

## ***Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee***

***March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022***

***2pm-3:30pm***

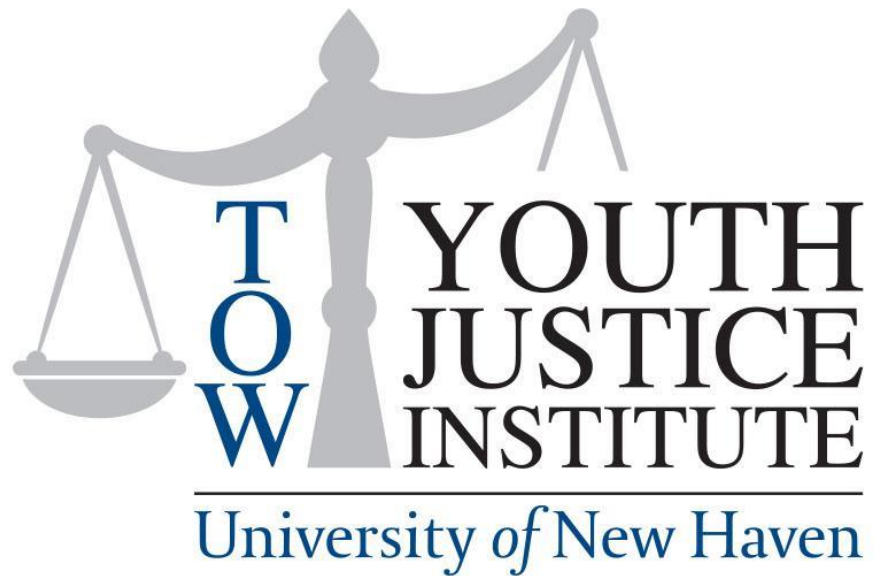
***Zoom Meeting***

# Opening Remarks

- Meeting facilitation
  - Meeting is being recorded
  - Remain “muted” on Zoom, unless speaking
  - Refrain from interrupting with comments or questions until each presenter is finished speaking
  - Questions and Comments will be limited to JJPOC members
    - Use the “Chat” and “Hand Raising” feature so TYJI can help monitor and facilitate the meeting

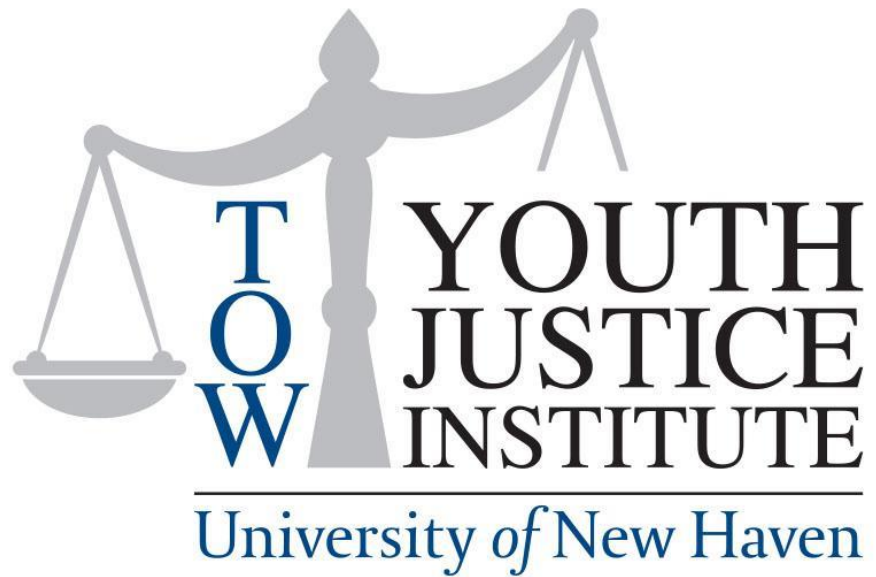
# Meeting Overview

- Acceptance of the February 2022 Meeting Minutes
- Presentation:
  - Preliminary 2021 Motor Vehicle Theft Trends in CT
  - DOC Offender Population Resident Under the Age of 18 Chemical Agent
- Update on the JJPOC Raise Bill No. 387

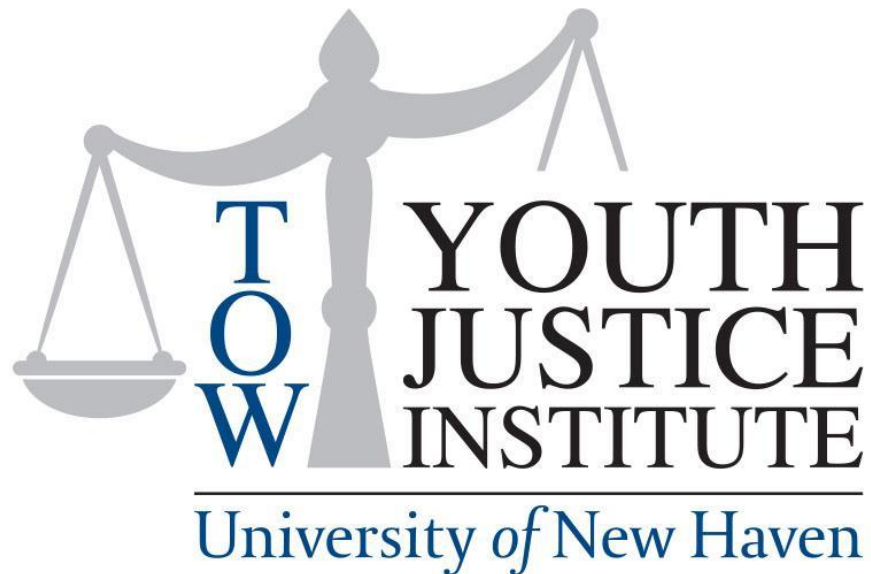


***Preliminary 2021 Motor Vehicle Theft  
Trends in CT***

***Ken Barone  
Associate Director,  
Institute for Municipal & Regional  
Policy***



## ***Discussion***



***DOC Offender Population Resident  
Under the Age of 18 Chemical  
Agent***

***Eulalia Garcia***

***District II Administrator/ Director of  
Programs***

***& Warden Derrick Molden***

# CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION OFFENDER POPULATION RESIDENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18

## CHEMICAL AGENT

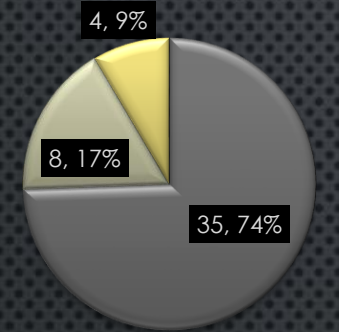
OPERATIONS DATA UNIT; FEBRUARY, 2022



The CT DOC and MYI are committed to continued collaboration with other Facilities, Agencies, and Organizations to provide the most engaging and meaningful training opportunities to our staff in a continued effort to minimize the use of chemical agent

