

Evaluation of Riverside County Probation Department's Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) Programs

2019 Evaluation Report

Summary

In 2019, through JJCPA funding, Riverside County Probation Department served **8,128 youth**ⁱ and another **23,734 youth** with presentations. Programs offered by the community-based organizations (CBOs) reached **1,047 families**.

In the first year of the new contract with WestEd, the evaluation relied entirely on extant data from the County agencies and CBOs. Thus, there were varying levels of reporting and data availability, resulting in varying outcomes based on program type and provider. Future reports will focus on common outcomes across programs and program-specific outcomes. WestEd is working with County agencies and CBOs on data collection templates to streamline and standardize data collection and reporting.

Programs Offered by County Agencies

Youth Accountability Teams (YAT)

- Of the 1,036 youth referred to YAT in 2019, 870 or 84 percent were eligible for YAT. Of the 870 eligible youth, 387 or 44 percent enrolled in YAT. All **387 youth** who were enrolled in YAT terminated their participation—either successfully or unsuccessfully—by September 30, 2019. Eight-eight percent of enrolled youth successfully terminated supervision; 12 percent unsuccessfully terminated supervision.
 - There were no significant differences between youth who successfully terminated YAT and youth who unsuccessfully terminated YAT in age, race/ethnicity, and sex. However, youth who successfully terminated YAT were significantly more likely to have been arrested before enrolling in YAT compared to youth who unsuccessfully terminated YAT.
 - Youth who successfully terminated YAT were significantly more likely to have good school attendance and fewer new arrests than those who unsuccessfully terminated YAT.

Successful Short-Term Supervision (SSTS)

- SSTS enrolled a total of **310 new youth** in 2019. By December 2019, 68 percent (n = 212) of the cases were still ongoing and 32 percent (n = 98) of the cases terminated. Of the 98 terminated cases, 76 percent were successful terminations and 24 percent were unsuccessful terminations.
 - Youth who successfully terminated SSTS had a significantly lower expulsion rate than youth who unsuccessfully terminated SSTS.
 - Youth who successfully terminated SSTS reported a significantly higher number of prosocial activities compared to those who unsuccessfully terminated SSTS.

Gang Intervention for Teens (GIFT)

GIFT contacted **125 youth** at 53 homes or places in 2019. The number of youth who completed GIFT in 2019 (n = 43) is higher than the number of new youth who enrolled in GIFT in 2019 (n = 16), because the completion number includes youth who joined GIFT prior to January 2019.

Gang Awareness Mentorship and Education (GAME)

GAME provided 233 presentations to approximately **23,734 attendees** in 2019. These included Gang Awareness, Drug Awareness, and Parent Power presentations. Most presentations occurred at schools,

though GAME outreach included presentations to non-profits and the National Youth-at-Risk Conference.

Programs Offered by Community-Based Organizations

5 CBOs

- Wylie Center
- Kids in Konflikt
- Jay Cee Dee Center
- Operation SafeHouse
- StudentNest

Riverside County Probation Department provided JJCPA funding to five CBOs in 2019.



7,266
Youth served

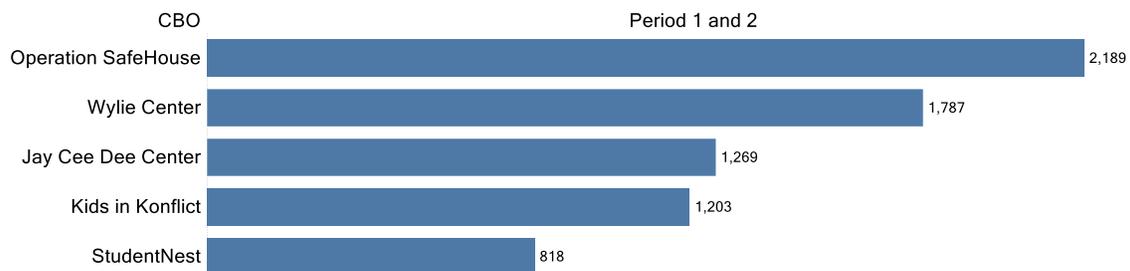


1,047
Families served

WestEd reviewed the reports CBOs provided for reporting period one (November 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019) and reporting period two (March 1, 2019 to October 1, 2019). Data were self-reported by the CBOs and WestEd was unable to independently verify the data. There was variation in reporting unduplicated or duplicated counts of service recipients; some CBOs reported duplicate counts (counted each instance a youth received a service more than once) and some reported unduplicated counts. Moving forward, beginning in 2020, WestEd will provide CBOs a uniform data collection system to report comparable data across CBOs. Four of the five CBOs reported outcomes in a variety of areas including academic-related outcomes and social and emotional outcomes.

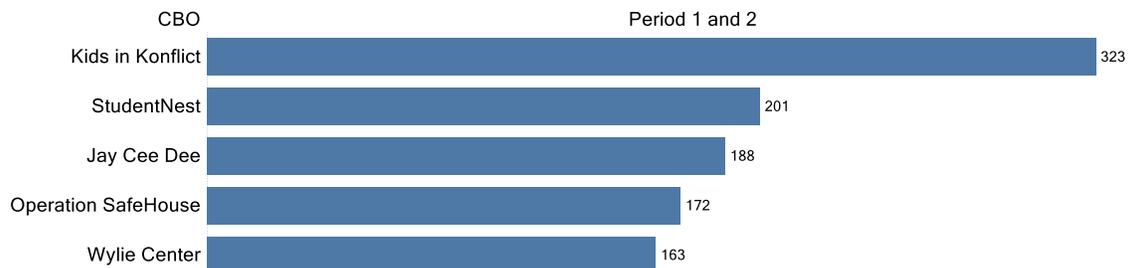
Youth Served

The CBOs served youth and families through a myriad of programs. Operation SafeHouse served the largest number of youth, followed by Wylie Center, and then Jay Cee Dee Center.



Families Served

Kids in Konflikt served the most families, followed by StudentNest, and then Jay Cee Dee Center.



ⁱ Bolded numbers indicate the JJCPA-funded programs' reach to youth or families.