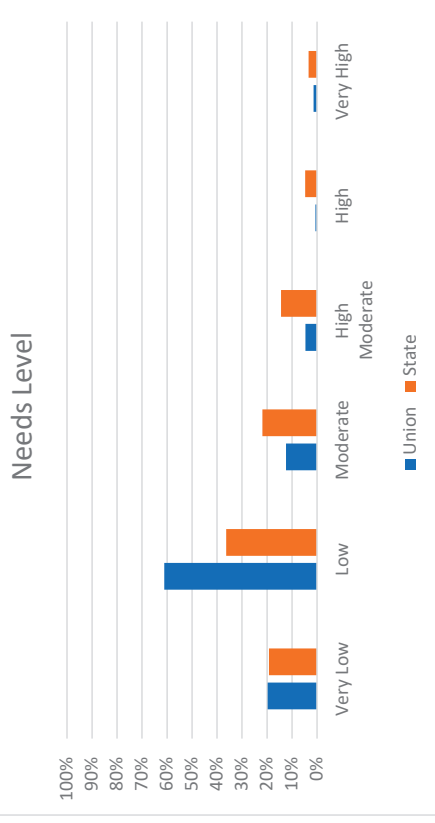
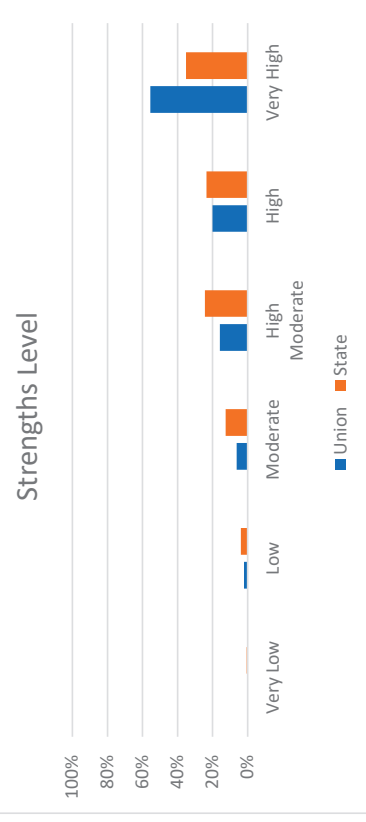
RISK/NEEDS/STRENGTHS LEVEL			
Risk Level	Union	State	
Low	64%	44%	
Moderate	25%	41%	
High	11%	15%	

Needs Level	Union	State
Very Low	20%	19%
Low	61%	36%
Moderate	12%	22%
High Moderate	5%	14%
High	1%	5%
Very High	1%	3%

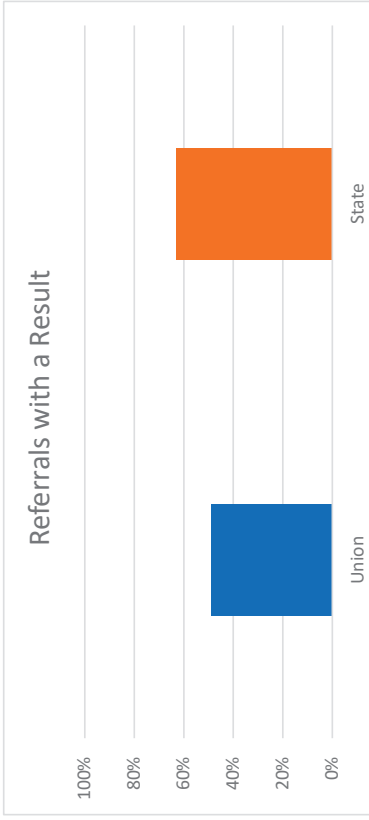
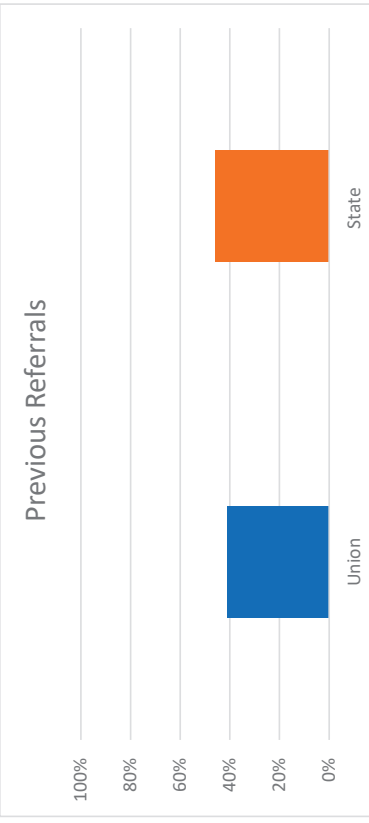


Strengths Level	Union	State
Very Low	0%	1%
Low	2%	4%
Moderate	6%	13%
High Moderate	16%	24%
High	20%	23%
Very High	56%	35%

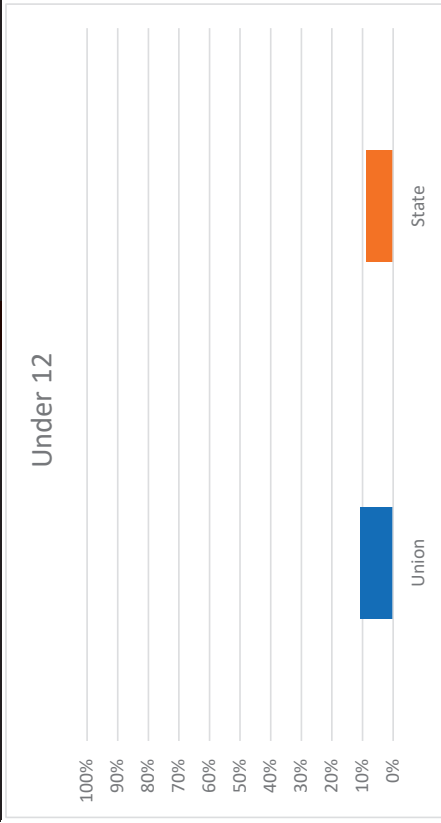


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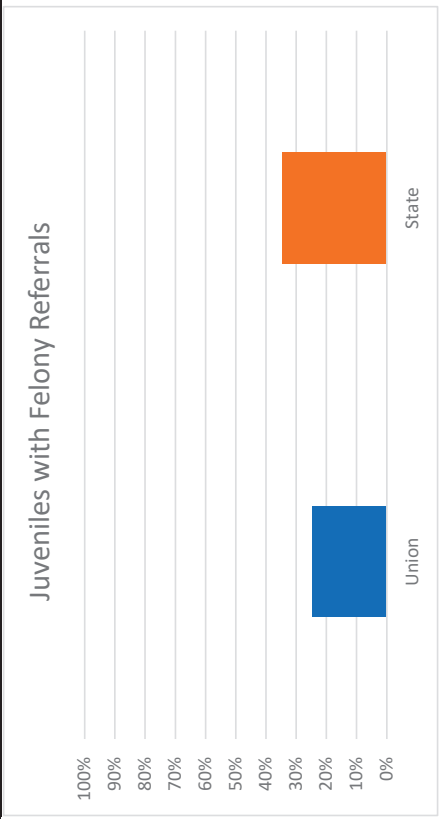
Q1 Previous Delinquent Referrals	Union	State
Previous Referrals	41%	46%
Q3 Number of Referrals w Result	Union	State
Referrals with a Result	49%	63%