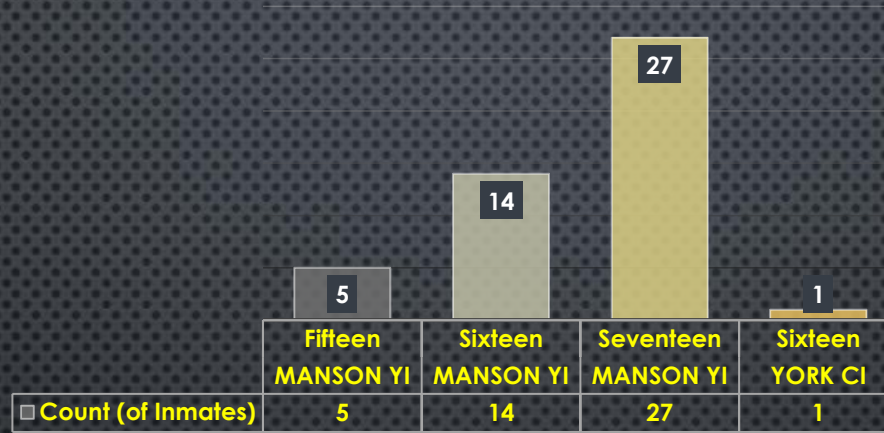
# CURRENT POPULATION OVERVIEW; 47 RESIDENTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE YORK = 1 RESIDENT / MYI = 46 RESIDENTS

## Racial Demographics

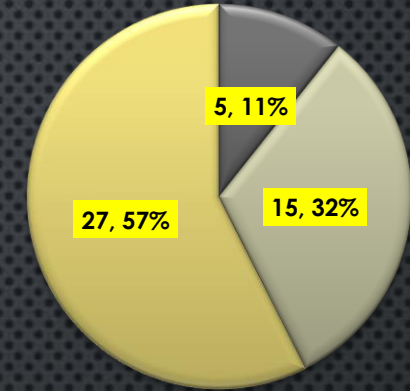


Black Hispanic White

## Count of Residents by Age and Location

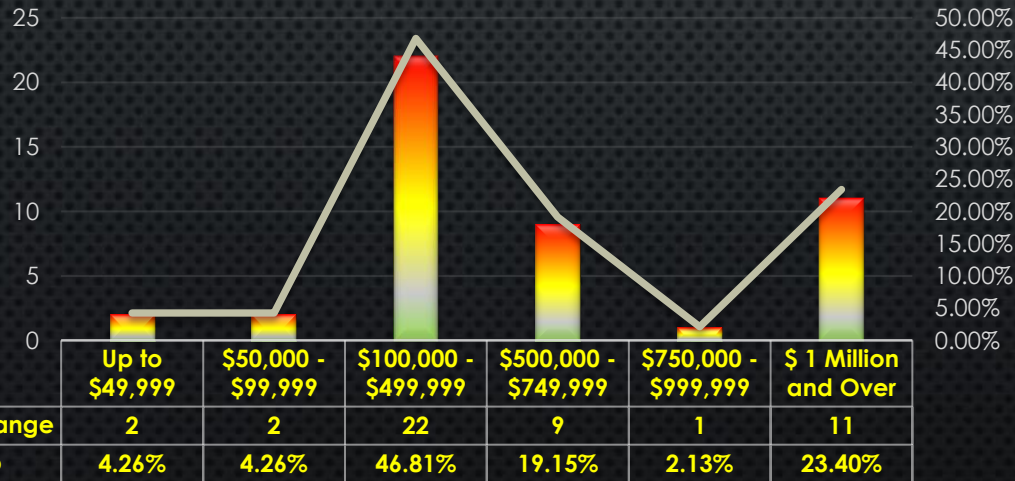


## Age Demographic Count



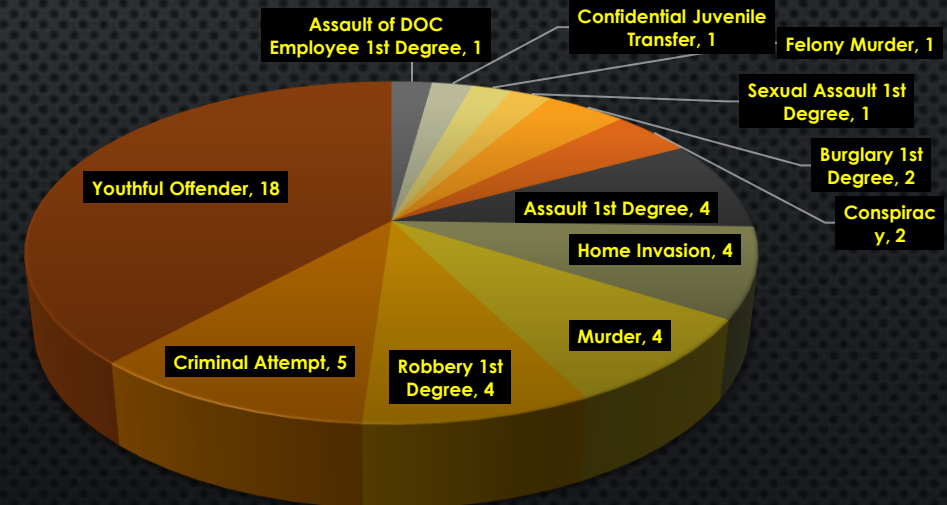
Fifteen YOA Sixteen YOA Seventeen YOA

## Bond Range and Count for Under 18 YO Population



Count by Bond Range \$ of Under 18 Pop

## CT DOC Under 18 Population by Count of Controlling Offense





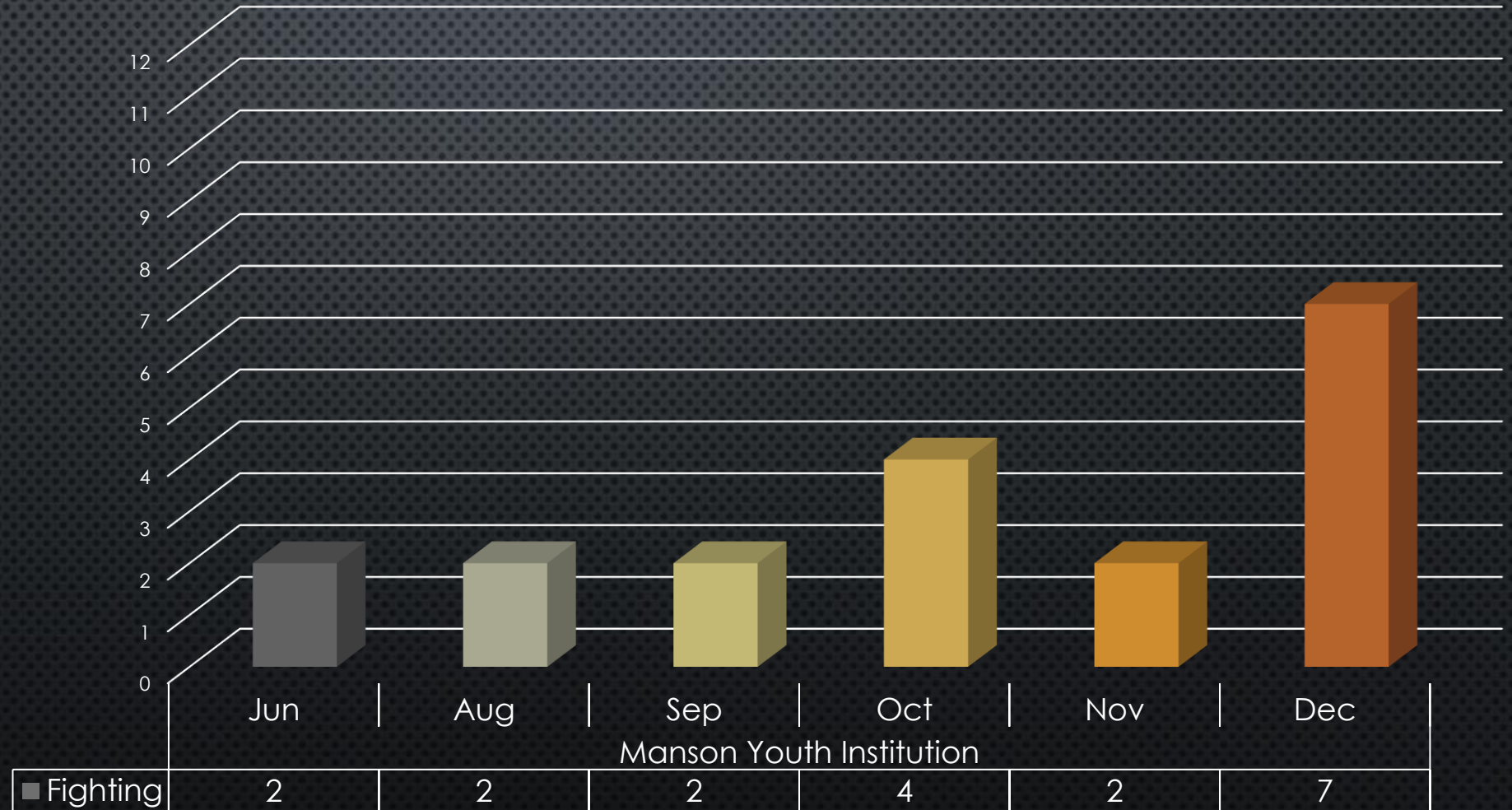
# CHEMICAL AGENT UTILIZATION ON INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 BY INCIDENT REASON JUNE 4, 2021 - FEBRUARY 1, 2022

