



Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Update

**Presentation to Board of County
Commission**

November 9, 2021



Presentation Overview

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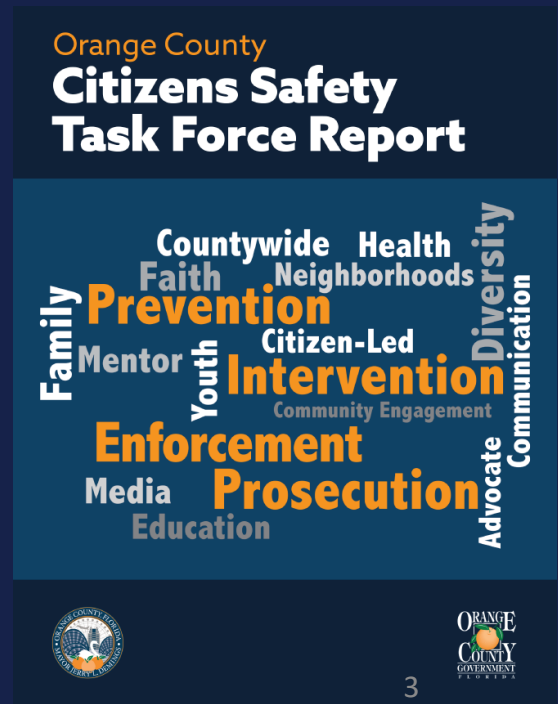




Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force

Brief Overview of Task Force

- **March - Task Force completed their recommendations**
- **BCC approved \$2M to implement recommendations**
- **April - BCC accepted the Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force recommendations**
- **Task Force Report completed in May**
- **Meetings with staff and community partners on implementation of recommendations**





Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force

Orange County Gang-Related Arrests

- Operation X Force – MBI, OSCO, OPD, FBI, DEA & ATF
- Nine month investigation (Oct. 2020 – July 2021) | 34 Arrests
- 15 guns recovered
- Recovered 13 auto sears
- 32 of those arrested facing racketeering charges
- 34 defendants being prosecuted by the Office of Statewide Prosecutor

CRIMELINE
800.423.TIPS

VICTIMS OF GANG-RELATED HOMICIDE

Daquane James Felix Jr.
On September 22, 2020, 3-year-old Daquane James Felix Jr. was the innocent victim of a drive-by shooting on Dressel Avenue. Detectives believe the intended target of that shooting was another person in that home. OSCO is asking anyone with information to come forward.

Denis Joshua Atkinson
On September 21, 2020, Orange County Sheriff's deputies responded to a drive-by shooting on Glendale Road and found two victims: one was Denis Joshua Atkins, who was fatally wounded. Homicide detectives are asking for the public's assistance in finding the killer or killers in this case.

Dexter Rentz
On April 25, 2020 Dexter Rentz was killed in a drive-by shooting at an event following a friend's funeral. Dexter, an Ocoee High senior, was not the intended target. He was killed a month before he was going to enroll at the University of Louisville on a football scholarship.

Tavyiah King
In the early morning hours of May 2, 2021 15-year-old Tavyiah King and a friend were calling an Uber after an evening out, when the friend's brother offered to give them a ride. Shortly after, another vehicle opened fire on their vehicle in a targeted gang shooting. King was shot and hospitalized but did not survive.

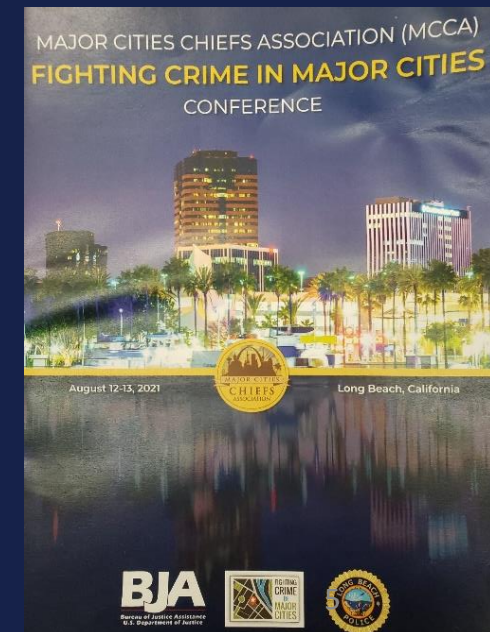
REWARDS OF UP TO \$20,000 FOR INFORMATION



