

# Centinela Youth Services

# Restorative Justice

# Diversion

## Data Collection & Analysis Tips

### Collect and Analyze Local Data.

- Demographic Breakdowns
  - Race and Ethnicity
  - Gender Identity
  - Foster System Involvement
  - Diagnosed Learning Differences
- Arrest and Conviction Rates
- School Suspension, Expulsion, and Graduation Rates

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### Identify Disparities and Inequities.

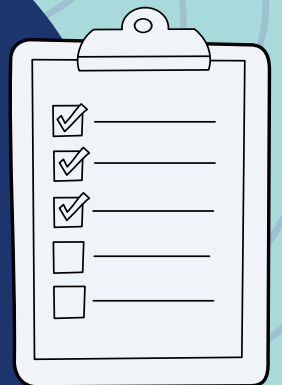
- Are there subgroups that are suspended, expelled, arrested, convicted at a disproportionately higher rate than their peers?
- Are there types of data that are NOT easily accessible for review?



### Prioritize Disparities to Ensure Equitable Access and Protections.

- Focus diversion efforts strategically
- Support broad diversion referral criteria
- Use prevention options to avoid net-widening
- Acquire effective equity and bias training
- Partner with local community-based organizations with established community trust and meaningful services

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### Establish Data Sharing Protocols Between Referral Partners and Diversion Providers.

- Case Status Updates
- Apples-to-Apples Comparisons
  - Post-Service Arrest Rate, Restitution, Participant Satisfaction
- How often? By whom? What method?
- Agree on Confidentiality & Tracking Parameters



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### Maintain Measures of Accountability.

- Is diversion being applied equitably by referral partners?
- Are services being implemented equitably by diversion providers?
- How are departments and organizations held accountable to increasing equity and decreasing disparities?



# Types of Restorative Justice Diversion Data

- Post-Service Arrest Rates
- Case Completion Rates
- Types and Amounts of Restitution/Reparation
- Participant Satisfaction
- Participant Feeling of Fairness
- Connections to Other Services
- Qualitative Samples and Testimonials

## Strategies for Equity Protections

- Implement blind case reviews
- Hold adults MORE accountable than youth
- Place less emphasis on prior arrests for youth in high-policed areas
- Transform institutional policies that overly rely on police response when there is no actual safety concern
- Provide clear protections for youth involved in foster care or with identified special needs
- Continue to navigate challenges as they arise - Restorative Justice Diversion is not one-size-fits-all

## CYS Restorative Justice Diversion Data

98%

OF PARTICIPATING VICTIMS/HARMED PARTIES ARE SATISFIED WITH THEIR CYS RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROCESS

86%

OF PARTICIPATING YOUTH FULLY COMPLETE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE RESTITUTION AGREEMENTS

89%

OF PARTICIPATING YOUTH WILL NOT COMMIT ANOTHER OFFENSE WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER THEIR CYS RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROCESS OCCURS

## Voices of CYS Restorative Justice Participants

*"I felt like me talking about the situation was a little easier because I felt I was in a safe space." - Youth*

*"I liked the calmness this meeting brought to me and my mom." - Youth*

*"I think this was the best way to solve the issue." - Youth's Caregiver*

*"This went better than I expected with everyone agreeing to the restitution." - Harmed Party*

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