All Usage of Chemical Agent on Individuals at MYI under the age of 18 during this time period was utilized during an unplanned use of force and was a result of inmate physical altercation

Of the 8 Incidents that occurred resulting in Chemical Agent Deployment:  
7 of the instances involved 2 individuals,  
1 of the incidents involved 5 individuals

There were no instance of chemical agent utilization on Female residents (YCI) under the age of 18 during this time period

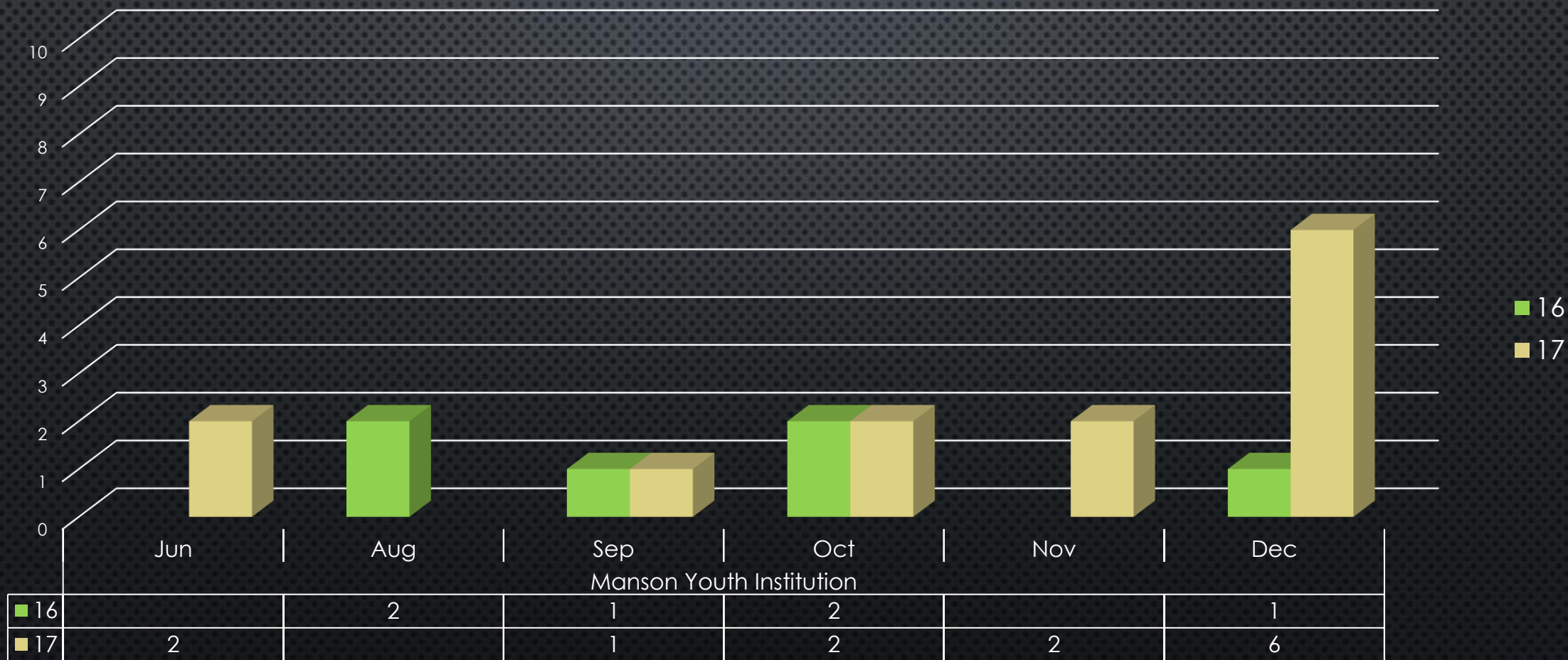
Count of INDIVIDUALS (19) Where Chemical Agent Was Utilized and the Reason  
\*8 Total INCIDENTS Comprise These Total Amount of Individuals



# CHEMICAL AGENT UTILIZATION ON INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 BY AGE AND MONTH

JUNE 4, 2021 - FEBRUARY 1, 2022

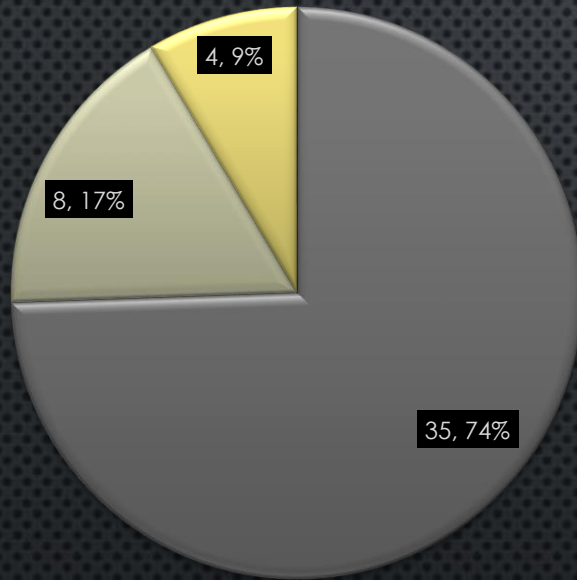
Count of INDIVIDUALS (19) Where Chemical Agent Was Utilized  
by Age Demographic and Month



