



**Washington County  
Juvenile Crime Prevention and Advisory Committee  
January 13, 2022  
Meeting Minutes**



**Members Present:**

Alicia Lee she/her, Amy Watts-Padilla (she/her), Bria Woodworker-Schmid, DeAnna Negrete (she/her), Dustin Staten, Geoff Frasier, Gwyn Ashcom, Jerry Willey, JoEll Cherry (she/her), Justice Rajee, Katie Riley, Leland Gilbert, Matt Conrad (he/him), Megan McKibben, Naomi Hunsaker, Olga L. Acuña, Rolanda Garcia, Ximena Ospina-Todd

**Staff:** Lynne Schroeder, Jennifer Cearley, Rachael Mark, Max Lopez, Cheryl Vandlac, Kate Kerrigan

**CALL TO ORDER**

Lynne called the meeting to order at 1:00pm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Previous meeting mins October 07,2021 approved by staff

**Overview- Lynne Schroeder, Jennifer Cearley, Rachael Mark, Kate Kerrigan**

PowerPoint presented- See Attached

**Current challenges to providing care to referred youth- Lynne Schroeder, Jennifer Cearley, Rachael Mark, Kate Kerrigan**

# Current Challenges\*

**Behavioral Health**

- Increased need
- Lack of access
- Lack of resources
- Strain in schools leading to increased violence

**Rising Detention Costs**

- Increase is unsustainable
- Disparate impacts in detention utilization
- Decisions about how to balance detention and treatment resources ahead

**COVID**

- Staff exhaustion
- Staff transitions
- Social and emotional distancing
- Unpredictable constraints on resources

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**Question asked of group “How do you see these challenges impacting the groups and organizations you are part of? (e.g., Schools, ODHS, Behavioral Health)**

**How do you see these challenges impacting traditionally under-served groups in our communities?”- All**

- DHS challenges- families of color lack local support for youth to safely return to home and the community.
- Public expects change and if not done properly distrust is increased
- In IDD system- there has always been a struggle to find staffing for this type of work. Now with COVID there is an even greater strain to get staffing. There is more funding coming in to increase the level of pay given to these workers.
- Challenges with schools- due to COVID, the number of teachers and subs is very limited. Secretaries and non-teaching staff are being used where able to keep schools open.
- The limited resources and access to behavioral health resources at the levels youth need can lead to more justice system interventions.
- Compassion fatigue due to the ongoing stress of the pandemic.
- Trying to plan with a great deal of community uncertainty through COVID.
- Limited/restricted access to resources and services.
- Limited/restricted partnership and collaboration between resources and services to wrap around and support the needs of youth and families.
- Talented and experienced service professionals (police/DHS) leaving their professions.
- There are fewer opportunities for middle school students to be involved in sports and after school programs.
- In treatment programs there are delays in getting into treatment – for example Sequoia Mental Health Services are scheduling appointments 3 months out and they have a hard time hiring counselors.
- Challenges in the I/DD residential and foster care systems, similar to what is going on in the juvenile detention system.
- Extra challenges with schools/special ed services.
- High staff turnover, rising costs of Juvenile detention, unstable General Fund budget resources and/or cuts, low staff morale and uncertainty due to COVID.
- The need to plan for BOTH in person and remote/ hybrid for all services is VERY CHALLENGING.

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**Question asked of group “What are the groups that exist in the community that we should connect with?”- All**

