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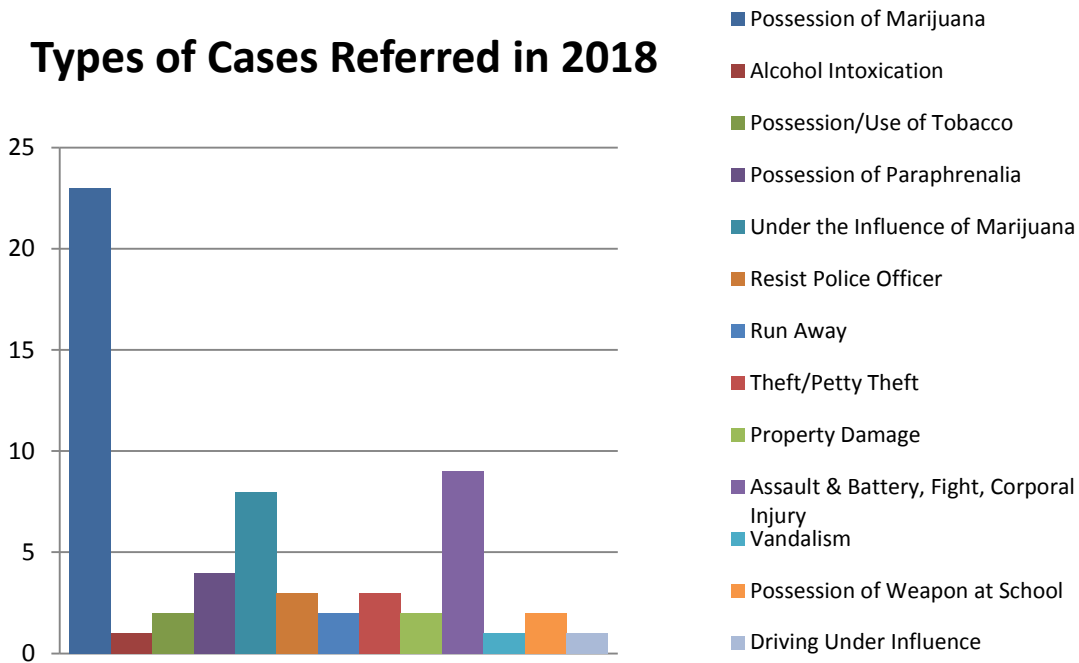
2018 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of **Humboldt County Teen Court** is to provide restorative justice and harm reduction alternatives to the juvenile justice system. We empower youth ages 13-18 with skills, resources, and opportunities to be accountable for their harms and to positively contribute to their communities, schools, and peer groups.

Teen Court accomplishes these goals through peer accountability, educational opportunities, youth leadership trainings, AOD Brief Interventions, and a youth court where teen volunteers hear real juvenile criminal cases and determine a restorative sentence that Teen Court monitors.