# CHEMICAL AGENT UTILIZATION ON INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 BY RACE AND MONTH

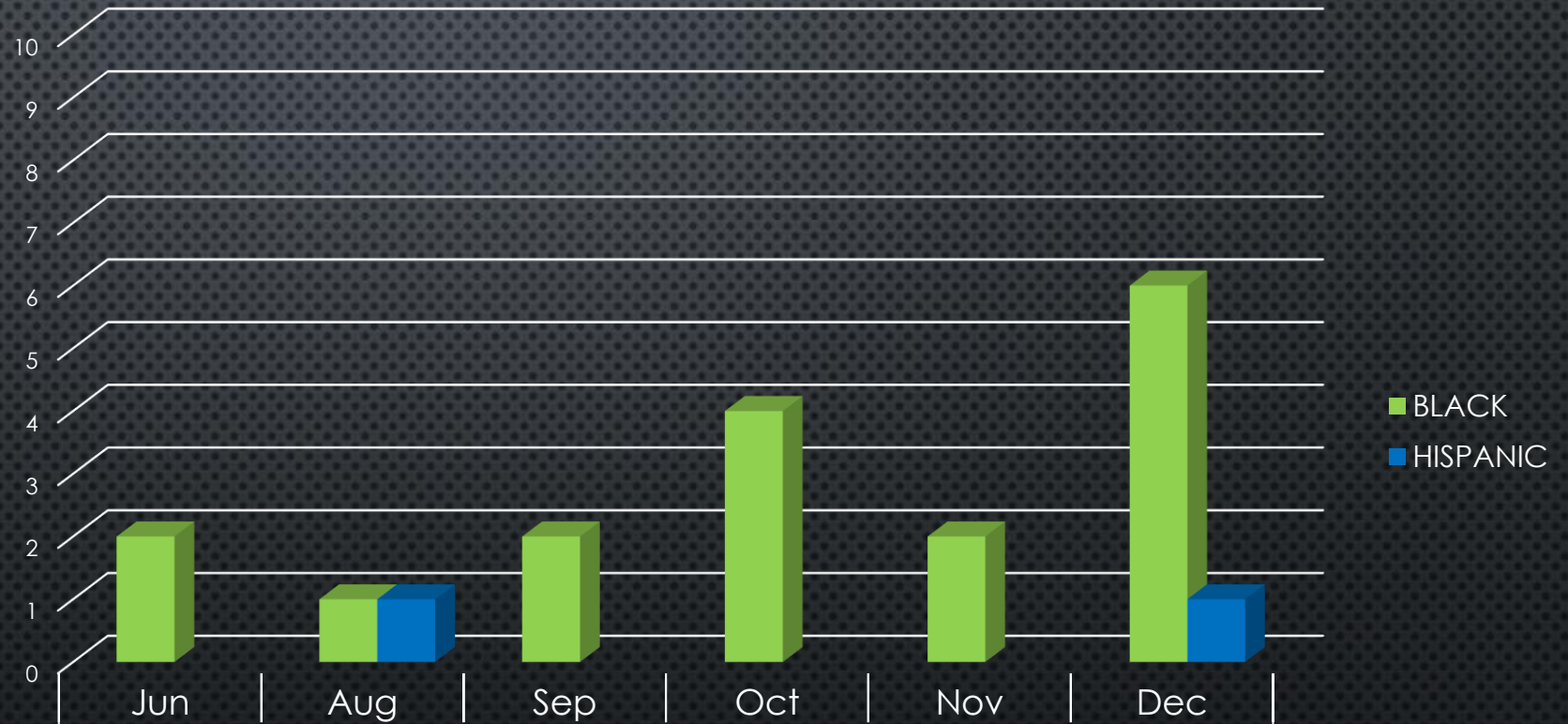
## JUNE 4, 2021 - FEBRUARY 1, 2022

### Current Under 18 YOA Racial Demographics



Black Hispanic White

### Count of INDIVIDUALS (19) Where Chemical Agent Was Utilized by Race and Month



Manson Youth Institution

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# BRIEF INCIDENT DESCRIPTIONS INVOLVING CHEMICAL AGENT

- From June 4, 2021 – February 1, 2022 there were a total of:
  - 34 Incidents involving Inmate on Inmate Assaults/Fights Involving Residents under the Age of 18**
  - 8 Incidents required the utilization of Chemical Agent to Safely cease injurious behavior; (23.5% of Incidents)**
  - 26 Incidents were successfully de-escalated through verbal intervention (76.5% of Incidents)**

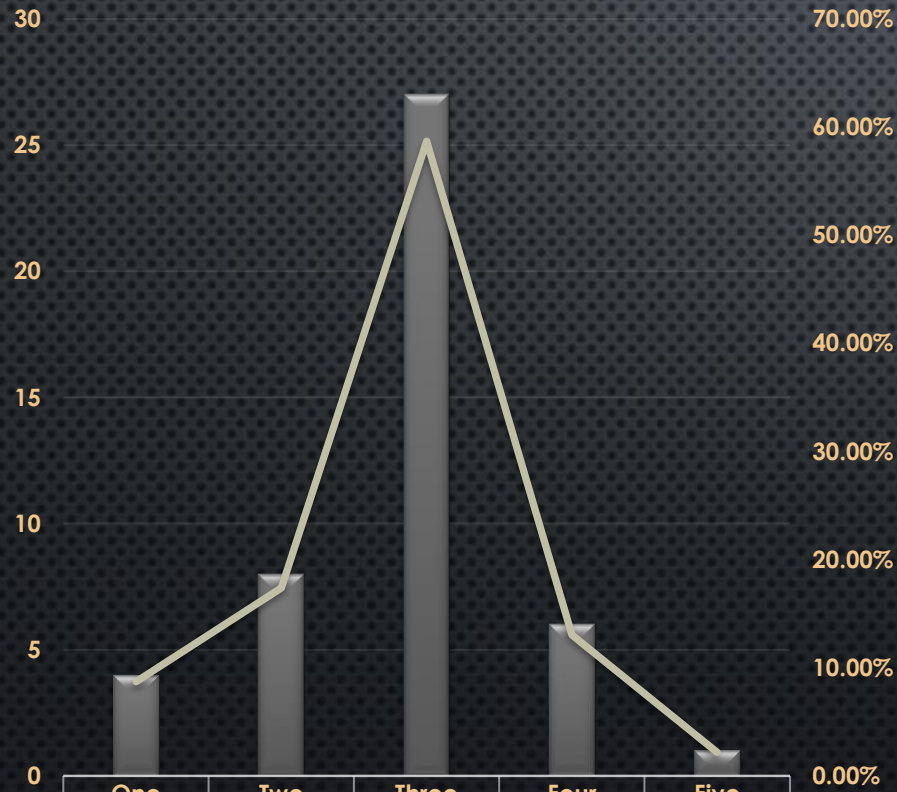
Incident Date	Facility	Shift	Reason for Chemical Agent	Incident Description
June 7, 2021	Manson Youth Institution	1st	Physical Altercation	On 6/07/2021, at approximately 9:18am a <b>Fight</b> was called in HET Classroom #8. Both inmates non-compliant with <b>staff verbal direction</b> chemical agent deployed. inmates compliant responding staff placed handcuffs on said inmates.
August 8, 2021	Manson Youth Institution	2nd	Physical Altercation	A <b>Fight</b> was called via handheld radio. Both inmates were non-compliant with <b>verbal direction</b> and chemical agent was used to stop action. desired effect was achieved. They were processed into Juliet B wing and decontaminated. No staff reported any injuries and appears they were fighting over the phone. Duty officer notified at 6:47pm
September 17, 2021	Manson Youth Institution	2nd	Physical Altercation	On September 17th, 2021 at approximately 2:25 PM a <b>Fight</b> was called involving two inmates on the Rec Deck. Both combatants were given multiple <b>verbal directions</b> to stop fighting and failed to do so. Chemical agent was deployed by a supervisor on both inmates to gain compliance. Both inmates were stabilized and decontaminated from chemical agent exposure. No injuries were reported. No charges were pressed.
October 4, 2021	Manson Youth Institution	1st	Physical Altercation	On October 4th 2021 at approximately 2:26 pm a <b>Fight</b> occurred among two inmates. Both inmates were given multiple <b>verbal directions</b> to stop fighting to which they refused. Chemical agent was deployed to the facial area of the inmates. That reached its desired effect and both inmates stopped fighting and were escorted to B Wing of that Unit. Placed on RAMP status without further incident.

