# A Balanced Approach:

#### Striving for Fair, Effective, and Affordable Dispositions In Delinquency Cases

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### Characteristics of the Juvenile Court System

County-based

#### Age of Criminal Responsibility is 17, not 18

# Funding

#### <u>State</u>

- Judicial Salaries
- Trial Court Equity Fund
- DHS Delinquency Workers
- DHS Treatment Facilities
- ½ Child Care Fund

#### <u>County</u>

- Court Staff
- Court Facilities
- Prosecution
- Juvenile Probation
- 1/2 Child Care Fund

# **Core Principles**

- Individualized Justice
- Rehabilitation, not Punishment
- Least Restrictive Alternative
- Local Treatment
- Balanced Approach to Restorative Justice
  - Community Safety
  - Offender Accountability
  - Competency Development

## Case Processing-I

- Police Apprehension/Detention
- Prosecutor Review
- Petition Filing
- Transfer to County of Residence (Venue)

# Case Processing-II

- Initial court Appearance
- Court–Appointed Lawyer
- Jury Trial if requested (Jury of 6)
- Specialized Terminology
  "Petition" Not "Warrant"
  "Respondent" Not "Defendant"
  "Adjudication" Not "Trial"
  "Disposition" Not "Sentencing"

- Public Proceeding/ Public Records
- County Probation
  Staff
- County Treatment
  Programs

# **Case Processing III**

- Disposition Options (MCL 712A.18)
  - Probation
  - Licensed Foster Care
    - Court
    - DHS
    - Private Agency
  - Licensed Child Care Institution
    - Public
    - Private
    - In-State/Out of State
  - DHS Wardship (Act 150)
  - Mandatory Restitution; if able to pay

## Case Processing IV

#### NO Placement in Jail or Detention as disposition

# Case Processing V

- Adult Sanctions
  - "Designation"
    - Hearing
    - Juvenile Court Judge orders adult criminal punishment
  - Waiver
    - Age 14 or older
    - Criminal Court Judge orders adult criminal punishment
    - "Once Waived, Always Waived"

# Case Processing VI

"Blueprints" Programs

- 11 Model Programs selected from more than 900 programs studied
- Identified as effective in reducing adolescent violent crime, aggression, delinquency, and substance abuse

- 1. Midwestern Prevention Project (MPP)
- 2. Big Brothers/Big Sisters (BBBS)
- 3. Functional Family Therapy (FFT)
- 4. Life Skills Training (LST)
- 5. Multisystemic Therapy (MST)
- 6. Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP)
- 7. Multidimensonal Treatment Foster Care (MTFC)
- 8. Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (BPP)
- 9. Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATHS)
- 10. The Incredible Years: Parent, Teacher & Child Training Series (IYS)
- 11. Project Towards No Drug Abuse (Project TND)

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# Individualized Justice

- Consider age, previous record
- "Graduated Sanctions"
- Family
- School Performance
- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- Evaluations
- May continue juvenile court supervision to age 19-21

## **Expungement of Juvenile Records**

- Unavailable if more than one offense
- When?
  - 5 years after jurisdiction ends
    OR
  - Age 25 whichever is <u>LATER</u>
- Non–Public record for law enforcement use
- Sex offender registry
- No Expungement for life-sentence offenses/traffic offenses

### Expungement of Adult Criminal Records

- Delay of sentence
- Holmes youthful trainee act- MCL 762.11-16 ("HYTA")
- Drug Offenses MCL 333.7411 ("7411")

## Issues: I-Costs

Costs of Placement to Court	
In Home Care	50% State/50% County
Court-Operated Foster-Care	\$37.62/Day (No Administrative Rate)
DHS Foster Care	
Ages 0–12	\$16.74/Day (No Administrative Rate)
Ages 13–18	\$26.59/Day (No Administrative Rate)
Private Agency Foster Care	
Ages 0–12	\$53.75/Day (Includes \$37/Day Administrative Rate)
Ages 13–18	\$63.59/Day (Includes \$37/Day Administrative Rate)
Title IV-E	50% State / 50% Federal (Income & Placement Limitations)

### Issues- II Costs of Institutional Care

Costs of Institutional Care	
Private Non-Profit (Depending of Intensity of Programming)	\$130-\$400/Day
Camp Shawano	\$473/Day
Bay Pines	\$385/Day
Maxey Training School	\$667/Day