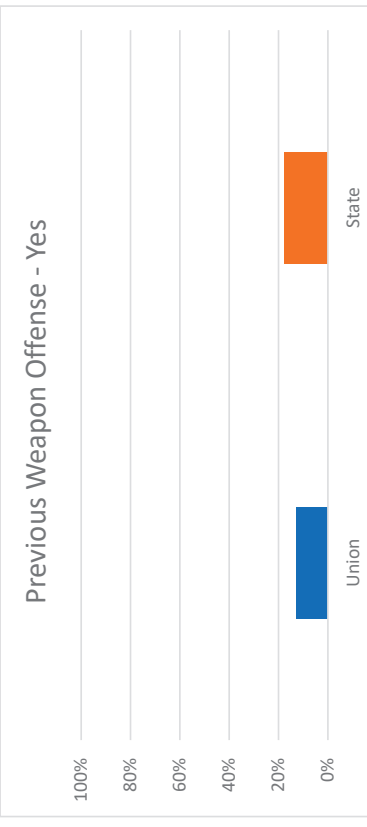
Q2 Age at First Referral	Union	State
Under 12	11%	9%



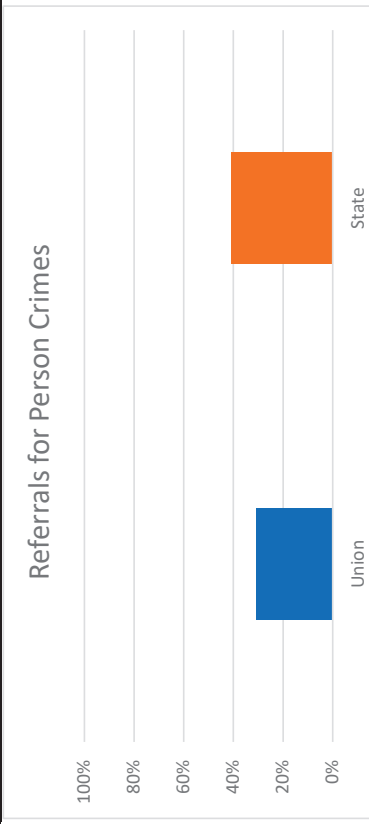
Q4 Felony Referrals to DJJ	Union	State
Juveniles with Felony Referrals	25%	35%



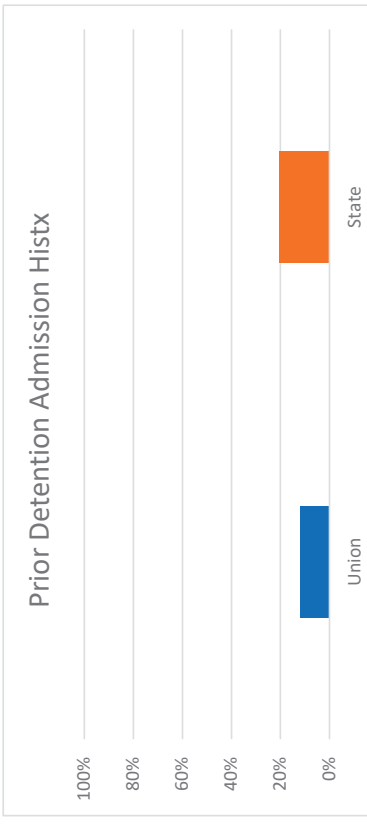
<b>Q6 Weapon Offenses - 1 or more</b>	<b>Union</b>	<b>State</b>
Prior Weapon Offense - Yes	13%	18%



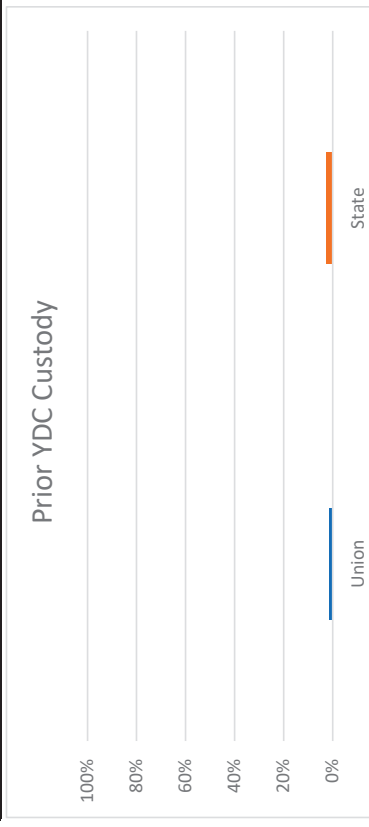
<b>Q7 Person Crimes</b>	<b>Union</b>	<b>State</b>
Referrals for Person Crimes	31%	41%



<b>Q10 Detention Admissions</b>	<b>Union</b>	<b>State</b>
Prior Detention Admission Histx	12%	20%

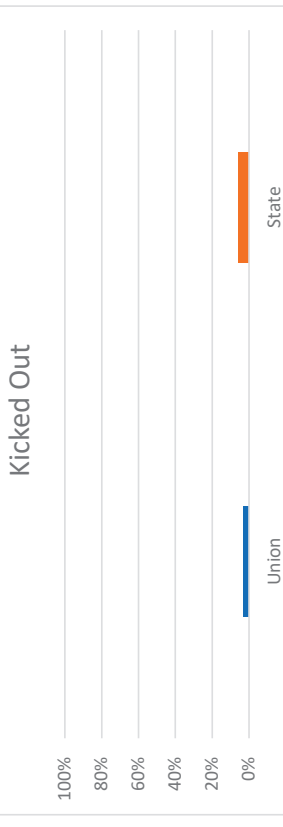


<b>Q11 YDC Placement</b>	<b>Union</b>	<b>State</b>
Prior YDC Custody	1%	3%



**FAMILY**

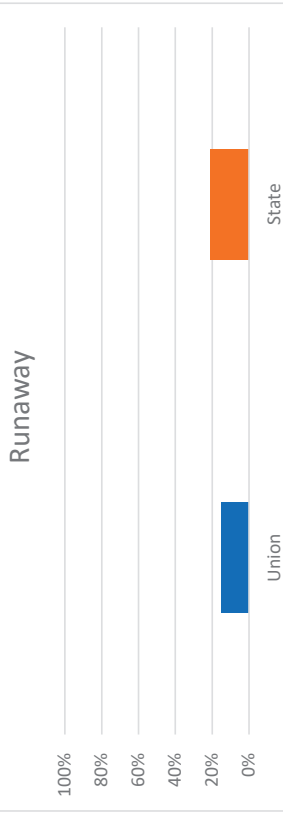
Q1 Kicked Out	Union	State
Kicked Out	3%	6%



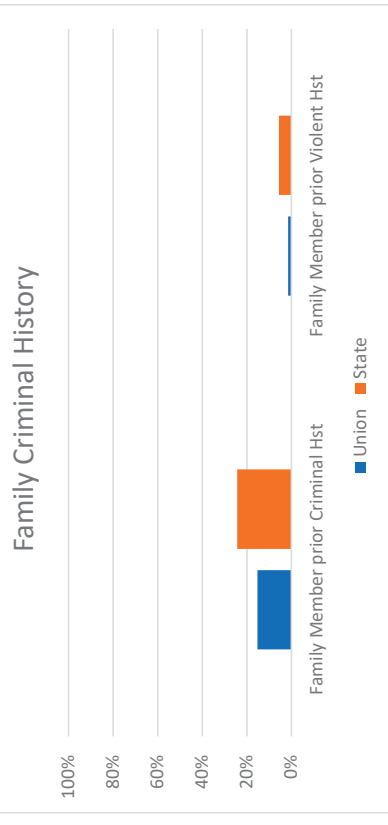
Q4 Family Alcohol/SA & MH	Union	State
Family Member Alcohol/SA	6%	12%
Family Member MH	9%	12%