# BRIEF INCIDENT DESCRIPTIONS (CONTINUED)

October 18, 2021	Manson Youth Institution	2nd	Physical Altercation	<p>On October 18th 2021 at approximately 8:30 pm a <b>Fight</b> was announced in India Unit. While unit staff were securing the unit. Two inmates were involved in a physical altercation. <b>Staff gave multiple verbal direction</b> to which both inmates did not comply to. Both inmates continued their combative behavior. An Officer deployed a chemical agent which did not reach the desired effect. Staff continued verbal direction to stop fighting with no avail. Another burst of chemical agent was deployed to the both inmates were separated and secured with wrists restraints with their wrists placed behind their back.</p>
November 3, 2021	Manson Youth Institution	1st	Physical Altercation	<p>On 11/3/21 at 10:58am a <b>Fight</b> was announced in I/J courtyard during school recall. Staff witnessed two inmates involved in a physical altercation actively exchanging punches. <b>Verbal direction</b> was given to cease their actions. The combatants continued to fight and chemical agent was utilized by staff. Compliance was gained and both inmates escorted to B wing in I cottage</p>
December 20, 2021	Manson Youth Institution	1st	Physical Altercation	<p>On 12/20/2021, at approximately 8:50am, a <b>Fight</b> was announced in Classroom #7. <b>Verbal direction was given</b> to stop fighting to no avail and chemical agent was deployed. Several inmates were involved in the fight. As responding staff entered the classroom, said inmates systematically had handcuffs applied to them. All inmates were escorted to the appropriate restrictive housing. No inmates injuries were reported.</p>
December 20, 2021	Manson Youth Institution	2nd	Physical Altercation	<p>At 8:25pm a <b>Fight</b> was called by an Officer during unit recreation in Juliet Cottage in the C wing with two inmates. Unit Officers were giving <b>verbal commands</b> to stop fighting and chemical agent was deployed reaching its desired effect prior to staff arriving. Upon arrival to the unit both inmates were separated and secured in hand restraints.</p>

# RESPIRATORY OR PSYCHIATRIC ISSUES AMONGST THE 19 RESIDENTS INVOLVED IN CHEMICAL AGENT INCIDENTS

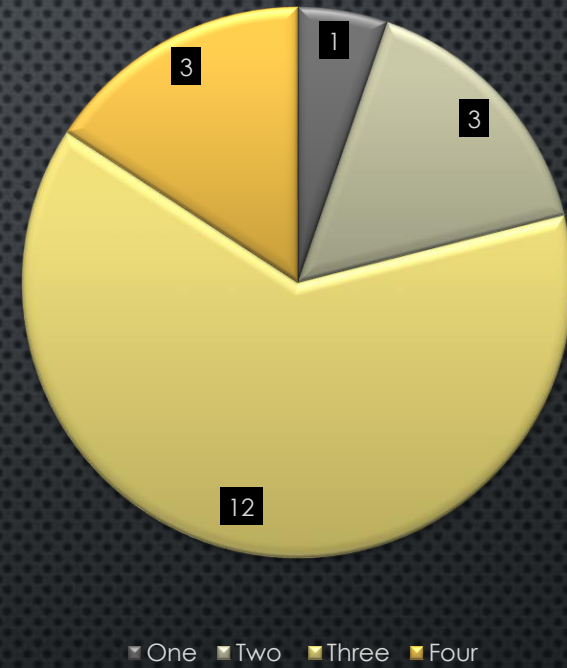
**Current Count of Residents Under the Age of 18 by Distribution of MH Score**  
**75% of the Offenders Under the Age of 18 YOA in DOC Custody are MH 3 or Higher**



	One	Two	Three	Four	Five
Count by Mental Health Score	4	8	27	6	1
% of Under 18 YOA Population	8.70%	17.39%	58.70%	13.04%	2.17%

Count by Mental Health Score      % of Under 18 YOA Population

**MH Score of Residents Under 18 YOA Involved in Chemical Agent Deployment**



5 of the 19 Residents Exposed to Chemical Agent During this time period had a Respiratory Issue  
 \*None of these 5 Residents required follow up Medical Attention due to Respiratory Distress\*

# TRAININGS / MEETINGS / COLLABORATIONS

- **TOW YOUTH JUSTICE INSTITUTE:**

- MYI STAFF (UNIT MANAGER OF UNDER 18 UNITS/ MUSIC THERAPIST) HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE TOW YOUTH JUSTICE INSTITUTE: TRANSFORMING YOUTH JUSTICE PROGRAM SINCE OCTOBER 2021 (ONGOING)

- **DEPUTY WARDEN BONAVENTURA PARTICIPATED AND COMPLETED THE TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM ASSOCIATED WITH JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM:**

- WARDENS EXCHANGE PROGRAM (2021)
- COUNCIL OF JUVENILE JUSTICE ADMINISTRATORS (CJJA) SUPERINTENDENT TRAINING PROGRAM (2021)

- **TRAINING AND COLLABORATION WITH MULTIPLE JUVENILE JUSTICE STAKE HOLDERS:**

- CT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (06/2021)
- CT DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY (07/2021)
- CENTER FOR CHILDREN ADVOCACY (CCA) COLLABORATION WITH EXPERTS IN THE FIELD FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE RELATED TO COVID-19
- CT JUVENILE JUSTICE ALLIANCE INTRODUCTORY MEETING TO INCORPORATE MYI RESIDENTS IN BEING "JUSTICE ADVISORS" ON THE COMPOUND; STALLED DUE TO COVID OPERATIONS AND WILL REVISIT IN 03/2022

- **OPERATIONS DATA UNIT COLLABORATION:**

- UTILIZING INCIDENT DATA TRENDS TO IDENTIFY ROOT CAUSATION OF INCIDENTS WHICH LEAD TO USAGE OF CHEMICAL AGENT
- EXTRACT AND EXAMINE INFORMATION TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY REQUIRE INDIVIDUAL INTERVENTION AND INDIVIDUALIZED TREATMENT
- ESTABLISHED A MONTHLY MEETING BETWEEN THE RECENTLY FORMED O.D.U. AND FACILITY STAFF TO DISCUSS TRENDS AND PROGRESS
- DIAGNOSE ISSUES THAT MAY EXIST THROUGH PIN-POINTED DATA ANALYTICS; IDENTIFYING TRENDS AND PATTERNS OF INCIDENTS THAT LEAD TO THE USAGE OF CHEMICAL AGENT WILL HELP THE AGENCY EVOLVE AND ADAPT SOUND POLICY AND PRACTICES

**•DCF Collaboration:**

- Seats are being secured to participate in training with our Sister agency

**•MCTSD (Maloney Center for Training and Staff Development):**

- Collaborating with the agency's SITCON (situational control team) to train all MYI staff on comprehensive crisis verbal de-escalation techniques

**•MYI Mental Health Staff :**

- Training on trauma in children and trauma informed care in corrections has taken place with MYI Staff.