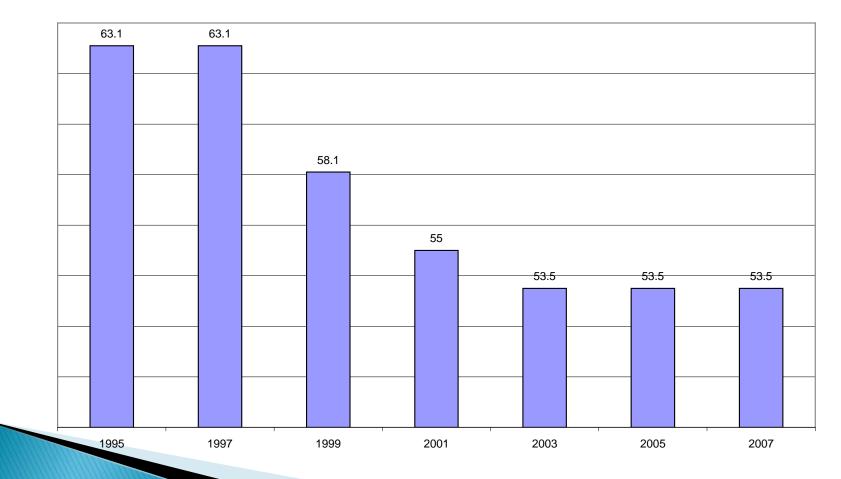
## Issues: III Data Collection/Analysis

- State (Aggregated)
  - Number of filings
  - Charge
  - Age
  - Gender
  - Race
- Local (Individual)
  - State Information plus individual data
  - Caseflow
  - Number of offenses
  - Participation in services
  - Length of time under jurisdiction
  - Placements (number and location)

## Issues: IV Incidence A(1)

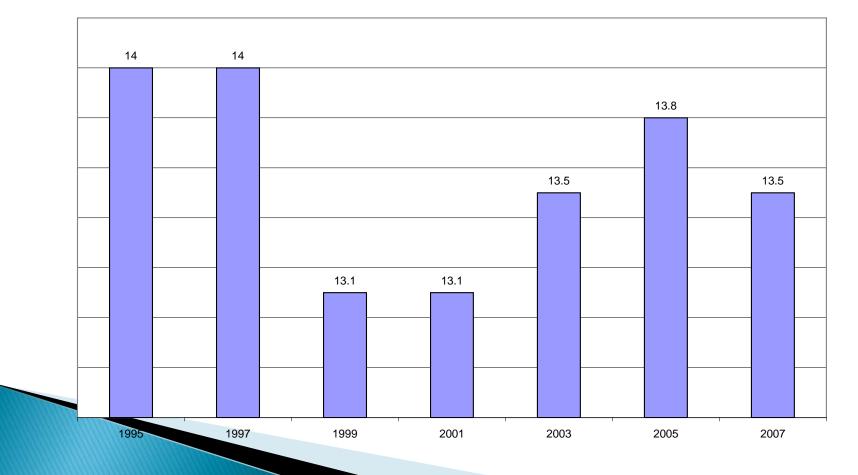
National Data

DELINQUENCY CASE RATES (per 1000 Juveniles)



# Incidence A(2) National Data- Rates for Offenses Against Other Persons (Per 1,000 Juvenile)

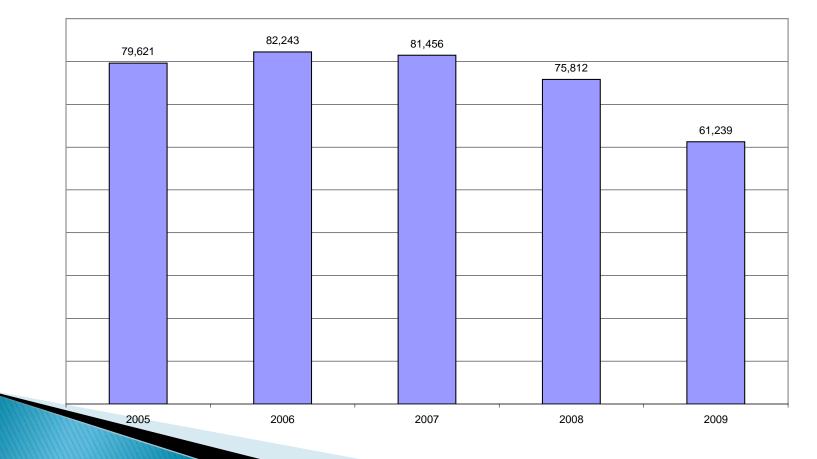
Rates For Offenses Against Other Persons 7.0 to 13.1 per 1,000 Juveniles