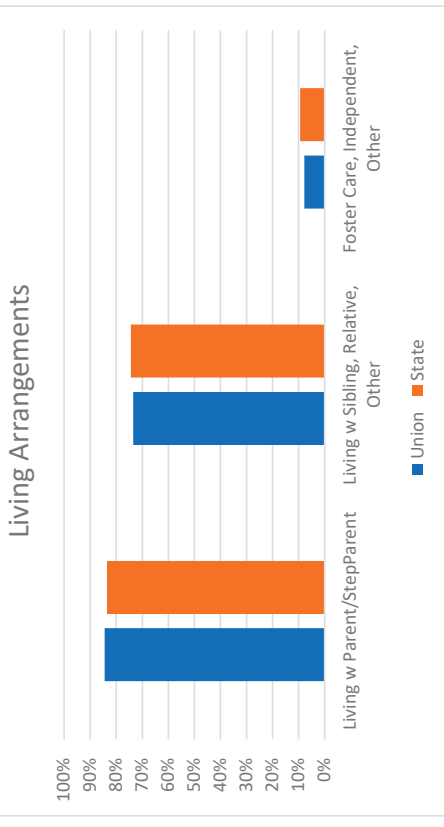
Q1 Runaway	Union	State
Runaway	15%	21%



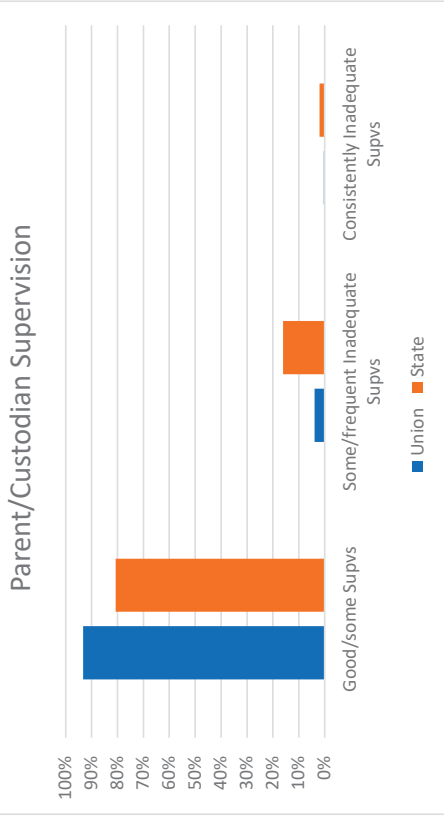
Q4 Family Criminal History	Union	State
Family Member prior Criminal Hst	15%	24%
Family Member prior Violent Hst	1%	6%



Q6 Living Arrangements	Union	State
Living w Parent/StepParent	84%	84%
Living w Sibling, Relative, Other	73%	74%
Foster Care, Independent, Other	8%	9%

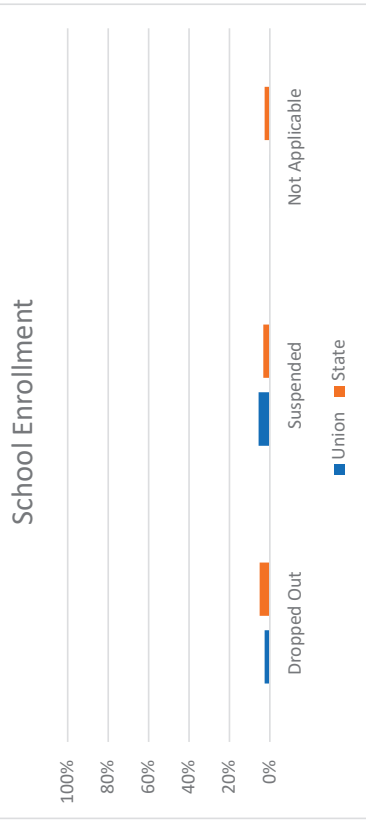


Q7 Parent/Custodian Supervision	Union	State
Good/some Supvs	93%	81%
Some/frequent Inadequate Supvs	4%	16%
Consistently Inadequate Supvs	0%	2%

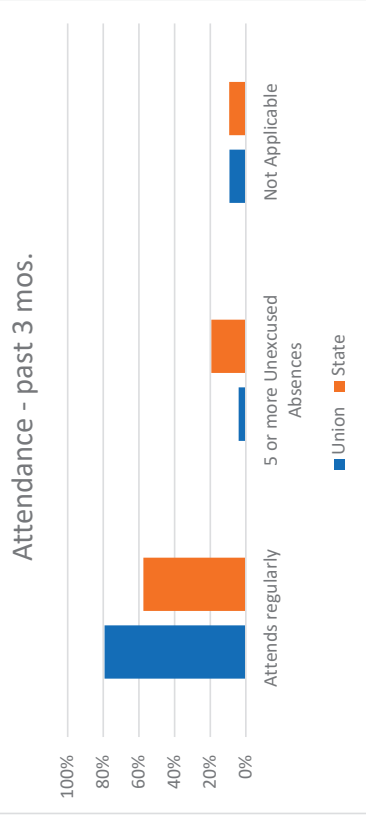


**SCHOOL**

Q1 School Enrollment Status	Union	State
Dropped Out	3%	5%
Suspended	6%	3%
Not Applicable	0%	3%

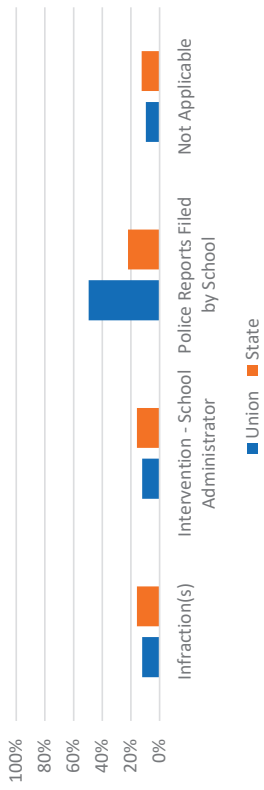


Q2 Attendance - past 3 mos.	Union	State
Attends regularly	79%	57%
5 or more Unexcused Absences	4%	19%
Not Applicable	9%	9%



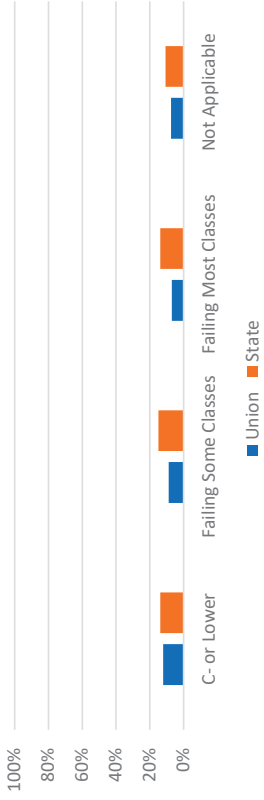
Q3 School Conflict - past 3 mos.	Union	State
Infraction(s)	12%	16%
Intervention - School Administrator	12%	16%
Police Reports Filed by School	49%	22%
Not Applicable	10%	12%

School Conflict - past 3 mos.



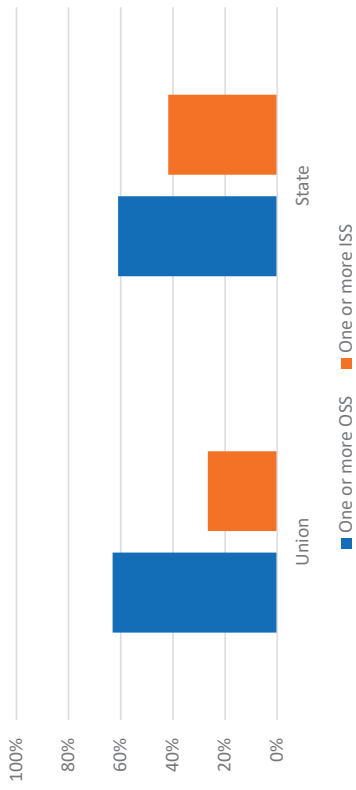
Q4 Academics - past 3 mos.	Union	State
C- or Lower	12%	14%
Failing Some Classes	9%	15%
Failing Most Classes	7%	14%
Not Applicable	7%	11%

Academics - past 3 mos.