**• T.R.U.E Unit Collaboration:**

- Treatment Staff ongoing training and collaboration with the Cheshire C.I. TRUE Unit since November, 2021

**• Office of Early Childhood Collaboration:**

- Seven (7) Staff participated in the Train the Train (T4T) Curriculum with the Office of Early Childhood to facilitate a fatherhood awareness program December, 2021

**SAMHSA'S GAINS Center for Behavioral Health & Justice Transformation Program**

\*Working in Collaboration with John Watts to Coordinate Training



**How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses**

**Training Description**

SAMHSA's GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation, operated by Policy Research Associates, Inc. (PRA), is known nationally for its work in regard to people with behavioral health needs involved in the criminal justice system.

**Overview**  
Although prevalence estimates vary, there is consensus that high percentages of justice-involved women and men have experienced serious trauma throughout their lifetime. The reverberating effects of trauma experiences can challenge a person's capacity for recovery and pose significant barriers to accessing services, often resulting in an increase risk of coming into contact with the criminal justice system.

**Objectives**  
*How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses* is a training program for criminal justice professionals to:

- Increase understanding of trauma
- Create an awareness of the impact of trauma on behavior
- Develop trauma-informed responses

Trauma-informed criminal justice responses can help to avoid re-traumatizing individuals, and thereby increase safety for all, decrease recidivism, and promote and support recovery of justice-involved women and men with serious mental illness. Partnerships across systems can also help to link individuals to trauma-informed services and treatment for trauma.

**Program Participants**  
This highly interactive training is specifically tailored to community-based criminal justice professionals including:

- Community corrections (probation, parole, and pre-trial services officers)
- Court personnel
- Police
- Other human service providers

**Learning Objectives**  
Upon completion of this program, participants will be able to:

1. Engage in a positive interactive process
2. Feel safe and comfortable in the learning environment
3. Discuss why criminal justice system professionals should learn about trauma
4. List examples of traumatic events
5. Define trauma
6. Discuss how trauma is often ongoing for many individuals involved in the criminal justice system
7. Describe the pervasive impact trauma can have on an individual's life
8. Describe how the impact of trauma can be experienced throughout life and affect various aspects of functioning and behavior
9. Describe how trauma relates to mental health and substance use disorders
10. Describe how certain behaviors may reflect a person's attempt to survive
11. Discuss how a history of trauma may result in problematic behavior, poor relationships, and justice involvement
12. Describe the cycle of violence as a response to childhood physical abuse
13. List examples of individual differences that may lead to resilience or increased vulnerability to trauma
14. List four things people need in their interpersonal interaction with officers: respect, information, safety, and choice
15. List approaches to responding to behavior
16. In response to "who is likely," reply with "there should be a universal assumption of trauma"
17. List and describe ways in which the criminal justice system may re-traumatize
18. Discuss how to improve policies and procedures to make them trauma-informed
19. List three key steps for moving toward trauma-informed policies and procedures





# Youth Participation in Rehabilitative Programming

Ages 15 to 17  
June 4, 2021 to February 1, 2022

## Education & Programs Completed

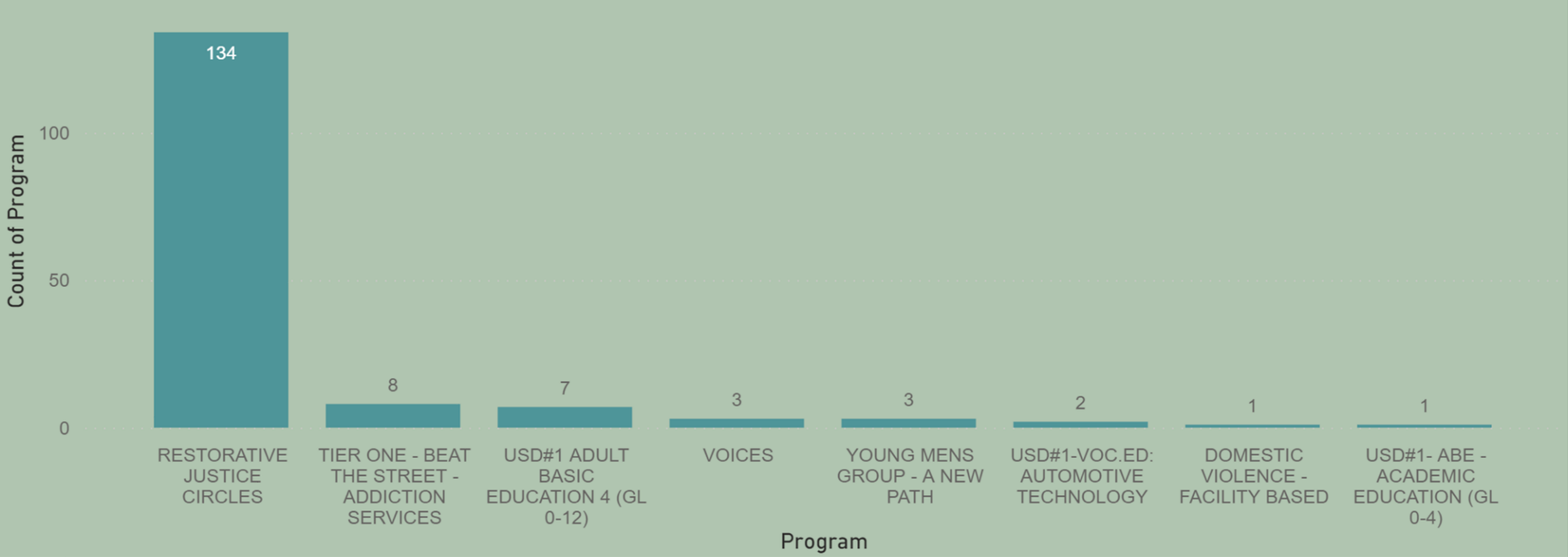
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Program	Count of Program
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - FACILITY BASED	1
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CIRCLES	134
TIER ONE - BEAT THE STREET - ADDICTION SERVICES	8
USD#1- ABE - ACADEMIC EDUCATION (GL 0-4)	1
USD#1 ADULT BASIC EDUCATION 4 (GL 0-12)	7
USD#1-VOC.ED: AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY	2
VOICES	3
YOUNG MENS GROUP - A NEW PATH	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>159</b>

## Current Population Age 15-17

48

Count of Program by Program



Forty-six (46) youth completed (159) programs from June 4, 2021 to February 1, 2022.