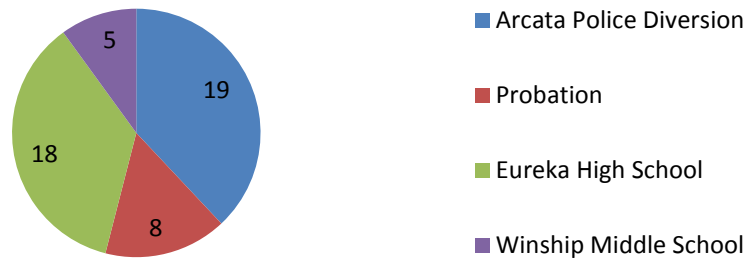
TEEN COURT OVERVIEW

Types of Cases Referred in 2018



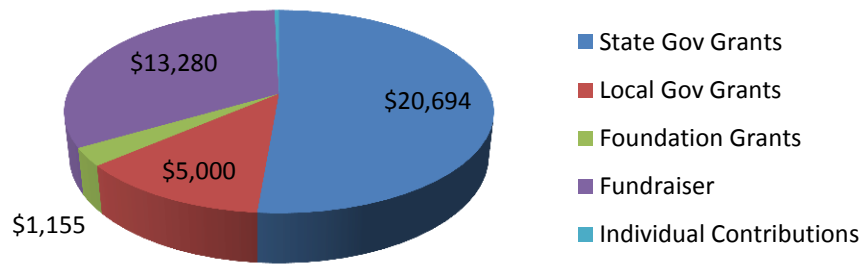
Total number of cases handled in 2018	54
<i>Number of open cases from 2017 but closed in 2018</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Number of cases that both opened and closed in 2018</i>	<i>33</i>
<i>Number of cases that remained open in 2019</i>	<i>6</i>
Total number of cases that closed out in 2018	48
<i>5 cases returned to referring agency before hearing date</i>	
<i>7 cases returned after court hearing due to move, re-offense, or non-compliance</i>	
Total number of cases that successfully completed Teen Court in 2018	36
Juveniles re-offending after successful completion of Teen Court	5
2018 Recidivism Rate (5 out of 36 successfully completed offenders)	13.9%
Total Recidivism Rate for program (March 29, 2001- December 31, 2018)	8.3%
<i>Successfully closed 515 cases, 43 re-offended after completion of program (updated 3/20/19)</i>	

