

District 3 Lancaster County
Juvenile Probation

Towards Greater Things

Working with
Families Towards
Greater Things



Dear Stakeholders,

This past year, there has continued to be considerable work in #3J to enhance and sustain our Ad Maiora initiatives. Over time, our district has remained committed to Implementation Science practices and evidence-based, research-driven approaches as a foundation for our work. It has been exciting to witness the transformation of our district, which began in 2017. As a reminder, in 2017, Lancaster County participated in a comprehensive Probation and Youth Justice System Review. The structure of this review delved into administrative practices, probation supervision, intra- and inter-agency processes, and quality assurance. A report with findings from the review process and 15 recommendations was completed in April 2018.

Upon receiving the recommendations, our district went to work to select our priority initiatives, which included Adolescent Brain Development, Probation Order Reform, Family Engagement, Case Closure, and Detention Utilization. Our next steps included branding our work, forming work groups, utilizing technical assistance from several nationally esteemed experts, and identifying outcome measures. Even as our technical assistance from our national partners and AOCP-supported staff ended, District #3J has forged ahead by applying what we have learned about Implementation Science practices. This past year, we did add another work group as we recognized a need to be more intentional in our efforts to ensure all youth are being treated fairly and equitably throughout their probation journey. This newly created work group is YEF (Youth Equity & Fairness). I look forward to sharing more as this work group gets established.

One very noteworthy outcome is that our recidivism for 2024 dropped to 16.1% which is a 3.7% decrease from the 2023 recidivism rate of 19.8%. Additionally, our Adolescent Brain Development curriculum is receiving attention at the state and national levels. In January 2025, a group of #3J staff (consisting of probation officers, assistant probation officers, RISE specialists, and drug tech) trained members of the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation. This was the first step in the planning and rollout of training probation staff across the State of Nebraska on the science of brain development with the ABD curriculum developed in #3J.

You will find outcome measures that summarize the progress made during 2024 within our priority initiatives of Adolescent Brain Development, Probation Order Reform, Family Engagement, and Case Closure. I hope that this information will continue to inspire and drive meaningful conversations among all of our valued stakeholders so our work to improve the lives of youth and families can continue.

Thank you for your steadfastness and dedication to this critical work!

All the Best,

Bev Hoagland
District #3J Chief Probation Officer

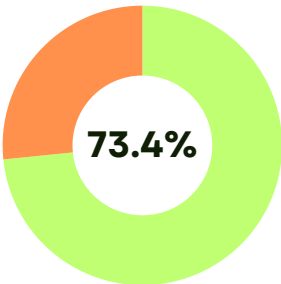
Case Closure

2024 Ad Maiora Outcomes

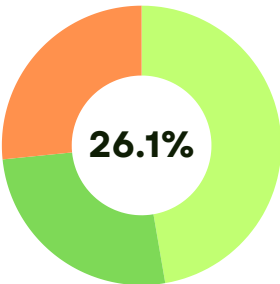
Purpose Statement: To advocate for early release, we will use the YLS and supporting information to show the youth has demonstrated behavior change, addressed the reasons for adjudication and has developed competencies to illustrate they have strived towards greater things.

406 Total Closures

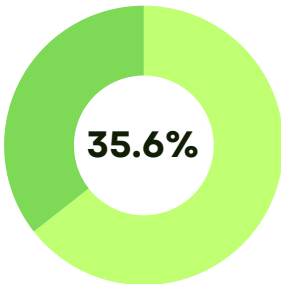
- 192 Satisfactory
- 106 Early Satisfactory
- 108 Unsatisfactory



