



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
Health, Human Services, and Public Safety Committee

Juvenile Services/Youth Delinquency Presentation
Tuesday, January 30, 2024

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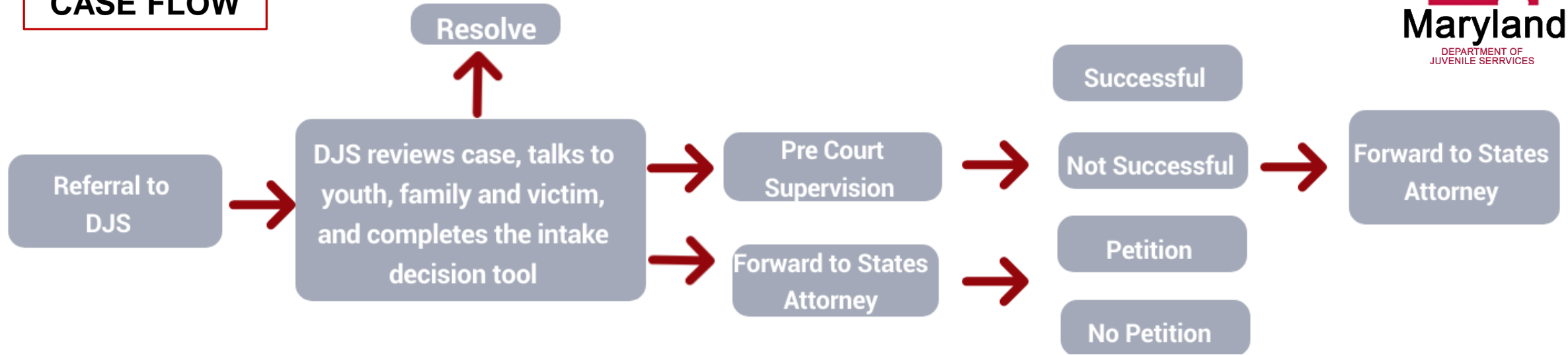
Presentation Overview

- 1. Intake and Detention Requests**
- 2. DJS Handling of Referrals**
- 3. Probation and Aftercare Services**
- 4. Commitment Services**
- 5. Juvenile Services Educational Program**

DJS INTAKE



CASE FLOW



Intake Decision Tool

The tool DJS utilizes to assess risk and needs of youth when charged with a delinquent act. The tool helps DJS intake staff determine if it is in the best interest of the youth and public safety to resolve, pre-court, or forward a referral to the states attorney.

By law, DJS is required to forward all crimes of violence directly to the State's Attorney.

Pre-Court Services in Prince George's County

- Saturday Academy (SAO Program)
- Choice Program
- Victim Awareness
- Anger Management
- Mentoring Services
- Substance Use Services (when need identified)
- Individual and Family Counseling
- Evidence-Based Services

DETENTION REQUESTS



CASE FLOW



DETENTION RISK ASSESSMENT

An objective and validated tool that assesses the degree to which youth pose a public safety and/or flight risk. Risk score calculations are used to create a recommendation for release, community-based alternative to detention (ATD), or secure detention. All ATD and secure detention decisions made by DJS are reviewed and continued or modified by the Juvenile Court on the next business day.

ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION (ATD) in Prince George's County

- Community Detention
- Community Detention with Electronic Monitoring
- Evening Reporting Center

