# Family Intervention and Restorative Services (FIRS) Center Update

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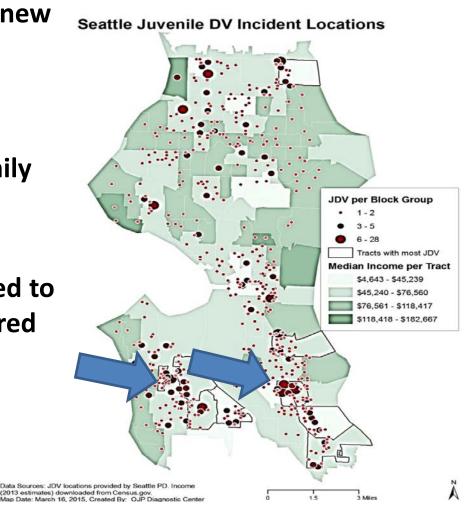
## Juvenile Domestic Violence (DV) in Seattle

Juvenile DV represents about 1/3 of new bookings to juvenile detention.

In nearly 90% of these incidents, the youth has been violent toward a family member, often their mother.

31% of incidents (2011-2013) reported to the Seattle Police Department occurred in two Police sectors

- South Park/Delridge
- New Holly/Rainier Beach



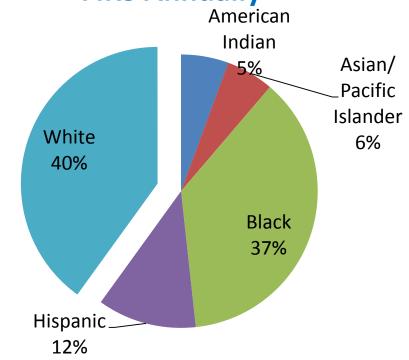
# Family Intervention and Restorative Services (FIRS) Pilot

FIRS will provide <u>immediate</u> <u>access to services</u> for youth and their families. Youth will not have to be prosecuted to get FIRS services.

Starting this summer, FIRS will also provide a <u>non-detention</u> respite/reception center for the youth.

FIRS Pilot is jointly funded by King County (\$467,107) and the City of Seattle (\$254,000)

Projected Racial Analysis of Youth Who Will Be Served By FIRS Annually



## Safe Families Continuum

Intervention **Prevention Supporting Healthy Family** Addressing Specific Family Safety Needs **Functioning FIRS** 

## Community Input on FIRS

## Outreach to Youth, Families, and Community Organizations

- 100+ youth with history of juvenile justice, child welfare, homelessness
- 24 parents previously involved in juvenile justice system
- Parents and youth currently enrolled in Step-Up
- Community organizations serving ethnic populations (Horn of Africa Services, Consejo, Asian Counseling and Referral Services, etc.)
- African American faith-based community organizations

## **Findings from Community Outreach**

- Youth and families want a facility that is "welcoming" and "representative of us"
- Parents need support groups (e.g., gender groups, parenting, etc.)
- Parents need support for root causes that adversely affect family functioning (e.g., Employment, Housing, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, etc.)
- Need emphasis on prevention (e.g., evidence-based parenting classes)

## 2016 FIRS Pilot – Timeline

	Jan-Feb ( First 2 months)	Mar-Jun (Completion Phase 1)
Access to Services Without Criminal Charges	<ul> <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</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Detailed planning for the integration of family safety planning and probation services with respite center</li> </ul>
Non-Detention Respite Center	<ul> <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> <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> </ul>

## 2016 FIRS Pilot – Timeline (continued)

# Jul-Dec (Phase 2)

# Access to Services Without Criminal Charges

 Gather feedback regarding new service model, including input from families and community stakeholders

### Non-Detention Respite Center

- Fully operationalize FIRS respite center for JDV cases
- Conduct operational assessment; make necessary adjustments
- Gather feedback from institutional partners (incl. police) and community stakeholders

# FIRS Respite/Reception Center (July 2016)

- Staffed 24/7 by community services provider
- Welcoming atmosphere
- Families will develop safety plan
- Youth and families will be referred to services (Step-Up and/or evidence-based interventions)
- Youth and family progress will be tracked
- Youth and family will be asked to provide input on satisfaction and cultural responsiveness
- Evaluators will track recidivism

Step-Up is an internationallyrecognized intervention
developed and implemented by
King County for families who
have experienced family
violence.



Respectful Communication

Cognitive Behavioral Skills

**Safety Skills** 

Restorative Process



## FIRS Pilot Evaluation Plan

#### **FIRS Clients**

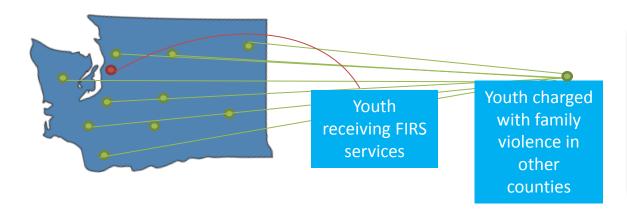
- Safety Risk and Needs
- Geographic Distribution
- Enrollment by Ethnicity
- Reason for Not Enrolling (if applicable)

#### **FIR Services**

- Time from Referral to Service Start
- Type of Services
   (Safety Plan; Step-Up;
   Multisystemic
   Therapy; Functional
   Family Therapy; etc.)
- Service Completion

#### **Client/Family Outcomes**

- Less Violence and Conflict in the Home
- Family Satisfaction with Services and Cultural Responsiveness



### Outcome Comparison

#### 6 month recidivism

- Violent arrests
- Other arrests
- Charges and dispositions

## Looking Ahead for FIRS

### What is Planned

- FIRS Pilot Respite/Reception Center will open in July 2016
- U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs will complete preliminary review of cultural adaptations for prevention and intervention services by July 2016
- King County funding for FIRS for 2017 will be determined in fall 2016
- Findings from evaluation of FIRS Pilot by first quarter 2017

#### What is Needed

- Seeking potential funding source for "softening" of FIRS Center (couches, soft blankets, washer/dryer, area rugs, etc.)
- Provide evidence-based parenting programs, especially for underserved populations
- Connect parents to needed support for root causes that adversely affect family functioning (e.g., Employment, Housing, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, etc.)