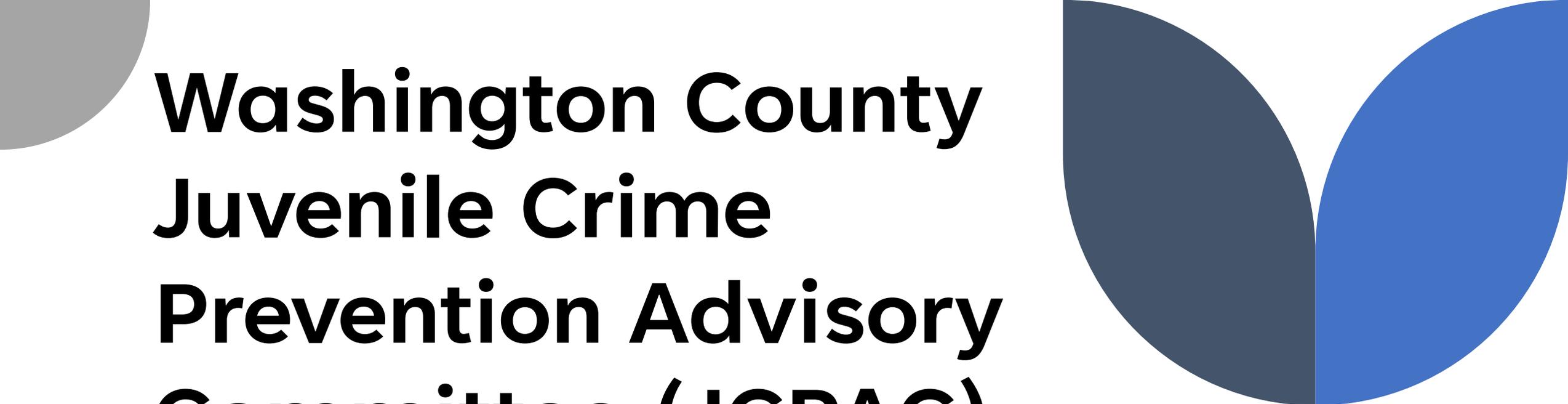
- School Counselors
- Peer organizations
- MS & HS
- District PAC- Parent Advisory Council – there are several councils set up by race and are done on a district level. There are monthly meetings. Olga suggested having a representative come to the meetings and offered to connect staff to those who can offer an invitation.
- There are several grass roots groups to connect with. Olga is president of one and offered to connect juvenile department staff with invitations to the meetings.
- Parents helping Parents- group for parents of justice involved youth. The group has been going for 4 years.
- Central cultural has a group of elders who meet and could provide some great wisdom.
- Boys and Girls Club
- Greater New Hope to address the Behavioral gap for in home services.
- LWNW

- Wraparound and Systems of Care governance (Practice-Level Workgroup, Advisory Council, Executive Council).
- Crime victims
- Groups that are not here today include Adelante Mujeres, Bienestar, Centro, mentorship organizations such as Big Brother/Big Sisters. There are also out of school programs that need to be welcomed into the schools such as Chess for Success. Some school districts are more welcoming than others. Supts. might be useful.
- HSD has a group of family liaisons.
- Parents of youth who are currently in the system
- 4th Dimension peers
- Ala-teen

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**Question asked of group “What messages to you feel are most important to carry back to groups?”- All**

- Equitable access to positive activities/protective factors and positive relationships/opportunities for leadership is needed.
- Would love emphasis on the need for stable budget so our improved services can be maintained as programs can be so shaky (or even crumble) when they are funded only through limited duration funding sources.
- Provide support to our community organizations, especially those who are culturally specific.
- “We should not throw the baby out with the bathwater. Sometimes it means using what is there.”
- Prevention saves money as well as lives and promotes success. The more that can be done to include youth in positive activities with positive people is the best use of money.
- Intervention- relationships, relationships, relationships when youth can connect with teachers, they will feel safer. How can better relationships be created with youth and organizations? This can be true of parents as well. How to build on the relationship to show the intention is really to support the family?
- The justice system is an opportunity for 2<sup>nd</sup> chances. People can change, parents can change, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance is a message of hope.
- Due to the decrease in available BH services to youth, this may be an opportunity to be creative to collaborate and invite in more non-traditional services, treatment, and supports.
- Now is the time to be trustworthy. This is a time to build systems that are trustworthy. How can this be done for communities of color?
- This is a good time to support the work already being done by overwhelmed community partners.
- Remember this is not just one system that is being strained right now. All community systems are strained, and we are all in active brain mode, everyone is strained and feels targeted. Take time to remember to have compassion.
- This is the moment to push not to fall back on what “feels safe”, when the system is “falling apart” use the opportunity to rebuild in a compassionate way. Don’t stop moving forward- use the opportunity to embrace new thinking and direction.
- There have been more opportunities for funding at this moment. Utilize this funding to move forward. Use the advantages new and other types of remote services offer.