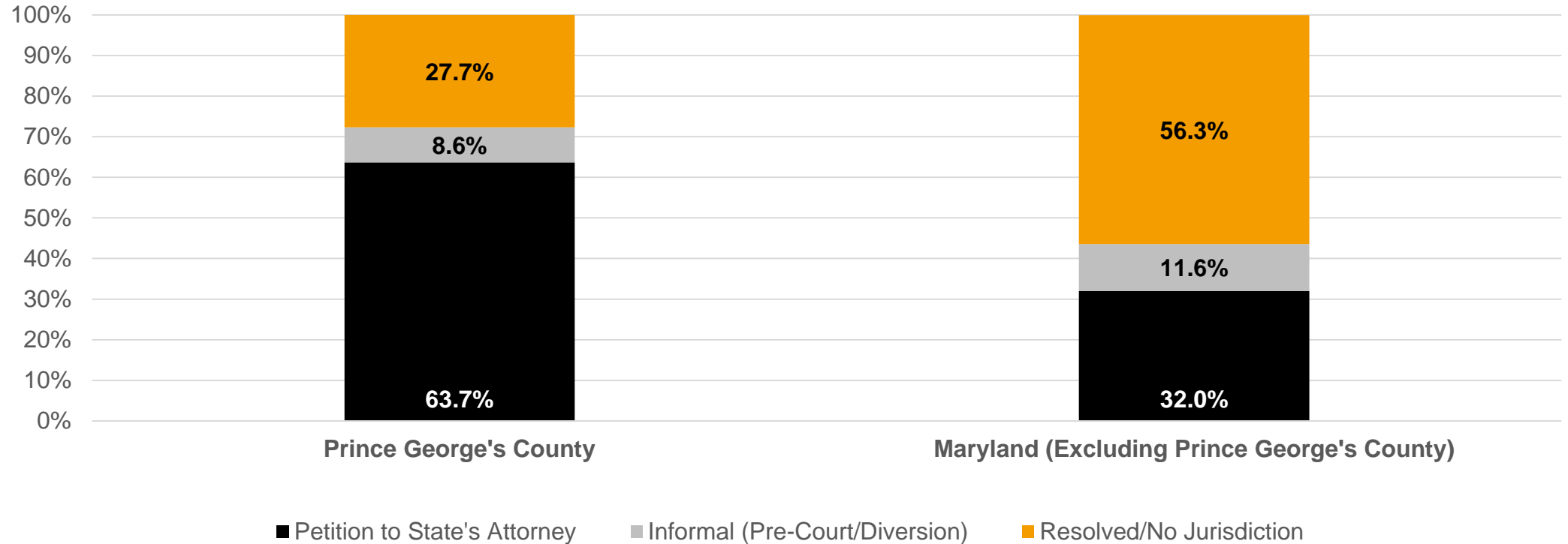
DJS enacted “Safe Friday” contacts to further enhance supervision of ATD youth leading into and during weekends (Sep 2023)

DJS CASE FORWARDING DECISIONS



PRINCE GEORGE'S DJS INTAKE REFERS CASES TO THE JUVENILE COURT AT A SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER RATE THAN THE REST OF THE STATE (2x more by comparison)

CASE FORWARDING DECISIONS, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND MARYLAND, FY 2023

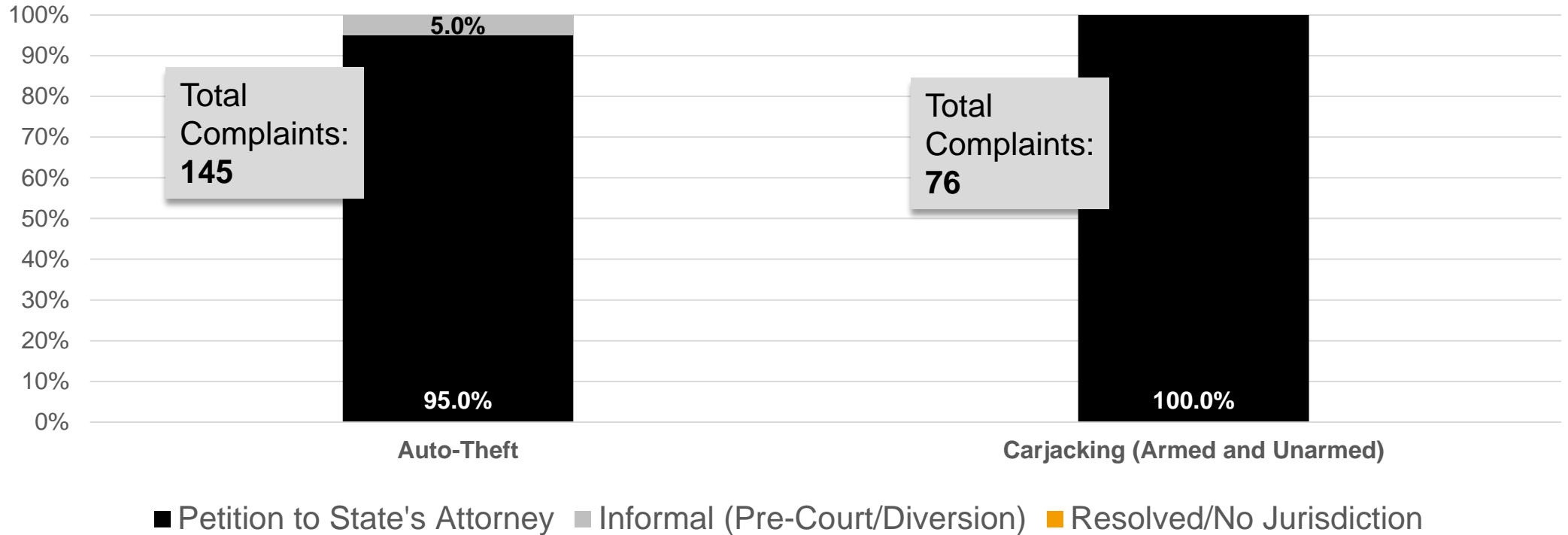




DJS CASE FORWARDING DECISIONS FOR AUTO-THEFT AND CARJACKING OFFENSES

AUTO-THEFT AND CARJACKING (ARMED & UNARMED)