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Major Cities Police Chief's Conference Recap

- **Orange County & OPD selected to present - 2021 Major Cities Police Chief's Conference**
- **Shared the Citizens Safety Task Force recommendations**
- **Community engagement - address gun violence through citizen-led task force**
- **Orlando Police Department – Enforcement and Community Partnerships**





Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force



Prevention

Work with youth ages 13 – 25 in zip codes where the incidence of violent crime is highest



Intervention

Promote interagency cooperation & coordination among service providers



Enforcement

Review data & evidence-based enforcement strategies to reduce gun violence



Prosecution

Enhance prosecution of gun violence and violent crimes



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Prevention Subcommittee Update



Prevention Subcommittee

Recommendation #1: Use a Racial Equity Lens and Trauma-Informed Approach to Implement All Task Force Recommendations

- CCC is looking at the RFP process in this area
- Held training with Valencia College Peace & Justice Institute – 100 participants from Neighborhood Center for Families | August 29th

Recommendation #2: Expand/Enhance Access To Effective Youth, And Parenting, Mental and Behavioral Health Programs

- Engaging in programs that promote positive youth development - can be tied to credible messenger recommendation
- CCC contracting with UCF and Edyth Bush Institute – working with small grassroots organizations
- Budget - \$232K (existing funding)



Prevention Subcommittee

Recommendation #2: Continued

- CCC amended existing B&G Club contract - expand nights and weekends for youth prosocial activities
 - Faith-Based Leaders, Law Enforcement and Community Stakeholders
 - Focus on middle and high school youth
 - Pilot locations: Pine Hills, Winter Garden, Carver Shores, and Apopka
- Budget - \$99K FY20-21**





Prevention Subcommittee

Recommendation #2: Continued

- **CCC Board - recommended investing children's services roll-over dollars to train non-profit organizations to increase therapeutic practices**
 - **Budget - \$1.5M (proposed and existing funds)**
- **CCC working with Lynx on program offering free/reduced fares transportation program**
 - **Exploring opportunity to invest additional dollars to existing contracts for transportation services**





Prevention Subcommittee

Recommendation #2: Continued

- CCC – renewed contracts for mentoring programs for youth
 - Budget - \$1.3M (existing funding)
- CCC – process of renewing contracts that provide life skills
 - Budget - \$550K (existing funding)
- Collect feedback/input from families and youth
 - CRP programs and services
 - Survey requirement in all contracts





Prevention Subcommittee

Recommendation #3: Transform the Criminal Justice System to Reduce Disproportionate Arrests and Incarceration of Black Youth

- Working with Orange County Sheriff's Office & Orlando Police Department on increasing use of diversion programs for youth



Juvenile Arrests

2014-2020 Yearly and 2021 YTD Totals

| Juvenile ARS Arrest Status | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| All Crimes 2014-2020, 2021 YTD (to 10-13) | | | | | | | | |
| Status | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Arrest | 4050 | 4147 | 3691 | 3124 | 2713 | 2448 | 1338 | 805 |
| Filed W/State Attorney's Office | 38 | 40 | 26 | 33 | 24 | 25 | 38 | 35 |
| Notice To Appear | 6 | 11 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 10 |
| Juvenile Release Agreement | 29 | 22 | 23 | 22 | 24 | 15 | 5 | 1 |
| Juvenile Civil Citations** | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 226 | 151 | 123 | 151 |
| Total | 4123 | 4220 | 3746 | 3183 | 2989 | 2647 | 1509 | 850 |

Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crimes Year-to-date

- **32% decrease** in physical arrests in 2021, compared to 2020
- **60% decrease** in physical arrests in 2021, compared to 2019



Prevention Subcommittee

Recommendation #4: Support Economic Development, Reduce Poverty, and Address Family Economic Insecurity

- **Community Action Division - working with partners to connect workers with jobs throughout Orange County**
- **\$8K dedicated for specific programs in Community Centers**
- **Continue to invest in Housing for All Task Force**
 - **The Preserve at Emerald Villas ribbon cutting | 96 affordable units for seniors**
 - **Madison Landing groundbreaking | 110 affordable units for seniors**
 - **Hawthorne Park groundbreaking | 120 multi-family affordable senior complex**
 - **Multi-Family Affordable Housing Developments | creating 525 new affordable housing units**