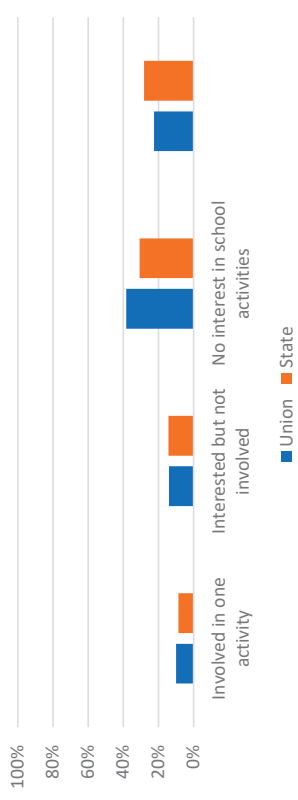
Q10 School Behavior - past 2 yrs.	Union	State
One or more OSS	63%	61%
One or more ISS	27%	42%

School Behavior - past 2 yrs.



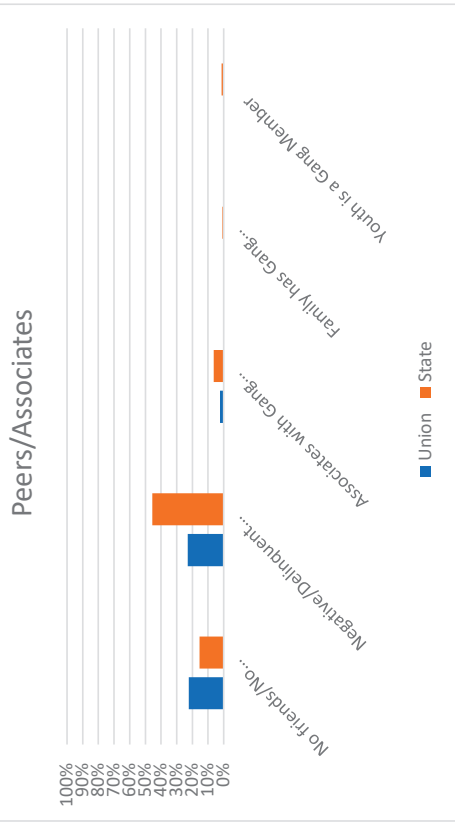
Q12 School Activities - past 3 mos.	Union	State
Involved in two+ activities	10%	9%
Involved in one activity	14%	14%
Interested but not involved	38%	31%
No interest in school activities	23%	28%

School Activities - most recent school year

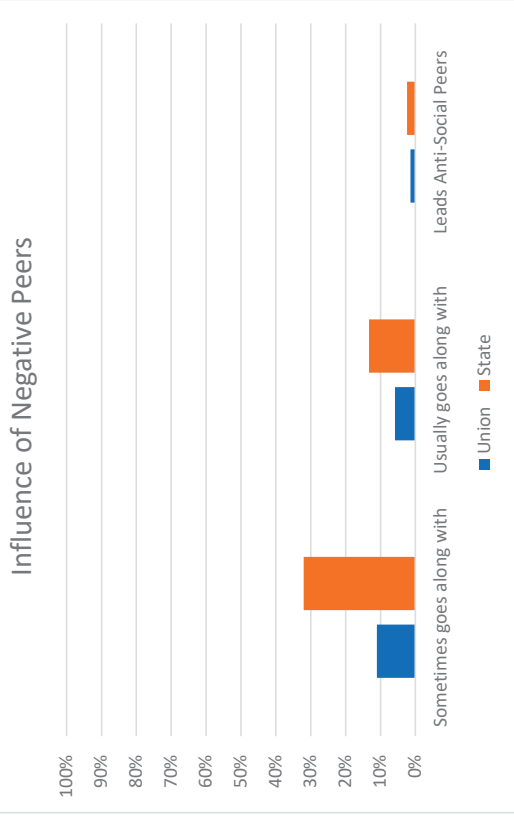


**COMMUNITY & PEERS**

Q1 Peers/Associates	Union	State
No friends/No Consistent Friends	22%	15%
Negative/Delinquent Influence	23%	46%
Associates with Gang Members	2%	6%
Family has Gang Members	0%	1%
Youth is a Gang Member	0%	1%

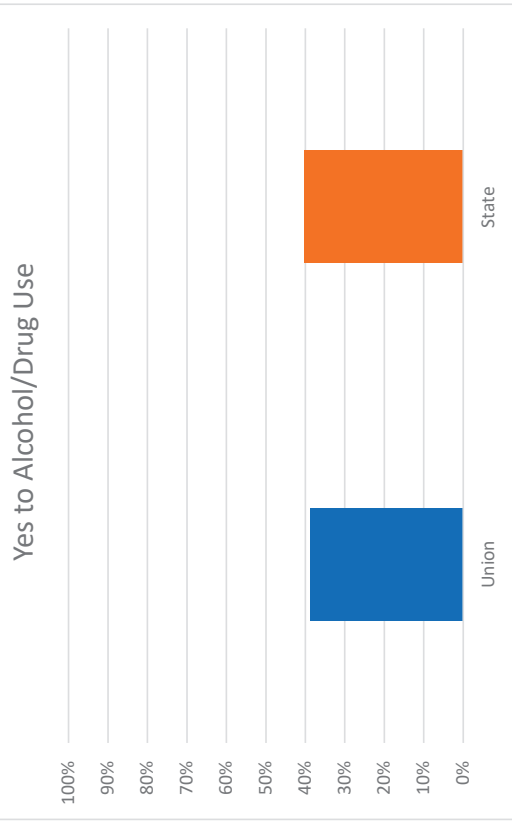


Q6 Negative Peer Associations	Union	State
Sometimes goes along with	11%	32%
Usually goes along with	6%	13%
Leads Anti-Social Peers	1%	2%

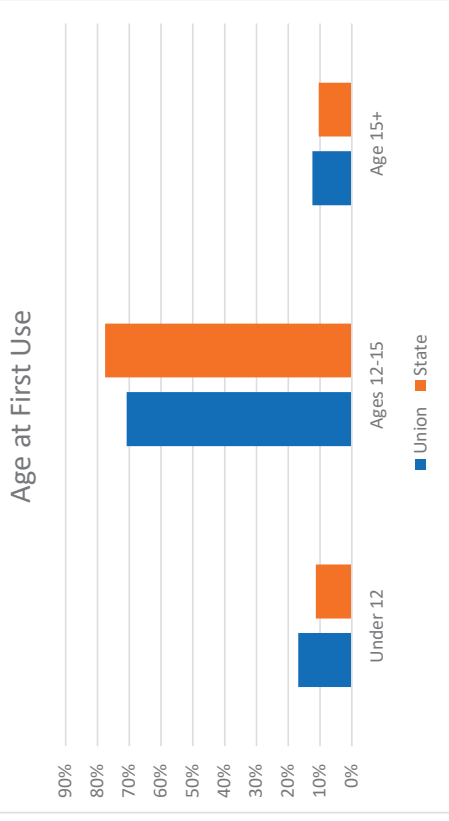


**ALCOHOL/DRUGS - Q1-Q3 dividing by Juveniles with "Yes" to Alcohol/Drugs**

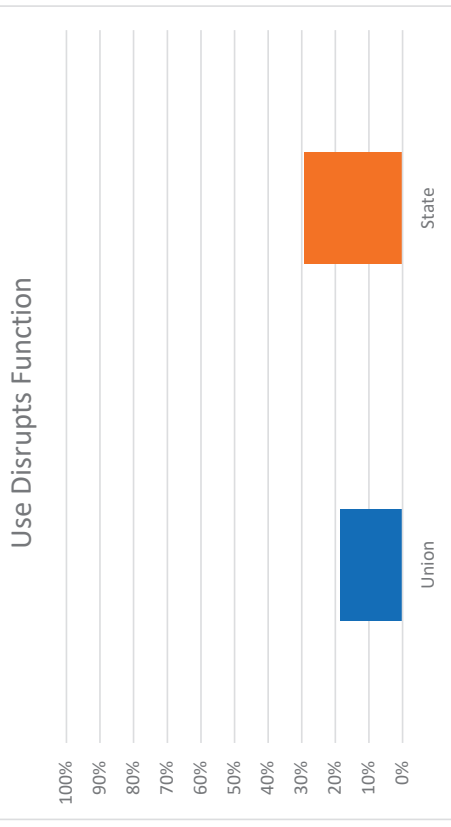
% Reporting Alcohol/Drug Use	Union	State
Yes to Alcohol/Drug Use	39%	40%