Agencies referring to Teen Court



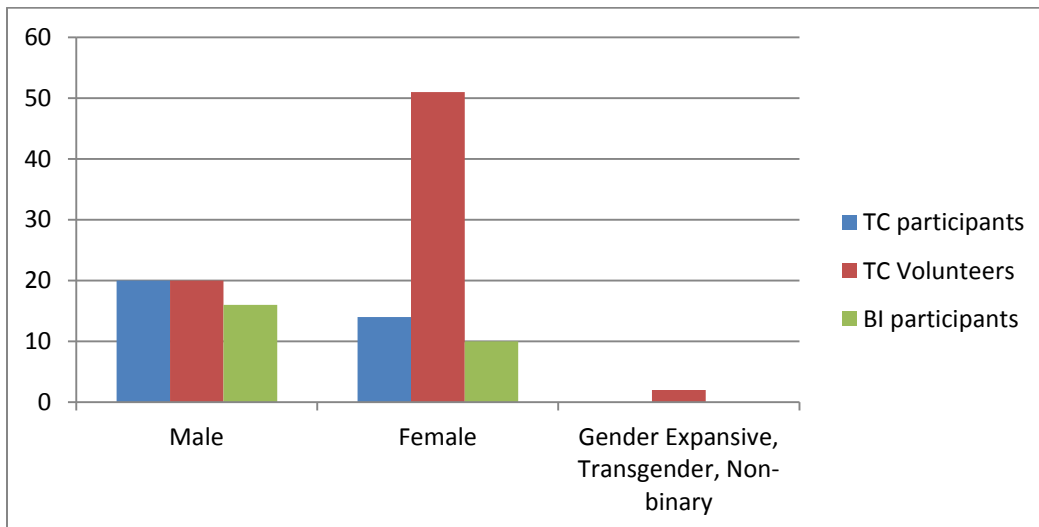
2018 Funding

Total Revenues \$52,000

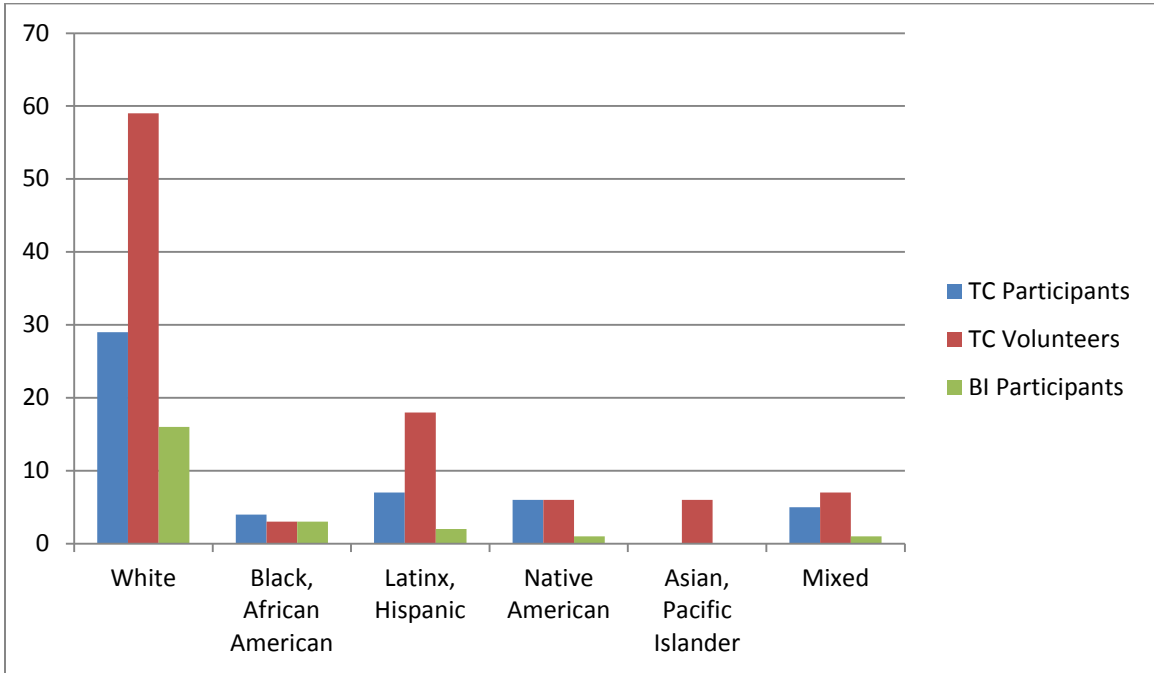


DEMOGRAPHICS OF TEEN COURT 46 TEEN COURT PARTICIPANTS COMPLETED SURVEY

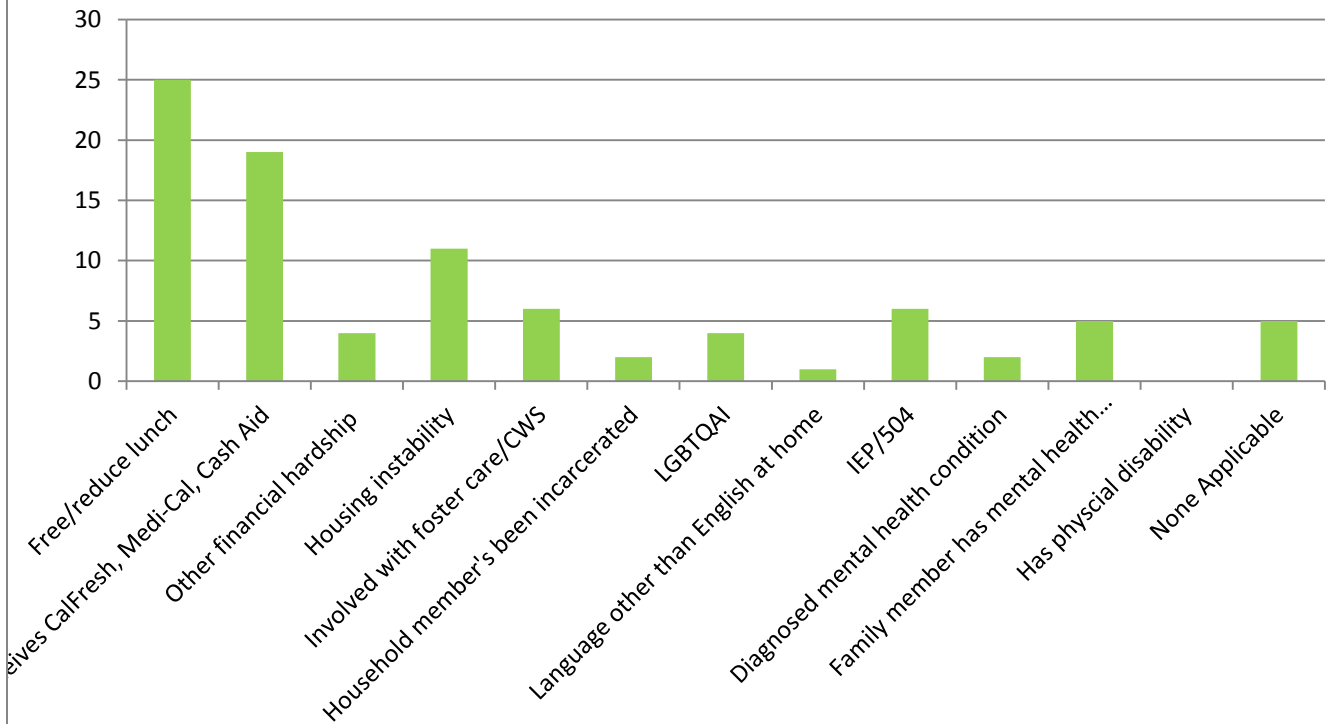
Gender



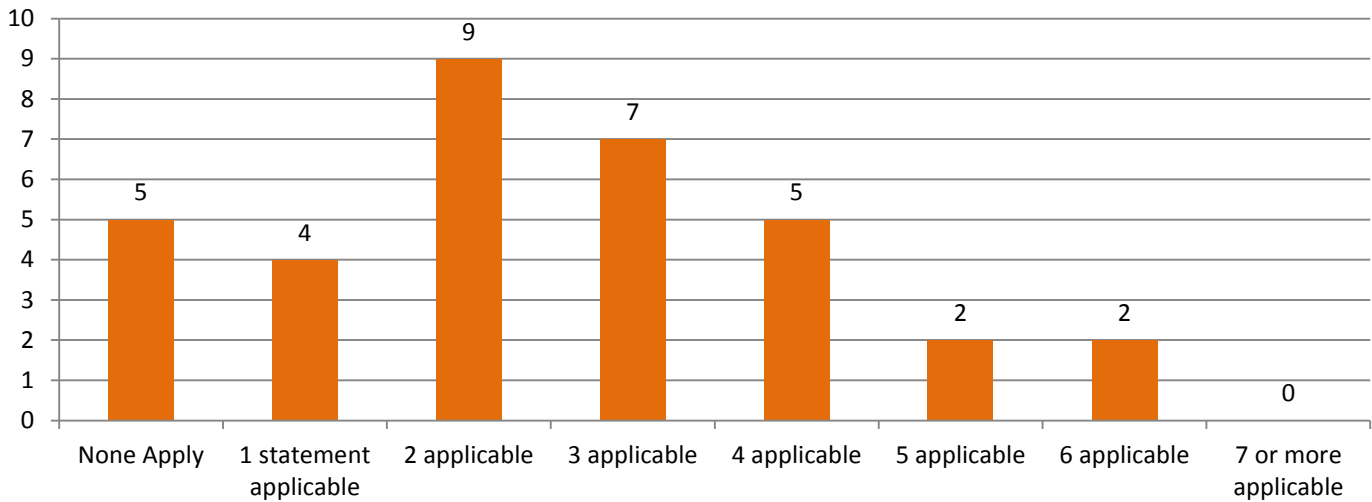
Race/Ethnicity



Other Demographics of Teen Court Participants



Number of above statements that apply to one individual



TEEN COURT PARTICIPANT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN SURVEY 10 YOUTH AND 3 PARENTS/GUARDIANS COMPLETED EXIT SURVEYS. BELOW, WE HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE EMERGENT THEMES.

POSITIVE IMPACTS ON OFFENDING YOUTH

YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS

100% said they would recommend Teen Court to a teen that needed similar help.

"It was a positive way of reminding me what I did was wrong and the people who were involved in my case supported me the whole time."

100% said that they thought Teen Court had made an improvement or **positive impact** on them.

"They made me notice what I did wrong but also show you so much love and support."

"I'm starting to get better at what I wasn't doing."

"It showed me a way to communicate with others on my opinion."

90% said that they felt their **sentence was appropriate** or fair.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

100% said that they thought Teen Court had made an improvement or **positive impact** on their youth.

"Yes, it helped with attitude, responsibility and accountability."

"I feel Teen Court has shown my child that there ARE consequences for unacceptable behavior."

Top three positive changes that parents reported in their teens were:

- Increased understanding of the legal system
- Improved thoughtful decision-making
- Improved grades & school attendance

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WHAT THEY LIKE BEST ABOUT TEEN COURT

YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS

Youth participants really appreciate the **opportunity to better themselves**.