Prevention Subcommittee

Recommendation #5: Reduce Access to Illegal Firearms

- **County Attorney's Office is in the process of updating document on gun laws/legislation**
- **Municipalities are primarily pre-empted from enacting gun legislation**
- **Continue to track gun legislation – gun show loophole failed**



Prevention Subcommittee

Recommendation #6: Improve Overall Neighborhood Conditions

- Neighborhood Services tracking community cleanups, beautification grants, lot cleanings, and demolitions in targeted zip codes since April 2021
- Work with Public Works and Utilities on improvements

Recommendation #7: Communicate Key Issues and Programs to the Community

- Working with Communications to gather information from contracted vendors, families, and individuals on select modes of communication
- Update to CCC webpage – resource directory by category

Resource Directory

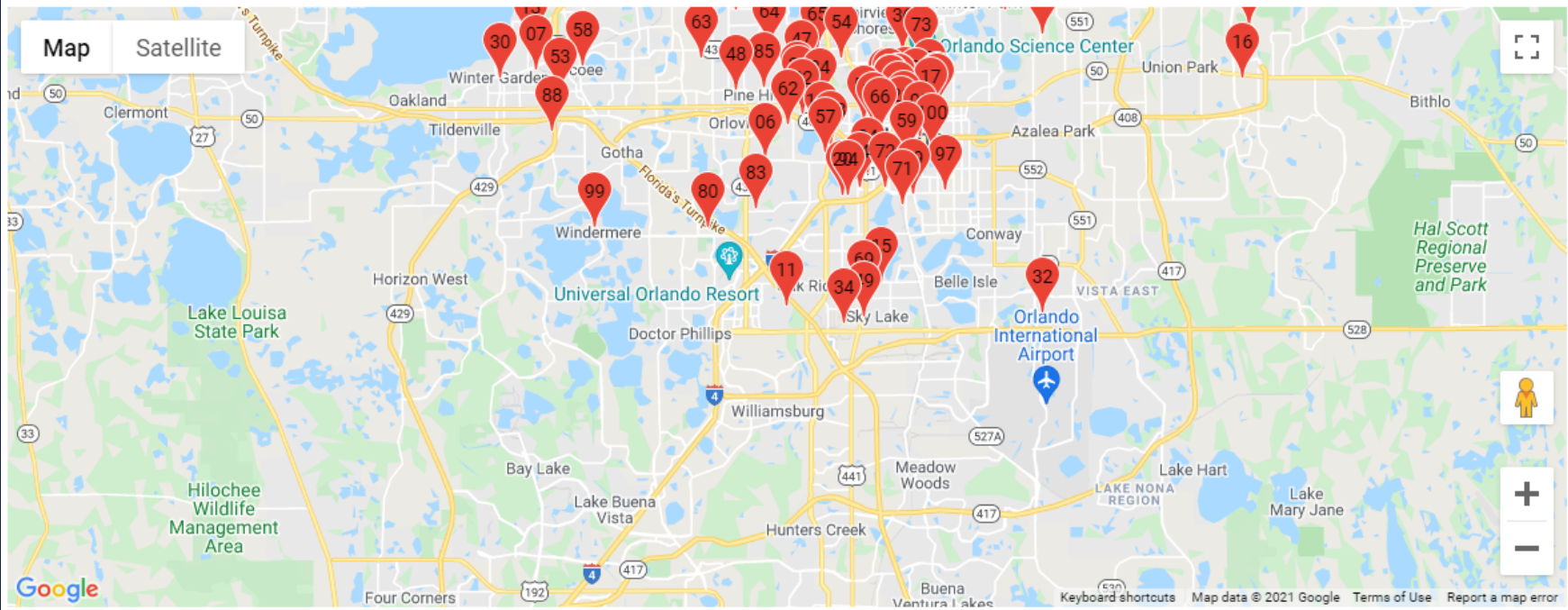
Welcome to the Orange County Citizens' Commission for Children

Investing in only the best for children and families. The CCC achieves its mission in an integrated, collaborative manner involving a coalition of community organizations, groups, and individuals.

Categories:

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- Adult Education
- Family Support Services
- Homeless Services
- Mental & Physical Health
- Senior Programs
- Services for Persons with Disabilities
- Youth Development



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8 Cents In a Jar, Inc

- www.8cents.org/giving
- PO Box 8, Apopka, FL 32704
- 407-801-9688
- Categories: **Youth Development**

eleven

Capoeira for Tomorrow, Inc.