Satisfactory Releases vs All Releases Ratio

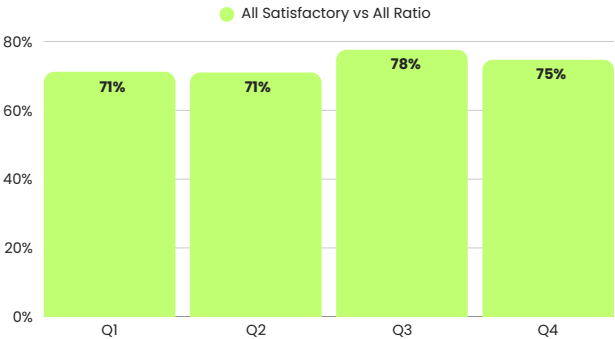


Early Releases vs All Releases Ratio

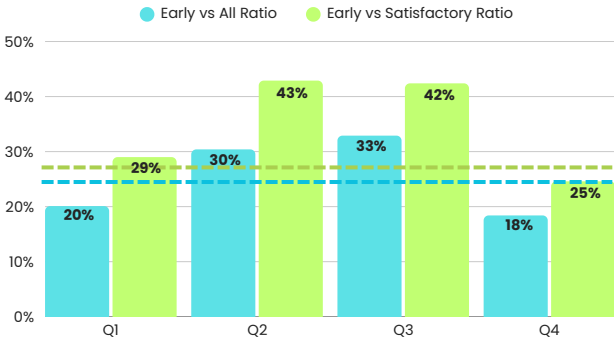


Early Releases vs Satisfactory Releases Ratio

Satisfaction Releases Quarterly Breakdown



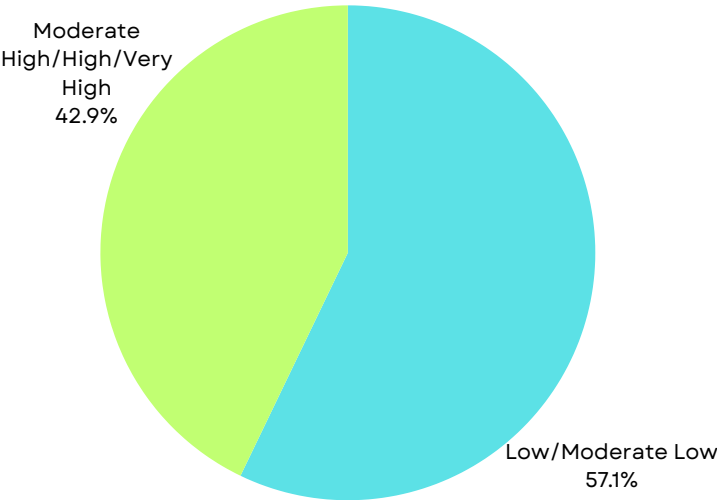
Early Releases Quarterly Breakdown



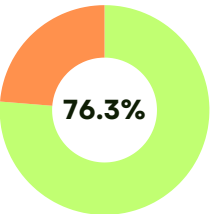
Goal: 25% of all releases should be early and 28% of satisfactory releases should be early

Classification Breakdown

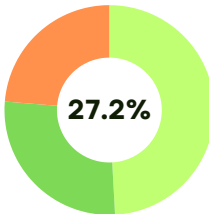
- 232 Low/Moderate Low Releases
- 174 Moderate High/High/Very High Releases



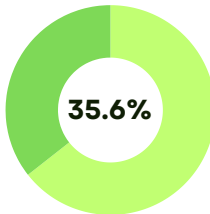
Low/Moderate Low Releases Breakdown



Satisfactory Releases vs All Releases Ratio

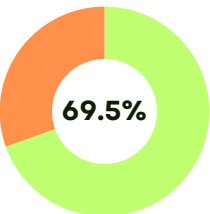


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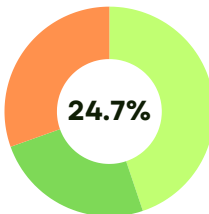


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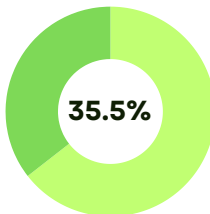
Moderate High/High/Very High Releases Breakdown



Satisfactory Releases vs All Releases Ratio



Early Releases vs All Releases Ratio



Early Releases vs Satisfactory Releases Ratio

Probation Order 2024 Ad Maiora Outcomes

Purpose Statement: We believe that tailored probation orders that target specific reasons leading to court involvement, as well as focusing on risk, will promote greater youth success and community safety.

