

FIRS



FAMILY INTERVENTION AND RESTORATIVE SERVICES

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Family Violence:

The largest category of violent juvenile offenses in King County

Admissions to Secure Detention on New Domestic Violence Offenses (2013)

Offense	American Indian	Asian/ P.I.	Black	Hispanic	White	Total
ASSAULT 2	1	2	11	1	5	20
ASSAULT 4	16	13	71	27	116	243
HARASSMENT	0	0	5	0	4	9
FELONY HARASSMENT	0	1	10	6	8	25
MAL MISCHIEF 1 & 2	0	0	1	1	1	3
MAL MISCHIEF 3	1	3	5	2	17	28
OTHER	1	0	1	2	0	4
	19	19	104	39	151	329
% of Total by Race	6%	6%	31%	12%	45%	100%

The Problem with the Current Response



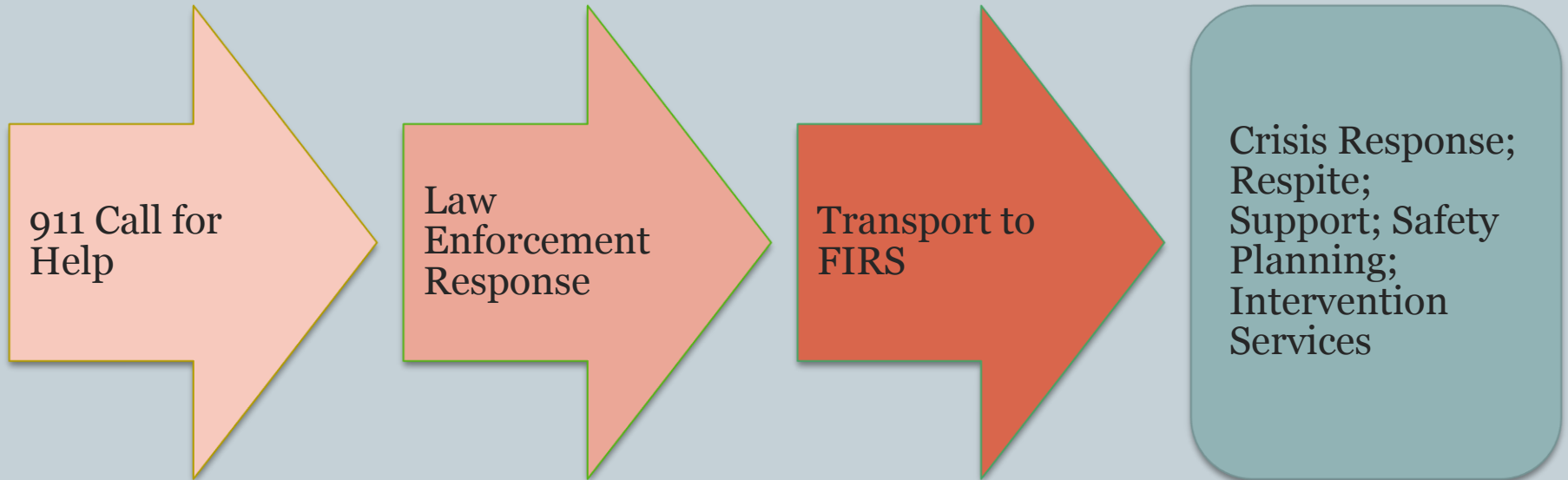
- Families in crisis receive services only when triggered by arrest and/or formal charging.
- Parents do not want their child to end up with a criminal record.

The Result



- Families receive little benefit from involving the criminal justice system.
- Parents/guardian/siblings routinely decline to assist or participate in the formal court system
- Approximately 40% of juvenile DV referrals result in declines.

The Solution



The benefits of this common sense approach will be substantial:



- Based on 2013 statistics, nearly 300 fewer youth will be booked into juvenile detention.
- 55% of these detention eligible youth would be youth of color.
- Nearly 500 families will bypass the delay created by formal court processing and receive earlier intervention services.
- Research has shown that formal processing in the juvenile justice system increases juvenile delinquency. FIRS will safely divert hundreds of youth out of this system every year.
- This approach draws from restorative justice principles that are widely supported by the community and have proven effective in addressing juvenile delinquency.
- Significant long-term savings will be realized as a result of foregoing costly formal court processing.