

Program Name: Neighborhood Accountability Boards**Department Name: Teen Court, Court Administration, 4th Judicial Circuit Court**

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 Accountability Board (NAB)

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Type Allocation: City Direct Delivery Competitive Bid Legislative Award

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
October 2015	1	3	7	21
Total YTD (July 2015-Present):	44			

Successes:

1. A fourth NAB is in place to begin at the end of the month in Arlington. Training has already occurred at Terry Parker High School. A mock NAB occurred on 10/13/15. The first active case is scheduled for a hearing on November 10, 2015. The new Board met on 10/27/15 for more training and to assign roles within the Board. A scheduler has been identified as well as a person to collect client assignments. Community Service sites were discussed and Board members will be contacting local agencies and businesses to find out if they are amenable to youths completing their hours at their establishments.
2. This writer met with the local Full Service School Director to discuss the expansion of extra zip codes into the established NABs. Tentatively, we plan to incorporate the Sandalwood area of Jacksonville into the Beaches NAB after January 1, 2016. A meeting with icare is scheduled on 12/9/15 to discuss in more detail.
3. On 10/22/2015, this writer provided community outreach and training to the San Marco Rotary Club. As a direct result of this, this writer has been asked to speak at a Luncheon for Youth Leadership on November 12, 2015.
4. On October 22, 2015, the Teen Court staff attended an all-day training titled: Cross Cultural Communication Training: Building Communication Skills for a Diverse Environment.
5. iCare, a NAB stakeholder recently met with Sheriff Williams and he has renewed his promised to encourage the issuing of civil citations to juveniles! If this occurs, NAB referrals will continue to increase!
6. Referrals have increased! As of 11/5/15, there are 5 new cases on the schedule for November. Likely more will be added in the next 2 weeks.

Challenges:

1. No new challenges have been identified this month!

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 th 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

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. 150 youth will be served at the Neighborhood Accountability Boards during this fiscal year. 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"> ➤ As of October 31 2015, 44 youth have been served by the program thus far this fiscal year. As of October 31, 2015, there are 21 youth actively participating in the program.
2. 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 150 hours of community service were completed by participating youth whose cases were successfully closed out in the month of October 2015.
B. Quality / Effort: How well services provided?	2015-2016
1. 100% of participating youths referred for specialized counseling will follow through with referrals and receive the recommended services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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.

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.

➤ TBD

C. Client Benefits: Is anyone any better off?

2015-2016

1. 80% of youths entering the program will successfully complete the program and have the civil citation dismissed, thus avoiding obtaining a criminal record.

➤ As of October 31, 2015, 27 youth completed the program this fiscal year. Of those, 21 youth completed the program successfully **(78%)**

2. 80% of youth participants will not be rearrested/reoffend during the program or for 6 months following successful program completion.

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➤ None of the participating youths had any negative interaction with law enforcement during this month.

➤ In the month of October, all closed out youths were drug free at the time of graduation.

➤ In the month of October, youth at the reviews and close out sessions were reported to have no recent issues at school or complaints of behavioral issues from parents/guardians.

➤ During October 2015, the 11 youths reviewed in the program were able to remain in their traditional school instead of relocating to an alternative school. None were issued referrals.

Narrative: