

**Program Name: Neighborhood Accountability Boards****Department Name: Teen Court, Court Administration, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court**Prepared By: Stacy Roberts, Director  
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Accountability Board (NAB)Reporting Month: **4/2016**Contact Info:  
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Program Strategy: Juvenile Prevention and Intervention Services

**Program Summary:**

The Neighborhood Accountability Board (NAB) serves as a dedicated diversionary program designed to provide consequences and services for youth, ages 10-17, issued a juvenile civil citation in some of Duval County's highest crime zip codes. The NAB represents a community based decision making process aimed at repairing harm brought on by crime. This process incorporates Restorative Justice principles. Upon completion of all assigned tasks, the Youth receives a Certificate of Completion from the NAB and no charges are filed and no delinquency record is ever created, thus not hindering the Youth from opportunities related to college admissions, military recruitment and employment in the future. The goals of the NAB are: to provide the victim and community the opportunity to converse with an offender in a safe and productive manner, to provide an opportunity for an offender to take responsibility and make amends, to provide community/citizen ownership of the justice system, to provide a timely, community response to repair harm and MOST IMPORTANTLY, to give youth the opportunity to avoid criminal prosecution for a first time misdemeanor offense.

**Program Overall Status:**

Month	New Client Hearings	Review Hearings	Closeouts	Total Active Cases
March 2016	3	2	4	20
<b>Total YTD (October 2015-Present):</b>	46			

**Successes:**

1. Theda Roberts, the Statewide Civil Citation Coordinator from the Department of Juvenile Justice chose Duval County to bring delegates from Delaware State to observe the NAB in the Westside on April 5, 2016. She reports that utilizing the NAB format to address civil citations in something that very few counties are doing and commended the program for its use of the restorative practices.
2. This writer requested and was granted a meeting with Terence Martin from the States Attorney's Office on April 6, 2016 to discuss the referral process and the importance of quick turnaround when the citations are received by the SAO from JSO.
3. On April 11, 2016, one of our stakeholders, icare, sponsored their annual Nehemiah Assembly. At this time, the Sheriff made a commitment to increase the issuance of civil citations. He asked for us to be patient and to expect a significant influx of civil citations in May 2016. He reported that the process for issuance was recently updated and is more convenient for the JSO to issue.
4. On April 14, 2016, this writer met with the president of Children's Lutheran Services, members of the Mason's in Jacksonville and also Officers from NAS Jax to discuss community service and mentoring opportunities for the NAB clients. All were very willing to become involved.
5. All Teen Court case managers were instructed to make appointments with the principals and SROs at every middle and high school that can be served by NABs to conduct brief overviews of the program and to provide information on direct referrals from the schools to NABs.
6. It was determined that youth from the Englewood schools will now be eligible for the Arlington NAB. We will start accepting referrals from this zipcode on May 1, 2016.
7. On April 28, 2016, this writer attended the Englewood Oversight Committee at the Full Service School to give a brief presentation about Englewood kids being eligible for the Arlington NAB now.

**Challenges:**

1. Referrals have continued to be slow. The Sherriff is advising us that the issuance of the civil citations will be increasing in May 2016. Already in May, there are 5 NAB cases referred to us that are in the process of being scheduled for hearings.

**Program Providers – Where there are multiple agencies working together, please specify each agencies role. If type other than those illustrated below, please add to legend type below.**

**Types: D\$=City direct funded provider PT = Partner or subcontracted provider – NO FUNDING**

**PT\$ = Partner or subcontracted provider receiving funds from direct funded provider**

Provider(s)	Type Code	Contact Name	Address/Tel. No.	Program Specifics/ Services Provided
United Way/ Duval County Full Service Schools	PT	Keto Porter	1301 Riverplace Blvd Jacksonville FL 32207/ 904-390-3247	Referrals for counseling services utilize Full Service School resources
Teen Court, 4 <sup>th</sup> Circuit	D\$	Stacy Roberts	501 W. Adams St. Jacksonville FL 32202/ 904-255-1032	Case Monitoring, Assessments, Moderators
iCare (Interfaith Coalition for Action, Reconciliation and Empowerment)	PT	Nancy Ricker	2650 Park St. Jacksonville FL 32204/ 904-388-9181	Community Outreach and Advocacy
PACE Center for Girls	PT	Renee McQueen	2933 University Blvd Jacksonville FL 32211/ 904-448-8002	Individual Counseling
Empowerment Resources	PT	Elexia Coleman-Moss	3832-010 Baymeadows Rd., Unit 348 Jacksonville, FL 32217 904-268-8287	Nurturing Parenting and Journey to Womanhood

**Program Budget/Financial Status**

FY 2015-2016 Budget Item	Budget	Actual (cumulative)	Encumbrance	Balance	Variance
NAB Case Monitor* salary (@\$18/hr for 18 hrs per week)	\$16,848				
NAB Assessment Coordinator** salary (@\$18/hr/40hrs per week)	\$37,440				

**Scope of Service:**

**Program Deliverables**

A. Quantity: How much?	2015-2016
1. <b>150 youth will be served at the Neighborhood Accountability Boards during this fiscal year.</b> These youth will participate in community service, mental health counseling (as indicated), drug testing, substance abuse counseling (as indicated), written assignments pertaining to career aspirations and consequences of their offenses and positive mentoring from community leaders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ As of April 30, 2016, <b>46 youth</b> have been served by the program thus far since October 1, 2015. As of April 30, 2016, there are <b>20 youth</b> actively participating in the program.</li> </ul>
2. <b>Approximately 2,000 hours of community service will be completed by participating youth during this fiscal year as a means of providing reparations to the harmed communities.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>120 hours</b> of community service were completed by participating youth whose cases were closed out in the month of March 2016. Since 10/1/15, a total of <b>738 hours</b> of community service were completed by youths whose cases were closed.</li> </ul>

<b>B. Quality / Effort: How well services provided?</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>
<p><b>1. 100% of participating youths referred for specialized counseling will follow through with referrals and receive the recommended services.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Currently, 100% of youth referred for specialized counseling are participating or have already set up an initial appointment with the referred providers. Currently our youth are utilizing gender-specific individual trauma counseling, family therapy sessions, substance abuse/relapse prevention sessions and anger management individual sessions based on their established individual needs.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2. 90% of youths successfully completing the program will self-report an overall improvement in their school performance, peer interactions and/or family situation as a result of services received during the program as measured by a survey they fill out after program completion has occurred.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Thirty-four surveys were sent out to participants whom had successfully completed the program this fiscal year. Thus far, 4 have been returned and one came back as: "return to sender" Of the four received, the participants reported the following: 100% reported educational improvement, 75% reported improved healthy family interaction, 100% reported improved healthy social interaction, 100% reported substance abstinence and no criminal violations and 100% reported actively planning for their future and setting goals.</li> </ul>	
<b>C. Client Benefits: Is anyone any better off?</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>
<p><b>1. 80% of youths entering the program will successfully complete the program and have the civil citation dismissed, thus avoiding obtaining a criminal record.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ As of April 30, 2016, 28 youth were discharged from the program since October 1, 2015. Of those, 18 youth completed the program successfully <b>(64%)</b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>2. 80% of youth participants will not be rearrested/reoffend during the program or for 6 months following successful program completion.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ None of the participating youths had negative interaction with law enforcement during this month.</li> <li>➤ In the month of April 2016, all successfully completed youths were drug free at the time of graduation.</li> </ul>	

**Narrative:**