

# WAKE COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC) Public Safety Committee Update

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### Wake JCPC Updates

#### Membership

- 5 Current Vacancies
  - Member of the Faith Community
  - Person under age 21
  - Person under age 21 or Advocate for at-risk youth
  - Local Non-Profit
  - Parks and Recreation Representative

#### FY 26 Funding Cycle

- 18 Applications
- 6 Applications from "new" programs
- \$1.84 Million available funding
  - \$5.27 Million in funding requests

#### Impact in Wake County

- 1044 Youth Served in FY 24
- 12 Programs funded

### Program-Types Funded by JCPCs

- Assessment Programs
   Clinical Evaluation and Psychological
   Assessment Programs
- Clinical Treatment Programs
   Sex Offender Assessment and Counseling Programs
   Home-Based Family Counseling Programs
- Community Day Programs
   Juvenile Structured Day

- Residential Programs
   Residential Services Programs
- Restorative Programs
   Mediation/Conflict Resolution
   Restitution
   Teen Court
- Structured Activities Programs
   Skill Building
   Mentoring Programs (Mentoring)

# Currently Funded JCPC Programs (FY25)

Program/Agency	Program Type
4-H Spaces and SpacesToo – Wake Cooperative Extension	Interpersonal Skill Building
Alternative Peer Group – Empowered Citizens	Group Counseling
A.R.I.S.E. – Kre8ivU	Vocational Skills
Capital Area Teen Court – Criminal Justice Alternatives	Mediation/Conflict Resolution
Haven House Programs  Juvenile Diversion Team  Restitution and Community Services  Second Round Boxing  Wrenn House	Interpersonal Skill Building Restitution/Community Service Experiential Skill Building Residential/Runaway Shelter Care
Skills for Academic Success – Triangle Literacy Council	Tutoring/Academic Enhancement
The ART of Hustling Forward – JLBC Community Alliance	Interpersonal Skill Building
Equine Assisted Therapy – The CORRAL Riding Academy	Interpersonal Skill Building

# Delinquency Trends in Wake County (FY24)

- Wake County Youth Population (age 6-17): 182,613
- Total Delinquent Complaints Received: 3,712 (1028 discrete youth)
  - Cases not approved for Court: 864
  - Cases approved for Court: 2871
  - Cases adjudicated: 298 (8% of Complaints)
  - Cases transferred to Superior Court: 23
- **School-Based Offenses** (432 Complaints)
  - Intake Decisions: 157 Approved; 190 Closed; 85 Diverted
  - 64% of cases went to court unnecessarily.

#### **Juvenile Assessment Data**

- 653 Juveniles Assessed
- 40% reported prior drug/alcohol use
  - 56% reported no prior treatment
- 34% reported mental health problems and diagnosis
  - 85% reported no prior M/H treatment
  - 78% report no current treatment
- 55% are not involved in any structured activity

#### **JCPC** Priorities

- Fully integrate coordinator/program manager position
- Fill vacant positions
  - Statutory required position with specified office holder
- Update JCPC marketing/communication material
- Participate in developing a Wake County School/Justice Partnership
- Identifying additional data points to better determine
  - Causes of delinquency
  - Effectiveness of currently available program models in Wake County
- Identify policies/procedures that inhibit effective service delivery

# Wake JCPC and the Wake County Strategic Plan

- Safer Community Together Focus Area
  - Goal 3: By 2029, reduce the Wake County violent crime rate per 100,000 people in Wake County by 5%.
- JCPC-Funded Programs
  - Improving accountability through refined data collection on behavioral outcomes
  - Exploring expanded access to JCPC funds through external grants
- Cross-County Collaborations
  - Wake Local Reentry Council and Capital Area Workforce Development
    - Reentry Resource Exchange event on April 24<sup>th</sup> Wake County Commons Building
  - Child Welfare
  - Social and Economic Vitality
  - NC Cooperative Extension

# Variability in Programming

# SERVING YOUTH IN NC

**Programs** 

Grounded in Research

Measurable Outcomes

Evidence-Based/Research Supported

Ready for Primetime

Structured Organization

Partnerships Effecting

May/may not use framework
Usually have outcomes in mind
May/may not be tracking progress

Funding Struggles

Change

Usually grassroots
May/may not be organized
Best positioned, but least
prepared

**Structured Activities** 

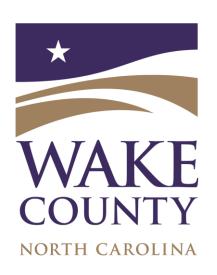
"Helping the Kids"

## Looking Ahead

- Desistance as a Metric of Success
  - Did the problem behavior stop?
  - Did the young person improve on related risk/protective factors?
    - School engagement
    - Relationships at home/compliance
    - Delinquent Peer Association
    - Decision-making
  - What support/infrastructure was made available to the young person's orbit?
  - Proximity to the youth and community connections are CRITICAL
- Wake County Strategic Plan Alignment
  - How do we support programs best-positioned to do the work?
  - Capacity-building desperately needed
  - Public Safety with a youth focus
    - Transition-aged youth a priority

#### Recommendations

- Advocacy for School Justice Partnership
  - Wake County School Justice Partnership
- Centralized supports for justice-involved youth/adults in Wake County
  - Justice Services Department Models in Durham, Orange, and Mecklenburg Counties
- Identify funding sources for disparity work
- Encourage JCPC participation by statutory required office holders



# Thank You for your time!

#### Questions/Comments?