"A chance for teens to fix problems they experience nowadays without it being a legal mark against them."

Youth participants consistently felt like Teen Court was a **positive supportive peer environment**.

"I felt like nobody would tell other people about my case, I felt comfortable."

50% said they wanted to continue to volunteer at Teen Court

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Parents like that their teen **learns about consequences, but with a motivating approach**.

"That it didn't feel punitive, rather it was informative and motivating."

"The positive reinforcement"

"I thank you for helping all the youth of our community and giving them a chance to straighten up before worse things happen and much more severe consequences take place."

WHAT PARTICIPANTS WOULD IMPROVE ABOUT TEEN COURT

YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS

Overwhelmingly, the youth said that there was **nothing** to improve.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Parents thought we should work on having the **parents more involved** throughout the process.

BRIEF INTERVENTIONS OVERVIEW

Total number of Brief Intervention referrals in 2018..... 26
Youth who completed both BI sessions..... 22
Number of youth referred but did not attend..... 4

Youth self-identified emergent themes of why they use substances:

- 30%** Anxiety
- 25%** Stress
- 15%** Insomnia
- 10%** Anger
- 10%** ADHD

100% use marijuana; 20% Tobacco; 20% Alcohol; 20% Other drugs

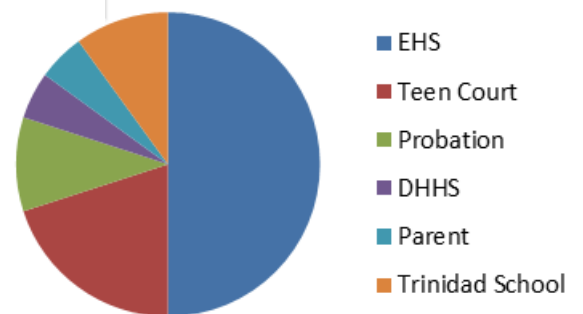
89% of participants set goals to address their substance use

Example of goals and strategies: 36% wanted to completely abstain from their AOD use; while 21% wanted to reduce their AOD use; 37% wanted to bring up their school grades through tutoring or better study habits *"Continue to complete school work daily"*; and exercise was important for a few *"Work out every other day for 1 hour"*

79% of those who set goals saw success by achieving their goals

11% made some progress towards their goals

Referral Agencies



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VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION

Presiding Mentor Judge	Judge Christopher Wilson
Active Teen Volunteers	76
New teen volunteers started in 2018	44
Youthful offenders continuing to volunteer at Teen Court	8

CURRENT MENTOR ATTORNEYS

Shelley Addison, Christina Allbright, Luke Brownfield, Bryan Daley, Randall Davis, Natalie Duke, Heidi Holmquist-Wells, Brent Kling, Neal Latt, Damara Moore, Jeff Monsell, David Nims, Greg Rael, Erin Rowe, Casey Russo, Jeffrey Slack, Timm Trent, Jessica Watson, Megan Yarnall, and Nate Zwerdling

TEEN COURT YOUTH LEADERS IN 2018-2019

Alexandra P., Sophia E., Ashley M., Gwen S., Marcela T., Cody H., Jacqueline R., Lily D., Alex R., Skye L., Ray F., Kai H., and Hannah P.

TEEN VOLUNTEER SURVEY 16 TEEN VOLUNTEERS COMPLETED A SURVEY ABOUT THE TEEN COURT PROGRAM AT THE END OF THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR. IN THE REPORT BELOW, WE LIST THEIR HIGHLIGHTED RESPONSES.

WHY DO YOU VOLUNTEER FOR TEEN COURT?

Top 3 Reasons: Want to help others; interested in a career in law; to complete community service needed for school

HOW HAVE YOU BENEFITED FROM TEEN COURT?

Top 3: Developed my leadership skills; learned more about the justice system and civic responsibility; and, allowed me to help people in my community

WHAT DO YOU LIKE THE BEST ABOUT TEEN COURT?

Top 3: Having a restorative justice approach; the real court experience; and, having a positive impact on other teens