

# FIRS Update

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# FIRS

Family Intervention and Restorative Services

**Phase 1** Access to Services Without Criminal Charges

**Phase 2** Non-Detention Respite Center

# 2016 Pilot - Timeline

	<b>Jan-Feb ( First 2 months)</b>	<b>Mar-Jun (Completion Phase 1)</b>	<b>Jul-Dec (Phase 2)</b>
<b>Access to Services Without Criminal Charges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Juvenile Probation Counselors fully operational</li> <li>• Additional Step-Up Social Workers fully operational</li> <li>• Begin offering support services, safety plans, and EBTs at time of referral (pre-filing)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed planning for the integration of family safety planning and probation services with respite center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gather feedback regarding new service model, including input from families and community stakeholders</li> </ul>
<b>Non-Detention Respite Center</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop RFP; solicit responses from community-based organizations</li> <li>• Gather input from community about respite center design and services offered</li> <li>• Design/begin construction work to renovate facility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete facility renovation</li> <li>• Award contract to community-based organization</li> <li>• Develop training video for police</li> <li>• Begin police training</li> <li>• Open FIRS respite center in June</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully operationalize FIRS respite center for JDV cases</li> <li>• Conduct operational assessment; make necessary adjustments</li> <li>• Gather feedback from institutional partners (incl. police) and community stakeholders</li> </ul>

# FIRS Referrals

## January 1 – February 12

	In Custody	Out of Custody	Total
African American	13	12	25
Asian/Pac.Islander	1	1	2
Hispanic	3	1	4
Native American	1	1	2
White	15	15	30
Total	33	30	63

First 6 Weeks

# Notable Observations

- Every youth screened into detention has been released before the filing deadline and several have been released at or before first appearance.
- Every detained youth has received a Safety Plan at or before their release.
- At least 11 youth have already been referred to Step-Up as part of their FIRS agreement.
- At least 9 youth have been referred to evidence based programs including Family Integrated Transition (FIT), Multisystemic Therapy (MST), and Functional Family Therapy (FFT) as part of their FIRS agreements.
- We have observed more meaningful first appearance hearings.
- Youth and parents have demonstrated higher levels of engagement during the initial court process.

# Phase 1: Identified Gap

- State Funding for Evidence Based Treatment

*Since State funding for ART, FFT, MST, and FIT is only available for those with a **formal diversion or adjudication**, families are not typically receiving these interventions until post adjudication, if at all. While we are working within our limits and utilizing high levels of creativity to do what is best for kids and families, there is a clear service gap created by our inability to offer our Evidence Based Programs to youth who lack an adjudication or diversion.*