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PROBATION AND AFTERCARE



PROBATION TERMS

MISDEMEANORS



6 months, not to exceed 1 year

NON-VIOLENT FELONIES



1 year, not to exceed 3 years

CRIME OF VIOLENCE
FELONIES



No Term Limit



Only the Juvenile Court has the authority to release a youth from probation

PROBATION/AFTERCARE SERVICES

- Multi-Systemic Therapy
- Family Functional Therapy
- Family-Centered Treatment
- Behavioral Health Services
- Mentoring Programs
- Pro-Social Activities
- Education Support
- Vocational Opportunities



89% of youth released from probation have no new sustained juvenile or adult offense within one year

GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION SUPERVISION

Thrive Academy is a specialized probation/aftercare supervision model for DJS youth identified as highest risk of being involved in a shooting incident as either victim or perpetrator



SUITCASE FOR SUCCESS

- Credible Messenger Life Coach
- Milestone, Participation, Employment and Service Stipends
- First Semester Tuition
- Confidential Youth/Family Relocation Services
- Trauma Services and Healing-Centered Care
- Prosocial Individual and Group Activities



Thrive Available In:

- Anne Arundel County
- Baltimore City
- Baltimore County
- Prince George's County



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COMMITMENT

OUT-OF-HOME LEVELS OF CARE

Level 1: Community Residential

- Treatment Foster Care
- Group Home
- Therapeutic Group Home
- Independent Living



Level 2: Staff Secure Residential

- Treatment Program (DJS Operated)
- Group Home (on grounds school)
- Therapeutic Group Home (on grounds school)
- Residential Treatment Center (RTC)



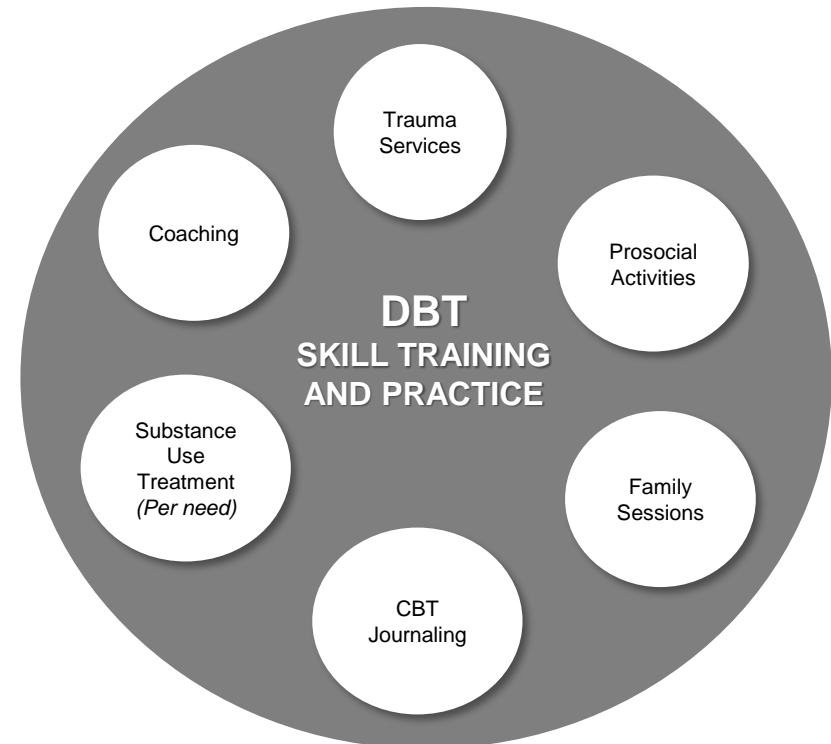
Level 3: Hardware Secure

- Treatment Program (DJS Operated)
- Residential Treatment Center (RTC)



Only the Juvenile Court has the authority to release a youth from treatment

DJS COMMITTED PROGRAMS



85% of youth released from committed programs have no new sustained juvenile or adult offense within one year

EDUCATION



JUVENILE SERVICES EDUCATION PROGRAM (JSEP)

SB 497, Chapter 145 passed and signed into law 2021

JSEP established as the **25th school board** in Maryland and housed in DJS as an independent unit

Academic Services:

- 6.5 hours of academic services, Monday – Friday
- DJS began afterschool clubs in facilities in 2023 (art, movies, music, civics, etc.)
- Re-enrollment planning and execution in coordination with DJS Community Services staff
- Dual enrollment for youth held temporarily in DJS detention facilities to ensure continuity of academic programming