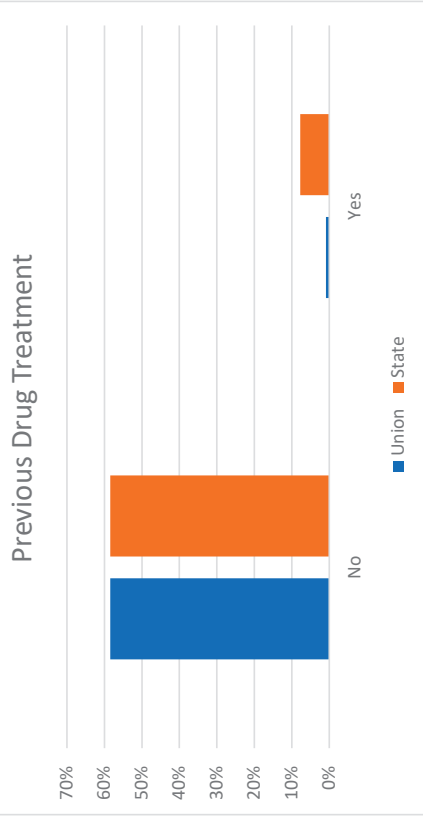
Q1 Age at 1st Use	Union	State
Under 12	17%	11%
Ages 12-15	71%	78%
Age 15+	12%	10%



<b>Q1 Alcohol/Drug Use</b>	<b>Union</b>	<b>State</b>
Use Disrupts Function	19%	29%

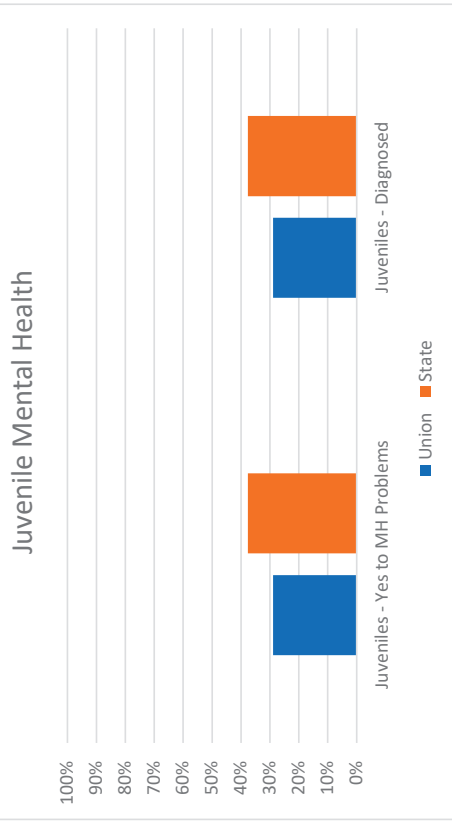


<b>Q3 Previous Alcohol/Drug Treat</b>	<b>Union</b>	<b>State</b>
No	58%	58%
Yes	1%	8%

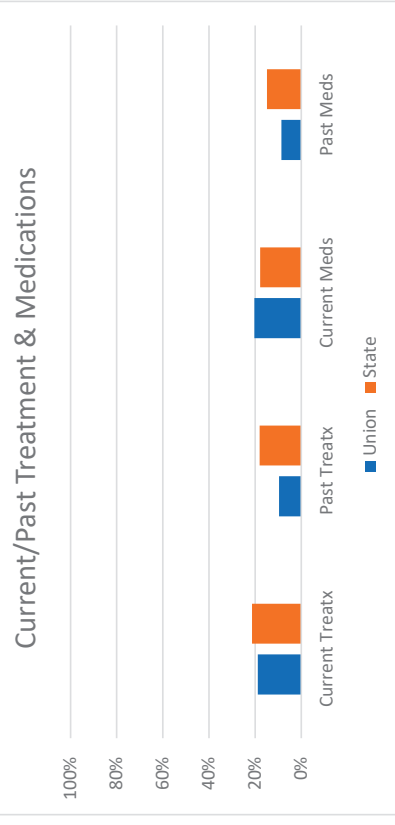


**MENTAL HEALTH**

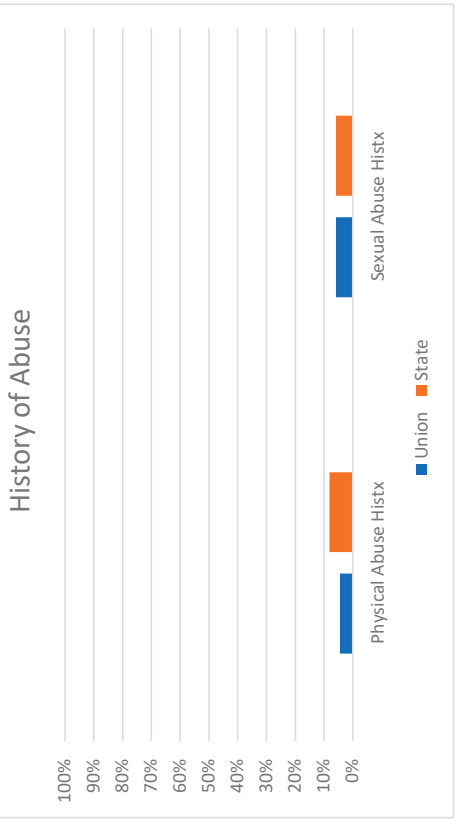
<b>Juvenile-Mental Health Problems</b>	<b>Union</b>	<b>State</b>
Juveniles - Yes to MH Problems	29%	38%
Juveniles - Diagnosed	29%	38%



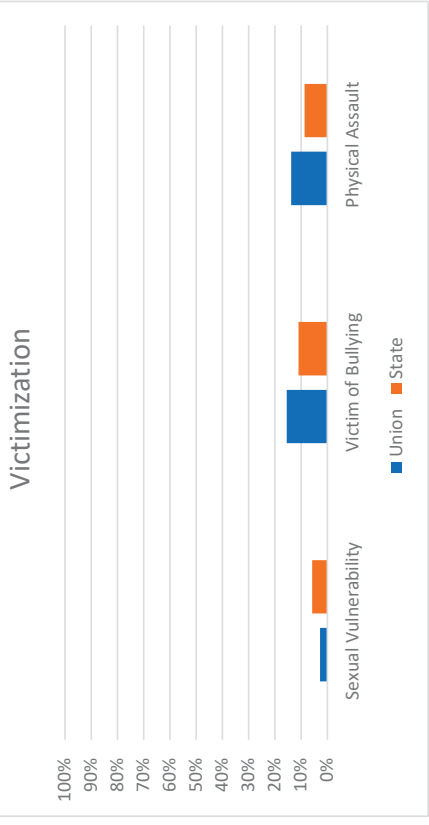
<b>Q1 Current/Past Treatx-Meds</b>	<b>Union</b>	<b>State</b>
Current Treatx	19%	21%
Past Treatx	10%	18%
Current Meds	20%	18%
Past Meds	9%	15%