- www.capoeirafortomorrow.org/
- 7075 Kingspointe Pkwy # 10 Orlando, FL 32819
- 407-743-0318
- Categories: **Youth Development**

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Central Florida Young Men's Christian Association, Inc. dba YMCA of Central Florida, Inc.

- ymccentralflorida.com/y-locations/
- 12050 E. Colonial Drive Orlando, FL 32826
- 407-381-8000
- Categories: Senior Programs, **Youth Development**

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Intervention Subcommittee Update



Intervention Subcommittee

Recommendation #1: Develop a detailed plan that addresses generations of neglect and poverty by formulating a 10-year vision

- Small workgroup collaborating with Vision 2050

Recommendation #2: Increase the use of grassroots organizations in the community and allocate funding

- CCC - working with over **50** small grassroots organizations

Budget - \$5.5M (existing funds)



Small Grassroots Organizations

Compact

8 Cents in a Jar

BIG SIS Inc.

Capoeira for Tomorrow, Inc.

Central Florida Diaper Bank

Children's Safety Village, Inc.

Collegiate Pathways, Inc.

Conductive Education Center of Orlando

Drums In Recovery, Inc.

Edible Education Experience

Every Kid Outreach, Inc.

Florida Economic Consortium, Inc.

Fresh Breath International Worship Center

Future Leaders Community Development Corporation, Inc.

Gifted Ones, Inc.

GRAYS Project Inc.

Hope Community Center

Images of Glory, Inc.

IMPOWER, Inc.

Jewels of Color, Inc.

JV's Foundation Corp

Legal LABB Inc.

Libby's Legacy Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.

ManUp Mentoring, Inc.

Mentoring & Motivating Youth of America, Inc.

Morgan Ministries, Inc.

Mount Zion Tabernacle

Music To My Mind

New Image Youth Center, Inc.

New Journey Youth Center, Inc.

No Limit Health and Fitness, Inc

Orlando Youth Alliance, Inc.

Pathlight Home

Pink Pearl Foundation

Polis Institute, Inc.

Professional Opportunities Program For Students/POPS

Puerto Rican Action Initiative

Redeeming Light Community Services, Inc.

Simeon Resource and Development Center for Men, Inc.

Thaise Educational and Exposure Tours, Inc.

The Community Life Improvement Center, Inc.

The Gift of Swimming

The IMPACT Outreach Ministry of Central Florida, Inc.

The Legal Services Clinic of The Puerto Rican Bar Association, Inc.

Total Restoration Transformation Center, Inc.

U.S. Dream Academy

Urban Think Foundation

Wefam United, Inc.

Write To Be Scene

Young Fathers of Central Florida, Inc.

Youth Advocate Program

Youth Empowerment Project

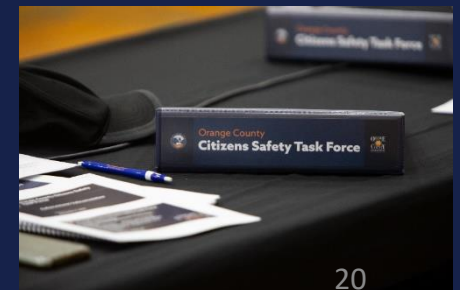


Intervention Subcommittee

Recommendation #3: Develop a Neighborhood Accountability Board and increase the use of diversion services

- **Orange County's Neighborhood Accountability Board has been in existence for 20 years**
 - **Board is in partnership with the Court System, State Attorney's Office and Department of Juvenile Justice**
 - **Working with criminal justice partners to update training and workbook's for the accountability board**

Budget - \$10K (proposed)





Intervention Subcommittee

Recommendation #4: Define, develop, and fund a credible messenger's program

- Staff gathering information about credible messenger program's locally and around the nation
- Held meeting with Department of Juvenile Justice to discuss involvement in credible messenger program
- Currently, staff is reviewing three options of credible messenger programs

Budget - \$140K (proposed funding)





Intervention Subcommittee

Recommendation #6: Provide safe and reliable areas for youth to congregate

- **CCC - working with Boys & Girls Club to increase evenings and weekend activities**
- **Community Action Division**
 - **Community Action Centers - finishing an RFP to provide employability and life skills training**
 - **Community Action Centers - creating opportunities for youth and youth-led organizations**
 - **Rebranding Community Centers**
 - **Youth Mentoring Programs**

Budget - \$10K (proposed funding)





Intervention Subcommittee

Recommendation #7: Create a realistic channel for communication with the community and the youth