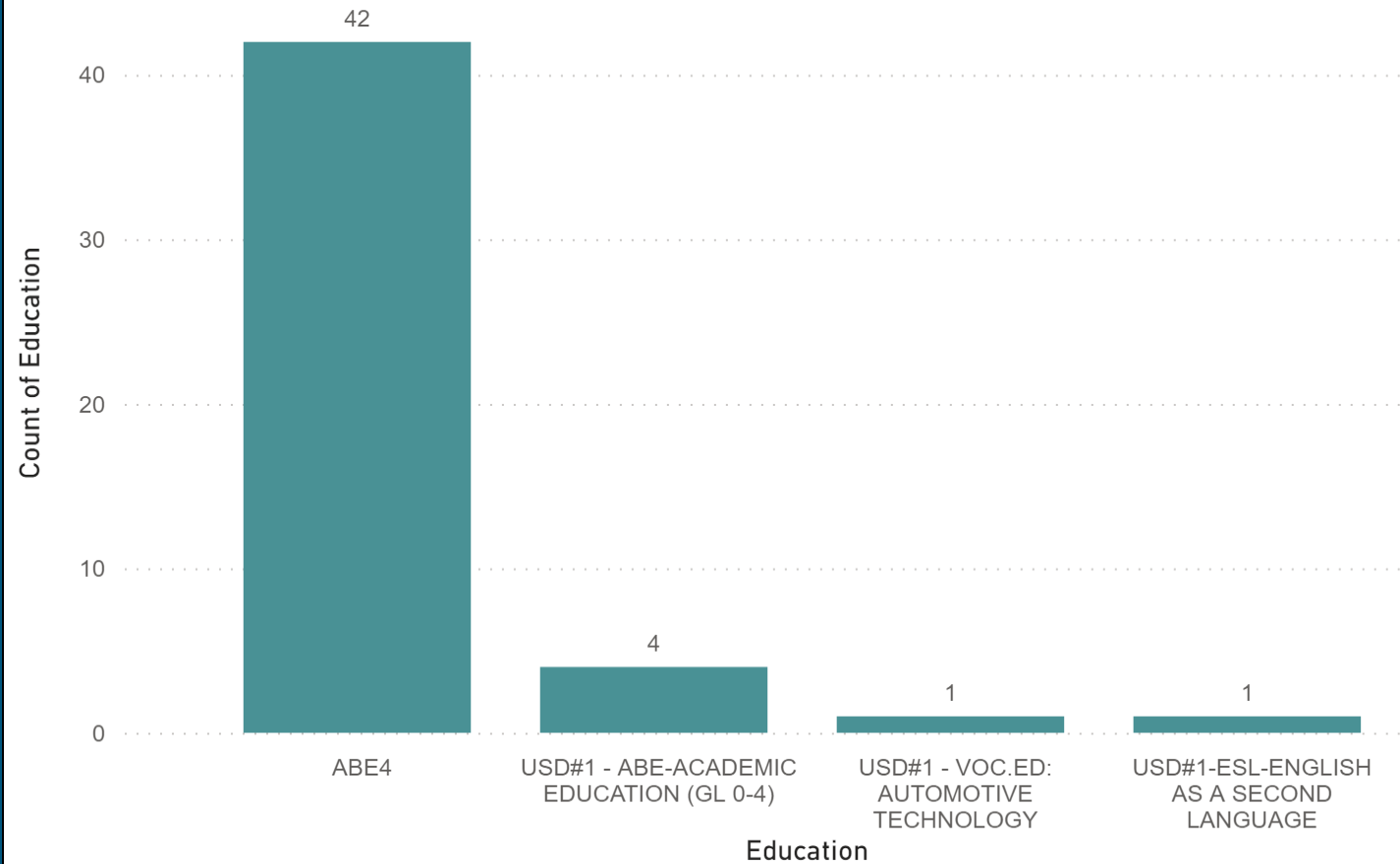
Currently Participating Educational Programming

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(43) Distinct Youth age 15-17 are currently participating in 48 various Educational Programs.

Education	Count of Education
ABE4	42
USD#1 - ABE-ACADEMIC EDUCATION (GL 0-4)	4
USD#1 - VOC.ED: AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY	1
USD#1-ESL-ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>

Count of Education by Education



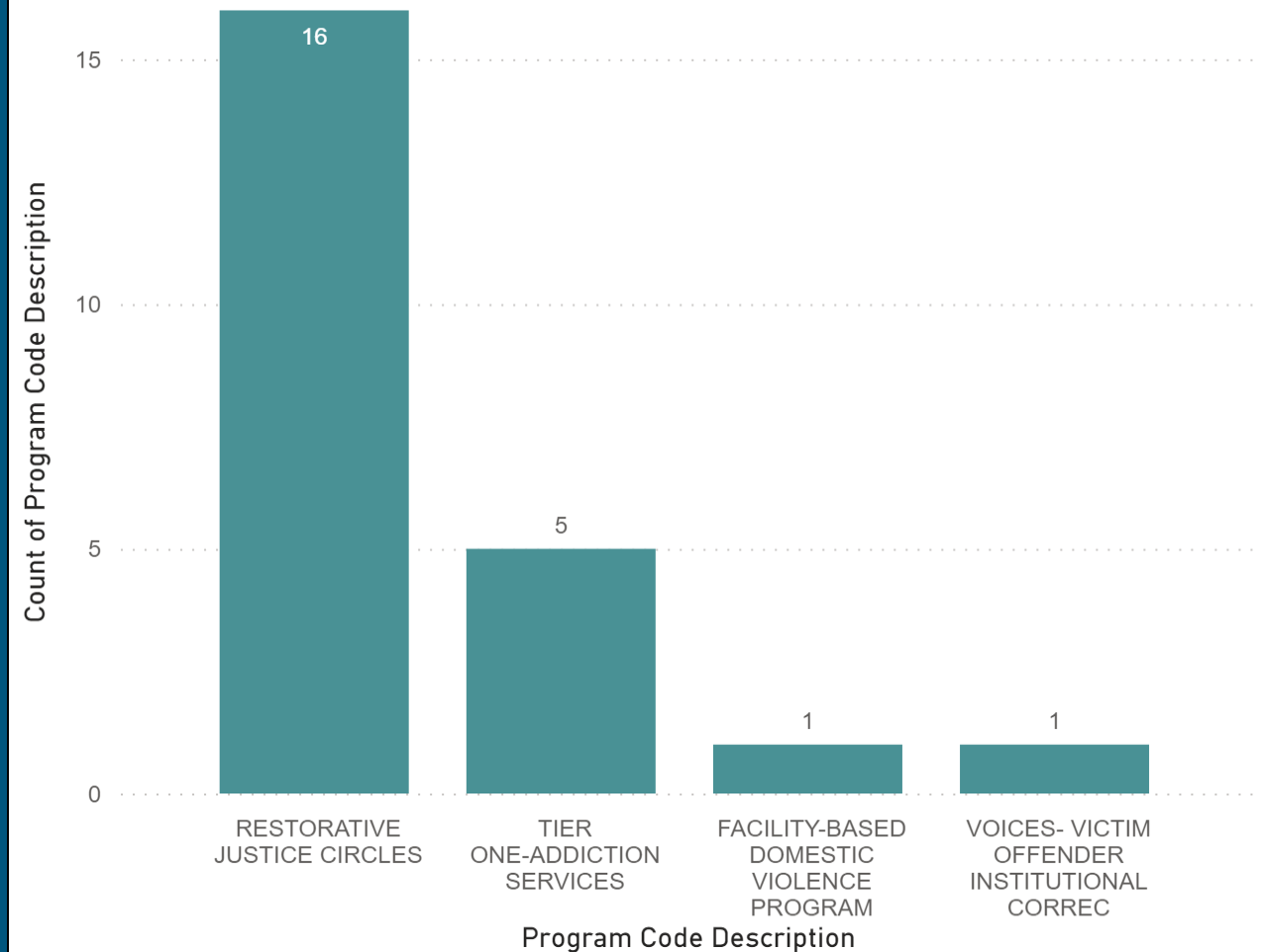
Currently Participating Compendium Programming

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(23) Distinct Youth age 15-17 are currently participating in 23 various Compendium Programs.