Q5 History of Abuse	Union	State
Physical Abuse Histx	4%	8%
Sexual Abuse Histx	6%	6%

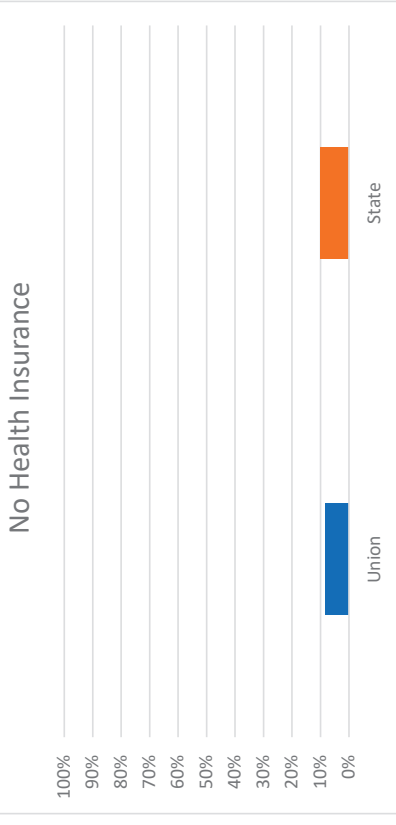


Q6 Victimization History	Union	State
Sexual Vulnerability	3%	6%
Victim of Bullying	15%	11%
Physical Assault	14%	9%



**PHYSICAL HEALTH**

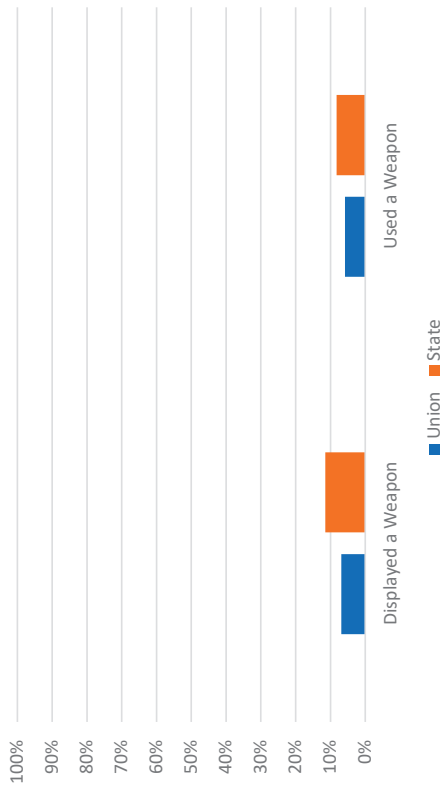
Q2 Health Insurance	Union	State
No Health Insurance	8%	10%



### AGGRESSION

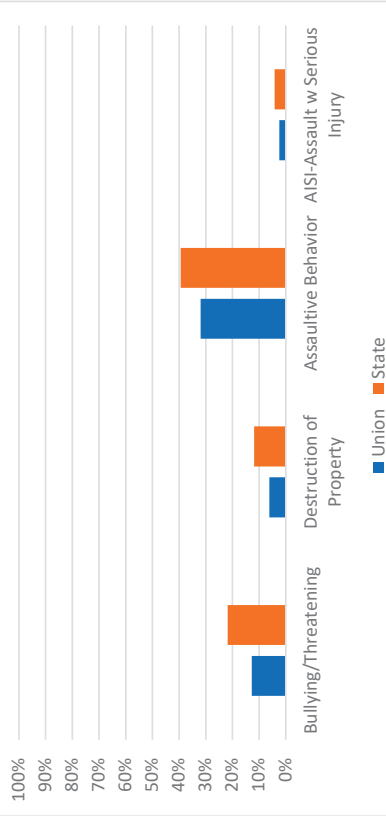
Q1 Violence	Union	State
Displayed a Weapon	7%	11%
Used a Weapon	6%	8%

#### Violence



Q1 Violence	Union	State
Bullying/Threatening	13%	22%
Destruction of Property	6%	12%
Assaultive Behavior	32%	39%
AISI-Assault w Serious Injury	2%	4%

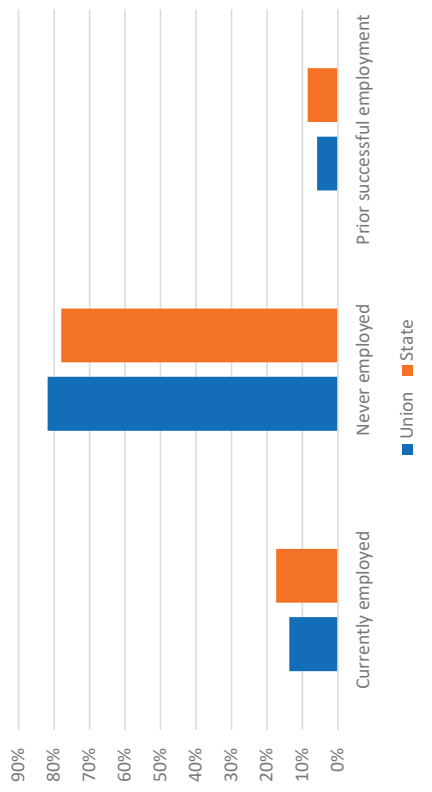
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### EMPLOYMENT & FREE TIME

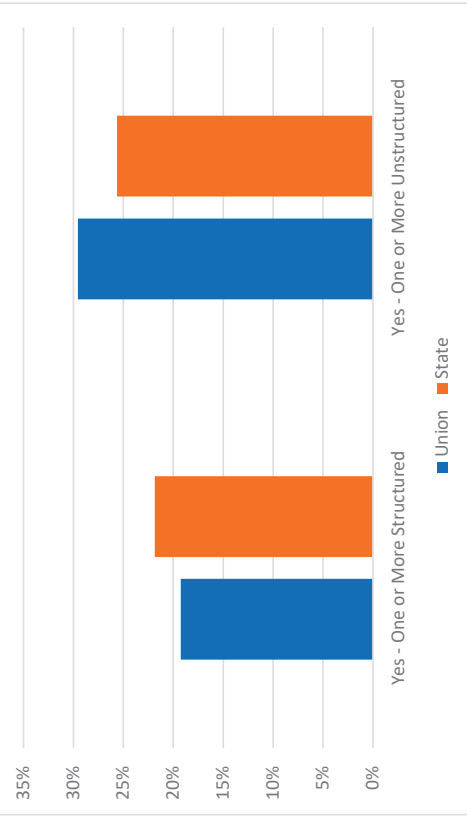
Q1 Employment History	Union	State
Currently employed	14%	17%
Never employed	82%	78%
Prior successful employment	6%	9%

#### Employment



Q5 & Q6 Free Time	Union	State
Yes - One or More Structured	19%	22%
Yes - One or More Unstructured	30%	26%

#### Free Time



# Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) for Services to Juvenile Offenders<sup>®</sup>

Recalibrated version, 2013

County: Union  
 Total Number of Qualifying Terminations: 5  
 Program Name: A.P.S.  
 Component Name: A.R.I.S.E  
 Date Range: 07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025  
 SPEP Score Creation Time: 09/11/2025 03:48 PM