- Staff conducted focus groups with youth and providers
- Reviewing focus group results with Communications Division and developing a marketing plan
- Hire contractor to implement the plan

Budget - \$65K (proposed funding)



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Enforcement Subcommittee Update



Enforcement Subcommittee

Recommendation #1: Establish and maintain quarterly scheduled community public safety forums between law enforcement and community stakeholders over the next 12 months to review relevant data, solicit community input, and discuss and develop strategies to reduce gun/violent crimes

- Worked with Human Resources to finalize job description
- Advertise Community Ambassador contracted position through job search firms
 - Contracted individual would report under Neighborhood Services Division

Budget: \$120K (proposed funding)



Enforcement Subcommittee

Recommendation #2: Increase the community's and law enforcement's use of evidence-based practices and non-traditional approaches of community policing and engagement to further build public trust in communities historically distrustful of law enforcement and that are disproportionately impacted by gun/violent crimes

- **Orange County Sheriff's Office Community Policing & Engagement Strategies**
 - **Community Oriented Policing Units – Holden Heights & Pine Hills communities**
 - **Community Crime Prevention Grant Program for non-profits aimed at community safety**
 - **Dueling Dragon Boat Racing Team with youth**
 - **Sheriff's Office Teen Police Academy**



Enforcement Subcommittee

Recommendation #2: Continued

- **Orlando Police Department implementing new neighborhood patrol unit**
 - **1 Sergeant and 10 Officers**
 - **Emphasis – community outreach not enforcement**
 - **Deployed to high crime neighborhoods**
 - **Actively involved in community events - engaging kids in programs**
 - **Reduces pool of gang recruitment**



Enforcement Subcommittee

Recommendation #3: Implement public safety workshops with law enforcement agencies and community stakeholders through an independent third-party facilitator

- **Community Ambassador work with staff to develop scope of work for public safety workshops**
- **Reviewing Orlando Police Department's public safety workshops, trainings, and results**
 - **Orlando Police Department – continuing workshops in Parramore and Rosemont communities**
 - **Focus - building trust with the community and listening to the community**



Enforcement Subcommittee

Recommendation #4: Increase community awareness of Orange County Sheriff's Office Behavioral Response Unit and Orlando Police Department's Community Response Team mental health programs that provide a joint response to calls that involve mental health crisis

- **Orange County Sheriff's Office Behavioral Response Unit**
 - **Staffing: 1 Sergeant | 2 CIT trained sworn deputies | 2 contracted clinicians with Devereux Advanced Behavioral**
 - **Two BRU Teams – Trained Deputy & Clinician ride together for shift**
 - **BRU responded to 1,382 calls for service and follow-up**

BCC approved \$115,103 - Law Enforcement Trust Fund
BCC provided \$730K for the program in FY2022





Enforcement Subcommittee

Recommendation #4 Continued:

- **Orlando Community Response Team**
 - **Contracted with Aspire Health Partners to respond to non-violent calls – individual experiencing mental or behavioral crisis**
 - **Staff: Licensed Clinician and Case Manager | Calls vetted by trained 911 Operators**
 - **Served 549 people since inception**





Enforcement Subcommittee

Recommendation #4 Continued:

OCSO and OPD Awareness

- Conducted interviews
- Websites - detailed overview of programs
- Informational videos
- Social Media

Work with Orange TV to increase awareness of programs

Orange County deputies, mental health clinicians team up as part of new pilot program

OCSO has been working toward this new response unit for more than a year

New counselor-deputy team called out nearly 400 times since January

20% of calls to 911 are mental health-related

Orlando officials: Sending mental health workers to nonviolent 911 calls a success

By MONIVETTE CORDEIRO
ORLANDO SENTINEL | SEP 16, 2021 AT 3:56 PM





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Prosecution Subcommittee Update



Prosecution Subcommittee

Recommendation #1: Implement Geographic Stewards Programs in the community

- Workgroup met for several months
- Reviewed the last five-years of violent crime/gun violence data - unincorporated Orange County and jurisdiction of Orlando
- Highest incidents of gun violence and violent crime
- US Attorney's Office meeting bi-weekly with State Attorney's Office, local law enforcement and data analysts to review pertinent cases



Prosecution Subcommittee

Recommendation #2: Implement Civil Citation Diversion Programs

- Workgroup of criminal justice partners meeting to discuss state statute on Adult Civil Citation & implementation in Florida judicial circuits
- Reviewed existing diversion programs in the ninth judicial circuit
- Marion County Sheriff's Office met with workgroup to discuss Adult Civil Citation program and shared policy, procedures and forms

