

What is DMC?

Addressing DMC at the local level

NC Department of Public Safety

Objectives

- Review State and Local Data, and Discuss School-Based Referrals.
- Discuss the Juvenile Justice Process and Likely Outcomes.
- Raising Awareness of DMC as an Issue Requiring Attention.
- Discuss Suitable Interventions
- Commit to a Partnership for DMC Reduction.



What is DMC?

Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) refers to the disproportionate number of minority youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
US Department of Justice




When the % of minority youth in the juvenile justice system **exceeds** the % of minority youth in the general population.

This Ratio is called the **Relative Rate Index (RRI)**.

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act

- ▶ Initially created 1974, amended in 2002: Provides safeguards for youth having contact with juvenile justice system
- ▶ Designed to help states/ local govs prevent and control juvenile delinquency, and improve the juvenile justice system

Core Requirements of JJDP Act

1. Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO)
2. Sight and Sound Separation
3. Adult Jail and Lockup Removal
4. Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)

NC Conflict with JJDP Act

- ▶ NC treats 16 year olds as adults for all offenses
- ▶ The JJDP Act defines "juvenile" as a child under the age of 18
- ▶ NC charges 16 and 17 year old youth in possession of misdemeanor drug and alcohol offenses, which may lead to secure confinement in an adult jail facility.

Status Offenders (Undisciplined Youth)

Status offense - the unlawful behavior of a child (under the age of 18 years old) that **would not be criminal** if committed by an adult

- ▶ Truancy, Runaway, Curfew Violation, and Ungovernable/Undisciplined

NC Youth Population FY 13-14

▶ NC Youth Population, Ages 6 to 17 (n=1,543,936)

Race	Percentage
White	57%
Minority	43%

▶ NC JJ Complaints Received (n=31,614)

Race	Percentage
White	34%
Minority	66%

Chatham County Youth Population

▶ Total Youth Population:	▶ White:	4,981
▶ 8,122 total youth	▶ Black:	989
	▶ Latino:	1,954
	▶ Asian:	174
	▶ Native Amer.:	24

Chatham County Data FY 13-14:

Complaints/ Referrals to Juvenile Court - (306):

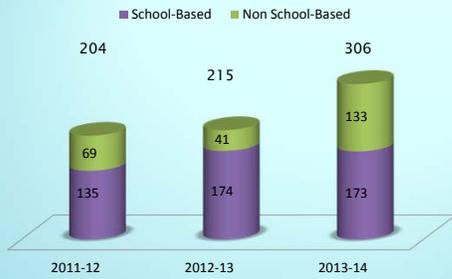
- White: 67
- Black: 105 2 or More Races 26
- Lat/His: 108

Minority Complaints Adjudicated - (RRI):

- Black: 0.81
- Latino: 1.27

Resulting in YDC Commitment - (0)

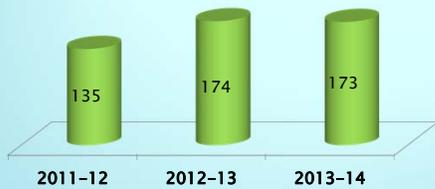
Complaints Chatham County



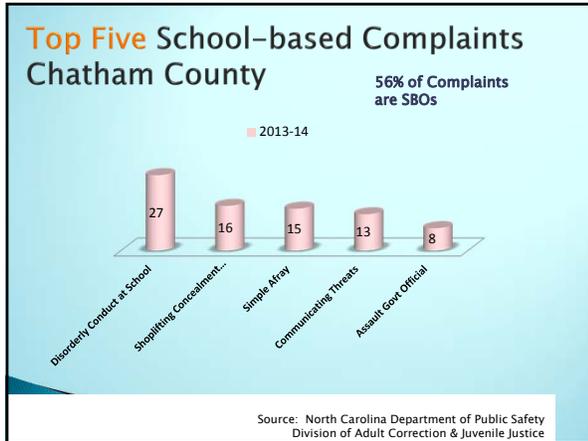
Source: North Carolina Department of Public Safety
Division of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Chatham County SRO Filed Complaints

School Resource Officer Filed Complaints



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Detention vs. Intervention

Intervention – Treat the underlying problem or issue to effect a positive change in behavior or conduct.

Detention – Youth supervision pending adjudication for public safety and to ensure the youth appears in court.

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Department of Public Safety DMC Efforts

- ▶ DMC Coordinator
- ▶ DMC State Advisory Group
- ▶ Statewide Support of DMC Initiatives
- ▶ Collaboration with Key Stakeholders
- ▶ Formal School Based Diversion Program to Reduce DMC
- ▶ Collaboration with local JCPCs

in summary

DMC is about...	DMC is not about...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improving behavior and academic performance in school• Promoting a sense of fairness while also improving Race/Ethnic relations• Reducing the number of youth having contact with juvenile justice system and admitted to secure detention• Community collaboration, education and awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research• Fixing larger societal problems like racism and poverty• Blame• Excusing behavior• Slapping the wrists of minority youth



Questions....

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