	Possible Points	Points Received
<b>SPEP Primary Service Points</b> Group 1 - 5 Points    Group 4 - 25 Points Group 2 - 10        Group 5 - 30 Points Points Group 3 - 15 Points	30	5
<b>SPEP Supplemental Service Points</b> Program has a qualifying supplemental service: provided 5 points/not provided 0 points No qualifying supplemental service – 5 automatic points	5	0
<b>Quality of Service Points</b>	20	17
<b>Duration Points</b> Percentage of youth with Target Weeks Met 0% (0 pts)    60% (6 pts) 20% (2 pts)    80% (8 pts) 40% (4 pts)    90% (10 pts)	10	4
<b>Contact Hours Points</b> Percentage of youth with Target Hours Met 0% (0 pts)    60% (6 pts) 20% (2 pts)    80% (8 pts) 40% (4 pts)    90% (10 pts)	10	6
<b>Risk Tier 1 Points</b> Based on % of youth with risk scores 3-30 0% (0 pts)    75% (7 pts) 30% (2 pts)    85% (10 pts) 50% (5 pts)    95% (12 pts)	12	7
<b>Risk Tier 2 Points</b> Based on % of youth with risk scores 6-30 0% (0 pts)    25% (8 pts) 15% (3 pts)    30% (10 pts) 20% (5 pts)    35% (13 pts)	13	0
<b>Total SPEP Score</b>	100	39
<b>POP Score Percentage (Basic Score/Max Score by Group)</b>		32%

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# Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) for Services to Juvenile Offenders<sup>©</sup>

Recalibrated version, 2013

County	Union
Total Number of Qualifying Terminations	18
Program Name	Kids At Work! Union
Component Name	Kids At Work
Date Range	07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025
SPEP Score Creation Time	09/11/2025 03:55 PM

	Possible Points	Points Received
<b>SPEP Primary Service Points</b> Group 1 - 5 Points    Group 4 - 25 Points Group 2 - 10        Group 5 - 30 Points Points Group 3 - 15 Points	30	15
<b>SPEP Supplemental Service Points</b> Program has a qualifying supplemental service: provided - 5 points/not provided - 0 points No qualifying supplemental service – 5 automatic points	5	5
<b>Quality of Service Points</b>	20	19
<b>Duration Points</b> Percentage of youth with Target Weeks Met 0% (0 pts) 60% (6 pts) 20% (2 pts) 80% (8 pts) 40% (4 pts) 90% (10 pts)	10	8
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<b>Total SPEP Score</b>	100	64
<b>POP Score Percentage (Basic Score/Max Score by Group)</b>	85	75%

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Recalibrated version, 2013

County	Union
Total Number of Qualifying Terminations	18
Program Name	Kids At Work! Union
Component Name	Kids At Work
Date Range	07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025
SPEP Score Creation Time	09/11/2025 03:55 PM

	Possible Points	Points Receive
<b>SPEP Primary Service Points</b> Group 1 - 5 Points    Group 4 - 25 Points Group 2 - 10        Group 5 - 30 Points Points Group 3 - 15 Points	30	15
<b>SPEP Supplemental Service Points</b> Program has a qualifying supplemental service: provided - 5 points/not provided - 0 points No qualifying supplemental service – 5 automatic points	5	5
<b>Quality of Service Points</b>	20	19
<b>Duration Points</b> Percentage of youth with Target Weeks Met 0% (0 pts) 60% (6 pts) 20% (2 pts) 80% (8 pts) 40% (4 pts) 90% (10 pts)	10	8
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<b>Risk Tier 2 Points</b> Based on % of youth with risk scores 6-30 0% (0 pts) 25% (8 pts) 15% (3 pts) 30% (10 pts) 20% (5 pts) 35% (13 pts)	13	8
<b>Total SPEP Score</b>	100	64
<b>POP Score Percentage (Basic Score/Max Score by Group)</b>	85	75%

# Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) for Services to Juvenile Offenders®

Recalibrated version, 2018

County: Union  
 Total Number of Qualifying Terminations: 7  
 Program Name: Parenting Support  
 Component Name: Parenting Support  
 Date Range: 07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025  
 SPEP Score Creation Time: 09/11/2025 04:00 PM

	Possible Points	Points Received
<b>SPEP Primary Service Points</b> Group 1 - 5 Points    Group 4 - 25 Points Group 2 - 10        Group 5 - 30 Points Points Group 3 - 15 Points	30	15
<b>SPEP Supplemental Service Points</b> Program has a qualifying supplemental service provided - 5 points/not provided - 0 points No qualifying supplemental service - 5 automatic points	5	5
<b>Quality of Service Points</b>	20	7
<b>Duration Points</b> Percentage of youth with Target Weeks Met 0% (0 pts)    60% (6 pts) 20% (2 pts)    80% (8 pts) 40% (4 pts)    90% (10 pts)	10	8
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<b>Total SPEP Score</b>	100	60
<b>POP Score Percentage (Basic Score/Max Score by Group)</b>	60%	60%

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## Union County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Request for Proposals

The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) has studied the risk factors and needs of Juvenile Court involved youth in this county and hereby publishes this Request for Proposals. The JCPC anticipates funds from the NC Dept. of Public Safety Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in the amount stated above to fund the program types specified below. Such programs will serve delinquent and at-risk youth for the state fiscal year 2025-2026 beginning on, or after, July 1, 2025. The use of these funds in this county require a local match in the amount specified above. The county can approve programs for 1 year funding awards, dependent on county approval and programs meeting all requirements.

### Based on identified needed programs and possible gaps in the service continuum, the following program types will be considered for funding:

Clinical or Psychological Evaluations Substance Abuse Treatment Teen Court Parent/Family Skill Building Mentoring Tutoring/Academic Enhancement Programs	Restitution/Community Service Vocational Development Experiential Skill Building Interpersonal Skill Building Mediation/Conflict Resolution Juvenile Structured Day	Home Based Counseling Individual/Family/Group Counseling Problem Sexual Behavior Assessment/Treatment Temporary Shelter Care Runway Shelter Care
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### Proposed program services should target the following risk factors for delinquency or repeat delinquency:

- \*School Problem Behaviors
- \*Juveniles who associate with other delinquent peers
- \*Substance abuse
- \*Parenting Skills
- \*Mental Health
- \*Reduction in juvenile recidivism
- \*Gang involvement
- \* Weapon possession

### Proposed services should address the following concerns as reported in the Youth Assessment Screening Instrument (YASI) for adjudicated youth:

Peer Domain: Union County Youth have no friends/ no consistent friends.

Individual Domain: Youth have felony referrals, have first referral under the age of 12, prior detention history, alcohol/ drug use and history of physical assault, have displayed a weapon.

Family Domain: Youth involved with the juvenile justice system have run away from home or been kicked out, living with sibling other than a parent, youth who have a family member that is involved with a gang.

School Domain: Union County Youth have dropped out, failing some classes, out of school suspension, negative school behavior, not involved in structured activities.

### Applicants are being sought that are able to address items below:

1. Program services compatible with research that are shown to be effective with juvenile offenders.
2. Program services are outcome-based.
3. The program has an evaluation component.
4. Program services detect gang participation and divert individuals from gang participation.
5. Awareness of and sensitivity to Racial Ethnic Disparity that exists in the County.
6. Programs are encouraged to provide effective programming that includes restorative justice practices.

### Only local public agencies, 501c3 non-profit corporations and local housing authorities will be considered for funding.

In order to apply for FY 2025-2026 JCPC funding, you must complete and submit your application online by accessing NC ALLIES. Please read and follow all instructions at: <https://cp.ncdjidp.org/CP>

Additional self-help videos on the NC ALLIES webpage are available by clicking on the HELP tab.

Private non-profits are also required to submit, by uploading in NC ALLIES, the following:

- 1) No Over Due Tax form, 2) DPS Conflict of Interest Statement,
- 3) Agency Conflict of Interest Policy, and 4) Proof of 501(c)(3) status. (#1 & #2 are available at the above link.)