2011-12 Civil Citation

CIVIL CITATION

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Civil Citation is designed to give law enforcement an alternative to custody that provides swift and appropriate consequences to youth for certain minor misdemeanor/delinquent acts. The goals of Civil Citation are to divert the youth at the time of arrest, make the youth accountable for delinquent behavior, involve the parents in sanctioning the youth, and prevent the youth's further involvement in the juvenile justice system. Law enforcement officers are allowed the discretion of issuing a citation rather than a formal complaint.

Local Civil Citation providers oversee youth who are required to receive an assessment of needs, perform community service hours and complete various sanctions which may include reparations and treatment services. This reduces the time spent completing paperwork. Civil Citation is also much more cost-effective than formally processing a youth in the court and juvenile justice system, and offers the youth an opportunity to receive sanctions, treatment, and to make reparations without obtaining a delinquency record that may interfere with educational, work, and military service opportunities for many years into the future. The low recidivism rate (8%) for youth who participate in Civil Citation is one indicator of the success of this approach.

The success of Civil Citation depends on a volunteer and collaborative effort of many agencies and personnel throughout the community. These include, but are not limited to: law enforcement, state attorneys, judges, the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), public defenders, work sites, and the Civil Citation program itself.

Profile of Youth

The following tables provide demographic data taken from DJJ's Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS). Profile data are based on the number of unduplicated youth who received Civil Citation services during Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12.

Civil Citation FY 2011-12 Youth Served

| | AGE | | | | | | Youth Served |
|------------|-----|------|-------|-------|-----|---------|--------------|
| | 0-7 | 8-11 | 12-14 | 15-17 | 18+ | Unknown | |
| Statewide | 6 | 691 | 2,884 | 2,206 | 7 | 6 | 6,760 |
| Percentage | 0% | 9% | 42% | 33% | 0% | 0% | 100% |

| | Male | | | | Female | | | | Youth Served |
|------------|-------|-------|----------|---------------|--------|-------|----------|---------------|--------------|
| | White | Black | Hispanic | Other/Unknown | White | Black | Hispanic | Other/Unknown | |
| Statewide | 1,548 | 1,210 | 892 | 37 | 1,288 | 892 | 892 | 24 | 6,393 |
| Percentage | 24% | 19% | 14% | 0% | 17% | 14% | 14% | 0% | 100% |

Youth served is based on all youth recorded in JJIS as of September 1, 2012.

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Prosecution Subcommittee

Recommendation #2: Continued

- **Workgroup met with State Attorney Bill Gladson, 5th Judicial Circuit reviewed offenses – 1st time misdemeanor offenses (non-violent)**
 - **Voluntary program – agreement**
 - **Partnership with law enforcement – training required**
 - **Program fee for online classes**
 - **Statistics of the program | 383 participants in last 2 years | 11 did not complete**
 - **Benefits of program – successful completion | no arrest record**
- **State Attorney's Office working with OCSO and OPD on program development**



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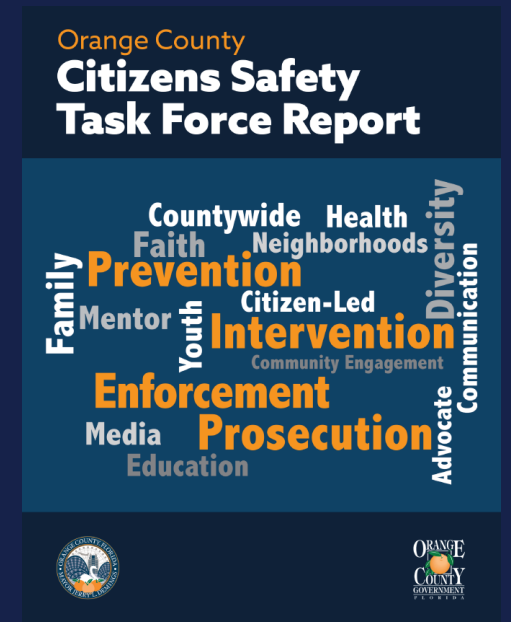
Next Steps



Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force

Next Steps:

- **Preparing budget requests for each subcommittee**
- **Continue to work with community partners on coordination and implementation of recommendations**
- **Provide the Board with progress update in six months**





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