

**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: **7/2016**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
July 2016	10	0	8	39
<b>Total YTD (October 2015-Present):</b>	<b>77</b>			

## Successes:

1. Director attended the National Association of Court Managers conference from 7/10-7/14 and was given the opportunity to learn new managerial skills to implement in the Teen Court department.
2. A new moderator has been trained for the Ribault location. He appears to be a good fit for that Board.
3. Director met with members of the Public Defenders Office and the School Board to work cooperatively towards increasing awareness and utilization of local restorative justice practices for troubled youth in Duval County schools.
4. We have begun the process of contracting with Education for Prevention in order to expand our available services to youth in the program. This company will provide online classes covering a myriad of appropriate topics for our teens. This will be particularly helpful for our families that have transportation issues.

## Challenges:

1. Referrals were down some this month. We believe this is largely due to the fact that youth are still out of school for the summer and anticipate an influx of new DATA school referrals once the school begins.

**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 July 31, 2016, <b>77 youth</b> have been served by the program thus far since October 1, 2015. As of July 31, 2016, there are <b>39 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>245 hours</b> of community service were completed by participating youth whose cases were closed out in the month of July 2016. Since 10/1/15, a total of <b>1138 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>➤ Fifty-two surveys were sent out to participants whom had successfully completed the program this fiscal year. Thus far, 5 have been returned and one came back as: "return to sender" . Of the five received, the participants reported the following: 100% reported educational improvement, 80% 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 July 31, 2016, 46 youth were discharged from the program since October 1, 2015. Of those, 30 youth completed the program successfully <b>(65%)</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 July 2016, the successfully completed youth were drug free at the time of graduation.</li> <li>➤ Of the 30 youth that have completed the program since October 2015, 0 have been rearrested. Although most have not been out of the program for 6 months at this time, it is still encouraging that none of these youth have reoffended.</li> </ul>	

**Narrative:**