## Incidence B

#### State Data – Filings for Juvenile Offenses (2005–2009)

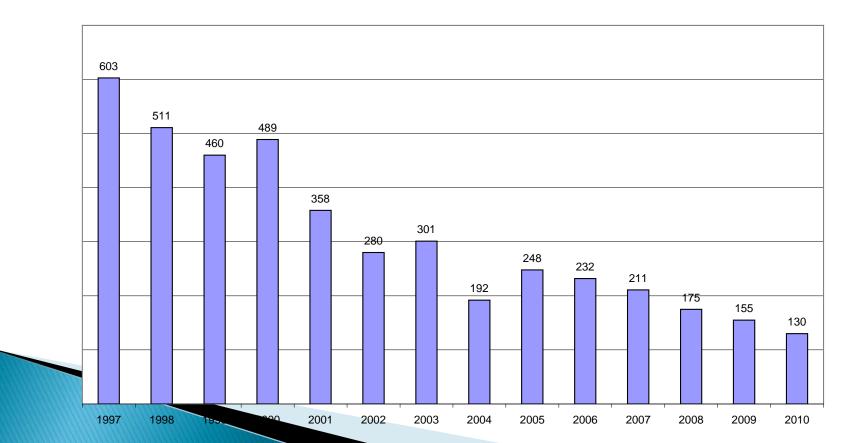
Statewide Filings For Juvenile Offenses 2005 - 2009



## Incidence C(1)

 Marquette County–Delinquency Offense Referrals (1997–2010)

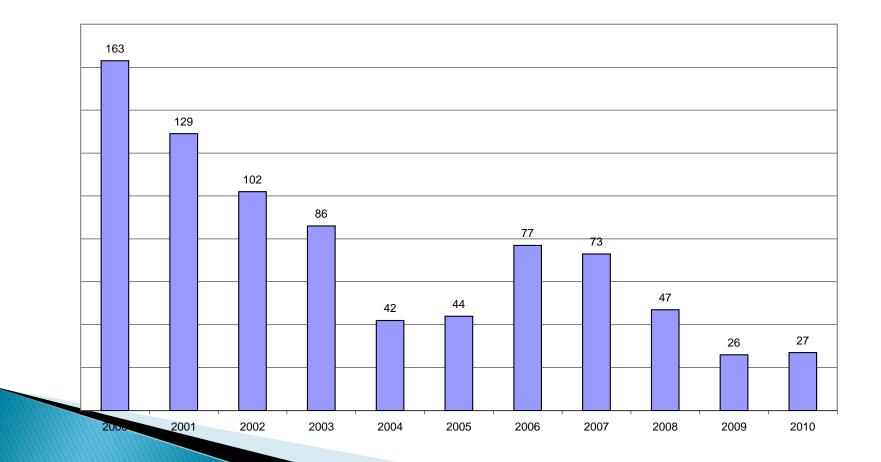
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## Incidence C(2)

#### Marquette County–Felony Level Offenses

Marquette County 11-Year History of Felony Level Offenses



### Incidence Calculations (Resource Materials)

- Count by
- Victim Report?
- Arrests?
- Referrals?
- Children?

## Issues: V Mental Health

- "Amputating the Base"
- Shift to Medicaid Funding
- Restrictions on Medicaid if detained/institutionalized
- Criteria for hospital admission/treatment
- Whose client?

# Issues: VI Competency

- Can't try if incompetent to assist counsel/understand proceedings
- Restoration to competency
- If can't restore & dangerous
  - Dismiss?
  - Incarcerate without trial?

## Issues: VII Substance Abuse

- May cause or contribute to decision to commit offense
- May contribute to inadequate supervision
- Access to prescription medications
- Legal & "designer drugs"
- Lack of funding for/availability of inpatient treatment beds
  - (total 40 beds in state)

# Issues: VIII Status Offenders

- Younger
- Finding: clear & convincing evidence court accessed services are necessary (MCL 712A.2 (a))
- Can't securely confine (MCL 712A.15)
- Family support services
- Predictor of delinquency?
- Marquette county
  - 41% of 2010 Filings Genesee County -0-

### Resources

- Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines NCFCJ (2005)
- Juvenile Justice Benchbook
  Michigan Judicial Institute (2009)
- <u>Reconnecting: The Role of Juvenile Court in Re-Entry</u> NCJFCJ (2004)
- <u>Blueprints for Violence Prevention</u>
  University of Colorado at Boulder OJJDP(2001)
- <u>Performance Measures</u> American Prosecutors Research Institute (2006)
- Juvenile Court Statistics (2006–2007)
  National Center for Juvenile Justice (2010)

Michigan Juvenile Crime Analysis Public Policy Accessites, Inc. (2009)

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