The Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) is a key component of Governor Cuomo’s vision to transform New York State’s juvenile justice system. STSJP provides financial support to municipalities as they seek to mitigate youths’ risk or current level of system contact by engaging youth in local programming across five service domains:

- Prevention (P)
- Early Intervention (EI)
- Alternatives to Detention & Pre-Dispositional Placements (ATD / ATPDP)
- Alternatives to Placement (ATP)
- Reentry/Aftercare (R/A)

Funding is available from two streams: (1) traditional STSJP, where up to 62 percent of the cost is State reimbursed (Executive Law § 529-b); (2) a Raise the Age (RTA) stream, known as STSJP-RTA, where 100 percent of the cost to serve RTA eligible youth is State reimbursed (State Finance Law § 54-m).

Reporting

The STSJP program year runs October 1-September 30. Funded municipalities and the programs they support report their service and outcome data to OCFS twice each program year. Their first submission covers the period October 1-March 31; their second covers April 1-September 30. At the time of this publication, 81% of municipalities seeking funding for the 2019-2020 program year have submitted their data for the first period. This report highlights the results shown in the New York State STSJP Monitoring Report for October 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020. See the Monitoring Report for more detail.

Youth Served

A total of 5,079 youth were served at least one day during the period—this includes 4,598 (91%) youth served in STSJP funded programs and 481 (9%) RTA eligible youth served through STSJP-RTA funded programs. Under both funding streams, the highest percentage of youth were served in ATPs (48% STSJP; 36% STSJP-RTA). Under STSJP-RTA, this was closely followed by youth served in ATDs (33%). See the figure below; note that values may not sum to 100 percent due to rounding.

Demographics of Youth Served

- Males were the majority in all service domains except in ATD/ATPDPs for persons in need of supervision (PINS; 55% female).
- Among all youth served, about half were black (51% STSJP; 50% STSJP-RTA).
- The highest percentage of Hispanics served were among juvenile delinquent cases (JDs) in STSJP-RTA ATDs (36%).
- Accounting for all domains, youth averaged 14.7 years of age (STSJP) and 16.0 years of age (STSJP-RTA) at program start. Average age tended to increase with youths’ level of system contact and corresponding service domain.
Youth Discharged from Programs

A youth is counted as discharged from programming when their last day of service engagement falls on or within the reporting period dates. Between October 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020, a total of 2,741 youth were discharged (2,493 STSJP; 248 STSJP-RTA)—about half of those served for the period. Average length of service (ALOS) and outcomes are reported only for this subset of youth served.

Accounting for all service domains, youth spent an average of 100.7 days in STSJP funded programming and 79.7 days in STSJP-RTA funded programming. Youth in alternative programming tended to average shorter service times than those engaged in preventive or reentry / aftercare programming.

Outcomes

Outcomes reflect events that occurred during the youth’s service engagement (responses include “Yes,” “No,” and “Unknown”). One key outcome response associated with each domain is highlighted below. Please see the period’s NYS STSJP Monitoring Report for additional outcomes.

**Prevention**

*Key Outcome: No Arrests / Probation Intakes*

In total, 325 youth (60%) discharged from prevention programming had no contact with the justice system through arrests or probation intakes during the entirety of their service engagement. By funding stream, that is 294 youth (57%) STSJP and 31 youth (94%) STSJP-RTA.

**Early Intervention**

*Key Outcome: Successful Adjustments / Diversions*

In total, 267 youth (68%) discharged from early intervention programming had their cases successfully resolved outside of the court while they were engaged in services. By funding stream, that is 248 youth (70%) STSJP and 19 youth (56%) STSJP-RTA.

**Alternative to Detention or Pre-Dispositional Placement**

*Key Outcome: No Detention / Jail Admissions or Pre-Dispositional Placements*

In total, 565 youth (86%) discharged from ATD/ATPDP programming avoided detention, jail, and pre-dispositional placements during their service engagement. By funding stream, that is 484 youth (86%) STSJP and 81 youth (83%) STSJP-RTA.

**Alternative to Placement**

*Key Outcome: No New Placements*

In total, 710 youth (62%) discharged from ATP programming had no out of home placements while they were engaged in services. By funding stream, that is 638 youth (60%) STSJP and 72 youth (87%) STSJP-RTA.

**Reentry / Aftercare**

*Key Outcome: No Returns to Placement*

In total, 7 youth (100%) discharged from reentry or aftercare programming spent the duration of their time engaged in the community without having to return to a placement setting. By funding stream, that is 7 youth (100%) STSJP and 0 youth (0%) STSJP-RTA.