# **Washington County Juvenile Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (JCPAC)**

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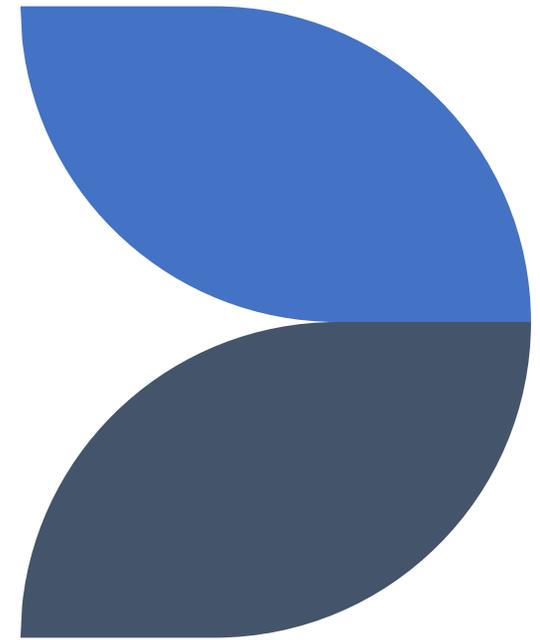
# Agenda

- Introduction
- Primary Goals: To give an overview of the Juvenile Department budget process and current challenges and seek JCPAC input
- Overview of Budget Equity Tool
- Overview of Services & Funding
- Current challenges to address moving forward
- How may these challenges impact already underserved communities
- Messages to bring to County Administration, Board of Commissioners, Public Safety Coordinating Council, Behavioral Health Council, and other community groups?



# 2022-2023 Budget

Future Direction  
&  
Budget Equity Tool



# Budget Funds

**County**—General Fund and Public Safety Levy

**State**—OYA (high risk), YDC (prevention), and CJC (drug court grant)

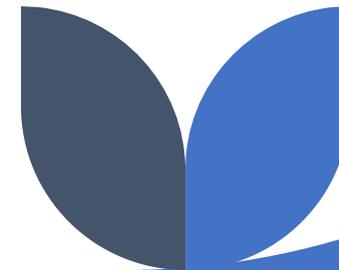
**Federal**—(BRS-Medicaid) Residential Program, (IV-E-Social Security Act) case management reimbursement and OJJDP Drug Court Grant

## Strains

- 2021-2022 FY general fund reduction
  - Cut detention beds to absorb
- Rising detention costs
- Increased cost of living
- 2022-2023 County reductions

## Strengths

- We have leveraged and increased all federal funding sources—applied to treatment and culturally responsive services
- State funds have remained stable with an increase in KTS drug court grant funds
- Public Safety levy renewed in 2020 and added a Diversion Program



# Building Equity into the Budget Process and Decisions

## Using data to make informed decisions

Address inequities in client access, utilization, quality and outcomes

## Improving equity in the quality of services

Sustain, increase, improve culturally responses services

## Engaging impacted communities in decision-making

Incorporating their priorities and unmet needs

## Targeting resources to improve outcomes

Service delivery, staff development, policy analysis, compensation for community engagement



# Services & Projects: *Building towards Equity*

## 2015-2020

Family Navigators Program  
Culturally Responsive Mentors  
Volunteer Mentors  
Increased Bilingual and Culturally Responsive Treatment Providers  
Harkins House certified as a Residential Program  
Staff Training  
School Justice Diversion Pathways  
Dispute Resolution Program  
Harkins House Culinary Program  
Research and Evaluation Analyst

## Current Projects

Developing the Diversion Program  
ROSA middle school program with Latino Network and POIC  
Center for Juvenile Justice Reform Project addressing disparities and engaging communities  
KTS Drug Court Contingency Management  
Implement Step-Up for youth family violence  
Program Evaluations

## Future Projects

Youth and Parent Advisory Panels  
Reviewing policies and protocols through equity and trauma informed lens  
Enhance treatment services at Harkins House  
Engaging underserved communities in decision-making  
Utilize SBIRT for youth with drug referral  
Ongoing evaluations and surveys



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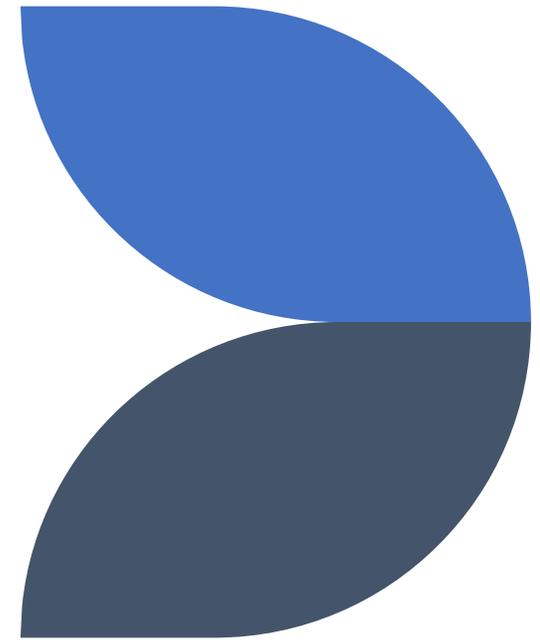
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# JCPAC Feedback

Current context and building  
capacity for future planning



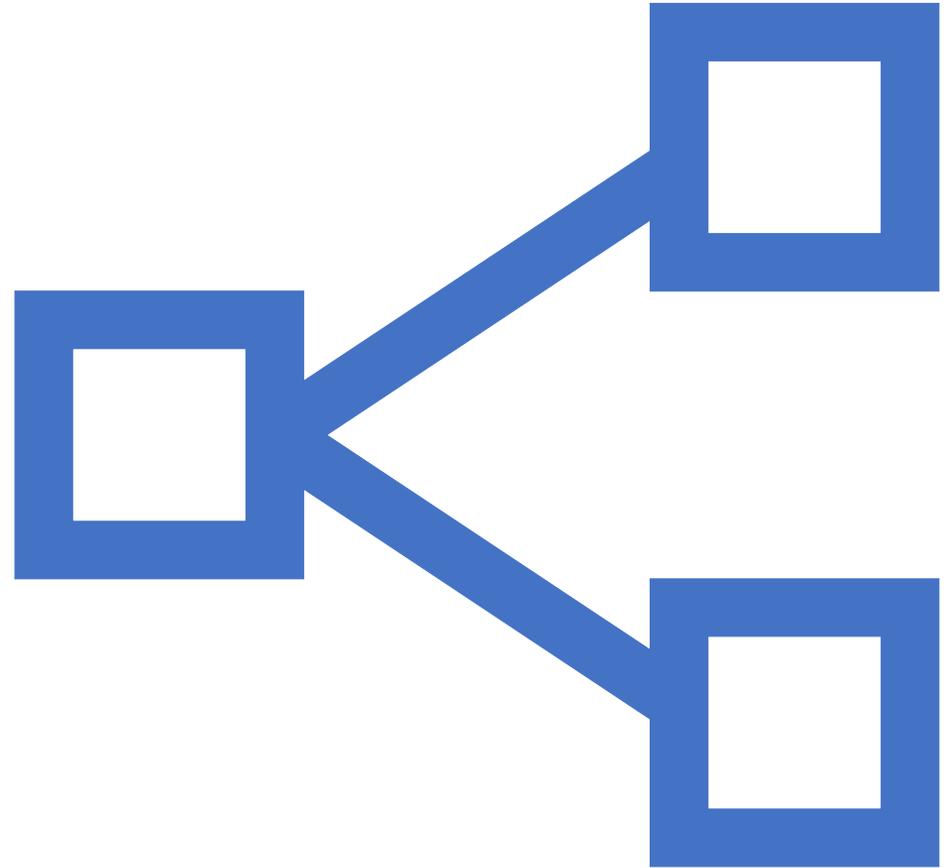


**What are your impressions?**

**How do you see these challenges impacting the groups and organizations you are part of? (e.g., Schools, ODHS, Behavioral Health)**

**How do you see these challenges impacting traditionally under-served groups in our communities?**

**Additional  
groups to  
engage in future  
WCJD budget  
planning?**



# Key messages to bring to partners and community groups?

- Washington County Administration and Board of Commissioners
- Public Safety Coordinating Council and Behavioral Health Council
- Additional community groups



**Thank you**



# Definition Glossary

- **YDC** – Youth Development Council
- **OJJDP** – Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- **CJC** – Criminal Justice Commission
- **BRS** – Behavioral Rehabilitation Services
- **POIC** – Portland Opportunity Industrialization, Inc
- **WCJD** – Washington County Juvenile Department
- **SBIRT** – Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral To...
- **KTS** – Keys to Success Juvenile Drug Treatment Court
- **ROSA** – Building Resiliency through Opportunities and Success for Adolescents
- **ODHS** – Oregon Department of Human Services
- **OYA** – Oregon Youth Authority