Program Code Description	Count of Program Code Description
FACILITY-BASED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM	1
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CIRCLES	16
TIER ONE-ADDICTION SERVICES	5
VOICES- VICTIM OFFENDER INSTITUTIONAL CORREC	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

Count of Program Code Description by Program Code Description



# Other Rehabilitative Programs

## **MYI Men's Group (Warden Molden)**

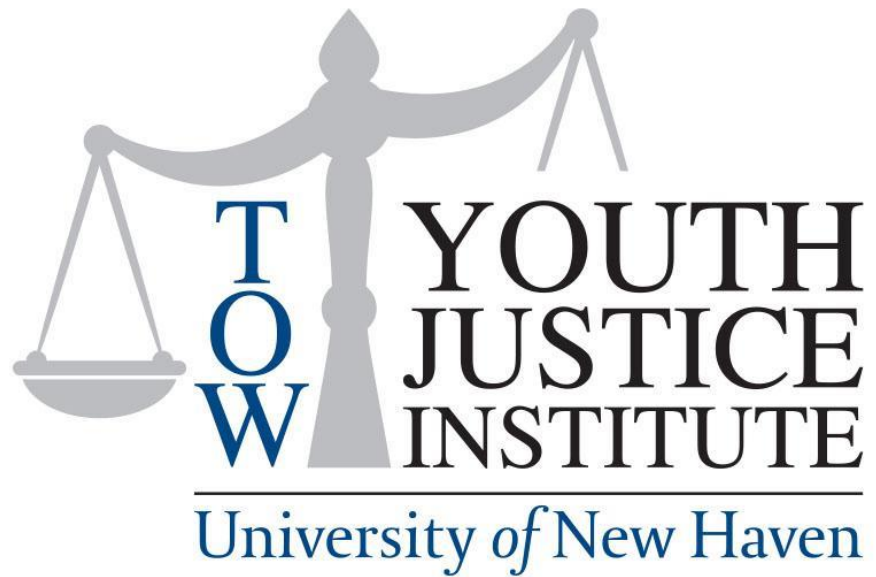
- Total of eleven (11) Meetings occurred from 09/2021 till present day.
- No meetings have occurred since 12/21 due to COVID-19 Operational plan
- Next meeting is scheduled for 02/17/22.

## **MYI Community Counsel**

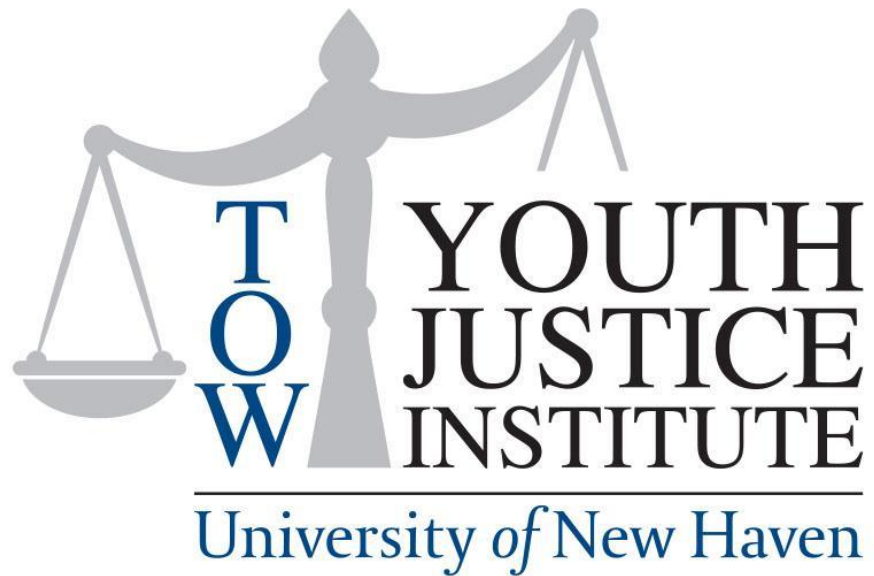
- Total of five (5) meetings
- 09/22/21
- 09/28/21
- 10/12/21
- 11/09/21 (Meeting with JJPOC membership)
- 11/16/21
- No other meetings have occurred due to COVID-19 operational plan.
- Next meeting is scheduled for 02/15/22

## **Behavioral Health Groups**

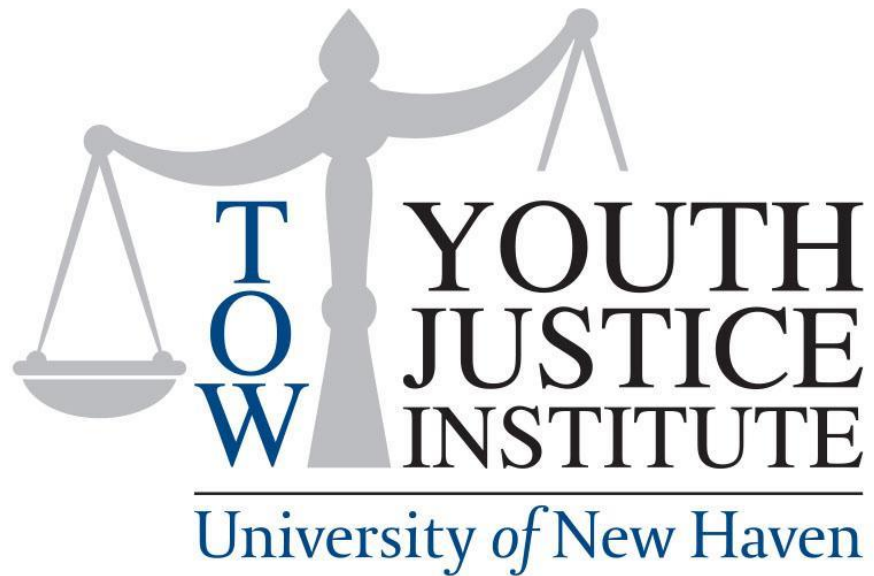
- 1224 Group Session Contacts occurred.
- Group Session Contacts are identified as the total number of residents who participated in a group session.



## ***Discussion***



***Update on JJPOC  
Raised Bill No. 387  
By  
Chairs***



***Next JJPOC Meeting***  
***April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022***  
***at 2:00-3:30***