**John Kirkpatrick**

JCPC Chairperson / or Designee

**(910) 334-6863**

Telephone #

For further information or other technical assistance about applying for JCPC funds in this county contact:

**Sherri Hill**, DPS Area Consultant at **704-754-8218**.

**The deadline for receiving the application: February 10, 2025**

**5:00pm**

## Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Funding Decisions Summary

Funding Decision for:	FY 26-27	Date Completed:
<b>Program(s) Funded</b>	<b>Select 1-year or 2-year funding and reason(s) for Funding (Check all that apply)</b>	
Life Connections of the Carolinas - DASH	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-year Funding approved for FY _____ and _____ OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-year Funding approved for FY _____  <b>Rationale for 2-year Funding approval:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Funded in past _____ years <input type="checkbox"/> In good standing with county/JCPC and DPS (following PA, timely reports, reporting to JCPC as requested) <input type="checkbox"/> Favorable JCPC monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> In compliance with Consultant Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of Service Assessment (QOS) rating is min 70% (min. score of 14) OR progress made on PEP in QOS. <input type="checkbox"/> Provides an essential dispositional option, explain: <input type="checkbox"/> Meets target population as described in Program Agreement ( <i>number served, and described target population</i> ), with minimal exceptions (i.e. less than 10% variance)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meets funding priority <input type="checkbox"/> Compatible with research <input type="checkbox"/> Cost efficient <input type="checkbox"/> Addresses reductions of complaints, violations of supervision & convictions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Has evaluation component <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addresses parental accountability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addresses use of alcohol/controlled substances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addresses restitution to victims <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addresses gang participation <input type="checkbox"/> Would increase funding to this service if funds were available <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
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Youth Advocate Mentorship (YAM)- Growing with Trust	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of funding, addresses priority need and would fund if resources allowed <input type="checkbox"/> Greater cost than program of same type and quality <input type="checkbox"/> Does not meet funding priority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not compatible with research <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Did not meet RFP upload requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Does not meet funding priority <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Not compatible with research <input type="checkbox"/> Lesser quality than another program funded of its type <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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### Program Enhancement Plan (PEP)

**Program/Component:** Kids at Work!  
**Brief Description:** Kids At Work is an interpersonal skills development program based around the culinary arts. Youth are a part of the program for 16 weeks and meet for three hours once a week for instruction. The curriculum consists of 24 hands-on lessons that are designed to meet the clients unique learning styles and help them apply the skills in a work environment. Youth ages 15+ also receive training in food safety via ServSafe in order to gain certification and an edge in employment.

Category	SPEP Score	Enhancement Opportunity	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Progress Report: Describe progress made, include date, what has been completed, in process or no progress
Primary Service	15				
Qualifying Supplemental Service	5				
Quality of Service Delivery	19		1. Write a Staff Evaluation and Development Plan; 2. Revise the evaluation forms for all staff positions; 3. Assign supervisors to complete each staff evaluations; 4. Schedule all staff evaluations to occur by 1/15/26; 6. Complete evaluations with staff; 7. Write a Staff Development Plan incorporating areas for improvement/development for each staff; 8. Establish a follow up procedure on set goals/areas for improvement.	District Leader Program Manager	Management team met to discuss staff evaluation elements and targeted areas for improvement. All staff evaluations have been assigned to the appropriate manager.
Amount of Service: Duration and Contact Hours	12				
Risk Level of Youth	13				

<b>Total SPEP Score</b>	64
<b>POP</b>	75%

This Plan is approved by: Kimberly Casiano 10/17/25  
 Program Manager Signature Date JPCP Chair Signature Date

SECTION I B: PROGRAM COMPONENT DESCRIPTION	
COMPONENT ID #	COMPONENT INFORMATION
46952	<p><b>NAME OF COMPONENT:</b> Clinical Assessments and Treatment</p> <p><b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b> In partnership with Healing Pathways Foundations, DASH Counseling Services supports Union County's at-risk youth by addressing the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences. Through specialized clinical assessments and trauma-informed care, we identify mental health and substance use needs to help reduce recidivism and build healthier, more resilient lives.</p>

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46953	<p><b>NAME OF COMPONENT:</b> D-A-S-H Substance Abuse Services</p> <p><b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b> In partnership with Healing Pathways Foundations, DASH Counseling Services supports Union County's at-risk youth by addressing the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences. Through specialized clinical assessments and trauma-informed care, we identify mental health and substance use needs to help reduce recidivism and build healthier, more resilient lives.</p>

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46955	<p><b>NAME OF COMPONENT:</b> Comprehensive Mental Health Counseling Services</p> <p><b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b> In partnership with Healing Pathways Foundations, DASH Counseling Services supports Union County's at-risk youth by addressing the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences. Through specialized clinical assessments and trauma-informed care, we identify mental health and substance use needs to help reduce recidivism and build healthier, more resilient lives.</p>

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46674	<p><b>NAME OF COMPONENT:</b> Transforming Futures Community Service</p> <p><b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b> Transforming Futures Community Service provides justice-involved youth ages 10-17 with structured, interest-based opportunities that promote accountability and skill development. Participants earn money toward victim restitution while engaging in meaningful service projects. Grounded in a trauma-informed approach, the program fosters responsibility, reduces recidivism, and helps youth build positive connections within their communities.</p>

COMPONENT ID #	COMPONENT INFORMATION
46675	<p><b>NAME OF COMPONENT:</b> Transforming Futures Career Exploration</p> <p><b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b> Transforming Futures Career Exploration empowers justice-involved youth ages 15-17 with the skills and experiences needed for success through immersive Extended Reality Career Simulations Trainings, hands-on learning, and soft skills development. The participants explore career pathways in a real-world context. The program culminates with a business pitch competition and a graduation where youth earn a stipend for successfully completing the 100-hour program.</p>

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46676	<p><b>NAME OF COMPONENT:</b> Union County Teen Court Program</p> <p><b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b> Union County Teen Court is a restorative justice program that diverts youth from formal court proceedings. Participants take accountability through peer jury hearings and complete constructive sanctions that promote personal responsibility. This process provides a second chance while reinforcing positive decision-making and community engagement.</p>

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46857	<p><b>NAME OF COMPONENT:</b> Kids At Work</p> <p><b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b> Kids At Work is an interpersonal skills development program based around the culinary arts. Youth are a part of the program for 16 weeks and meet for three hours once a week for instruction. The curriculum consists of 24 hands-on lessons that are designed to meet the clients unique learning styles and help them apply the skills in a work environment. Youth ages 15-17 receive ServSafe food safety training and certification exam, making them more marketable for employment.</p>

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46654	<p><b>NAME OF COMPONENT:</b> A.R.I.S.E</p> <p><b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b> A.R.I.S.E. (Arts Related Innovative Student Empowerment) provides at-risk youth with creative outlets and career training opportunities through its Cinematography and Music /Audio Production programs. At-risk youth ranging in ages 13-17 yrs., will create and develop skills building confidence, and teamwork, in music composition, sound design, and audio editing through projects. The program offers optimism by instilling a sense of purpose, entrepreneurship, and new possibilities for the future.</p>

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47027	<p><b>NAME OF COMPONENT:</b> The Connect Scholars</p> <p><b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b> The Connect Scholars Program is a comprehensive non-profit program designed to educate and bridge the gap for at risk students. Aims to foster and mentor academic success and career readiness by providing comprehensive support services (awareness, prevention, and intervention) for middle and high school students (ages 11-18). The Connect Scholar's program prioritizes first-generation college-bound students and those who lack access to critical resources due to systemic inequities.</p>

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47528	<p><b>NAME OF COMPONENT:</b> Next Step Youth Program</p> <p><b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b> Providing individualized and small-group academic instruction to address learning gaps and reinforce classroom standards. Deliver tutoring and enrichment activities that support literacy, math, and critical thinking skills, helping students improve academic performance and confidence for two hours a week.</p>

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47565	<p><b>NAME OF COMPONENT:</b> Next Step Youth Program</p> <p><b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION:</b> The Group Session Component will be facilitated by graduate-level interns from Wingate University's Master of Social Work (MSW) program. These structured sessions are designed to support students' social-emotional development, wellness, and interpersonal skills in a safe and supportive environment. Group sessions may include topics such as Emotional regulation and self-awareness, Conflict resolution and peer relationships, Stress management and coping strategies, and confidence building.</p>