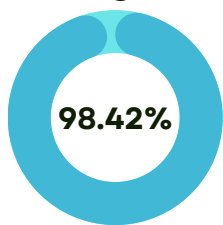
507 Total Cases

147 Low Cases

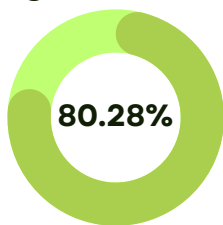
106 Mod Low Cases

101 Mod High Cases

153 High/Very High Cases

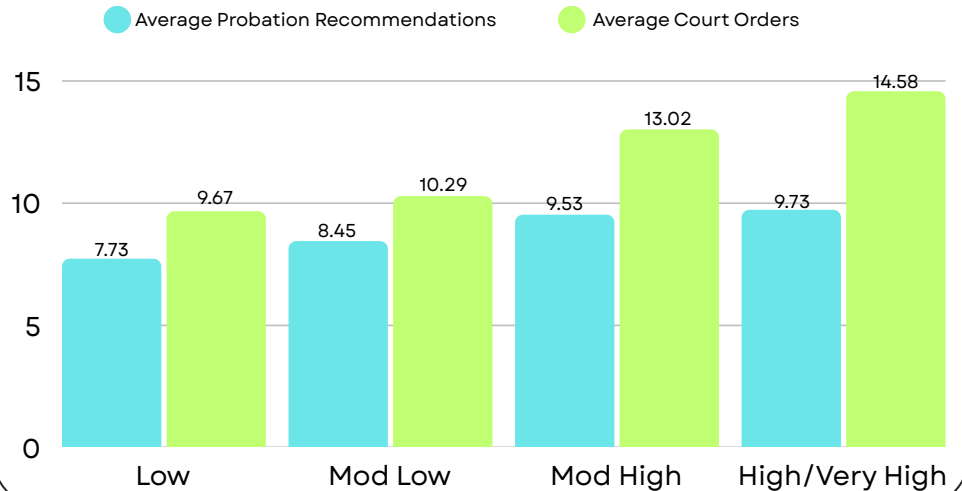


**Recommendations
Aligned with Matrix**

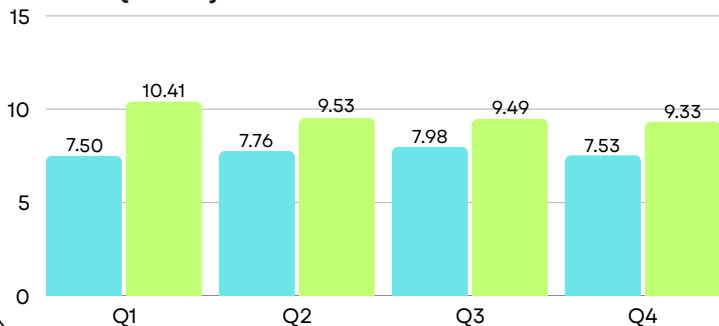


**Partnership
Emphasized in YFD**

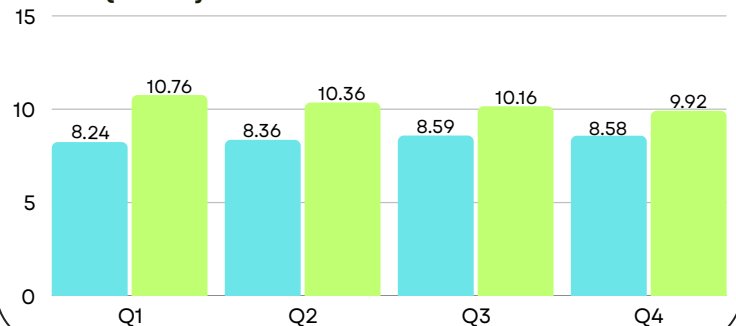
2024 Annual Probation Order Breakdown



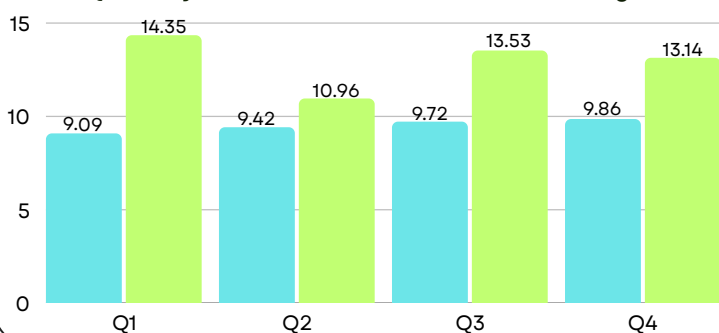
Quarterly Probation Order Breakdown - Low



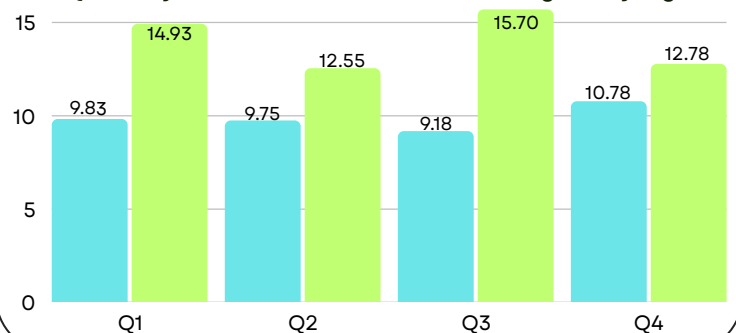
Quarterly Probation Order Breakdown - Mod Low



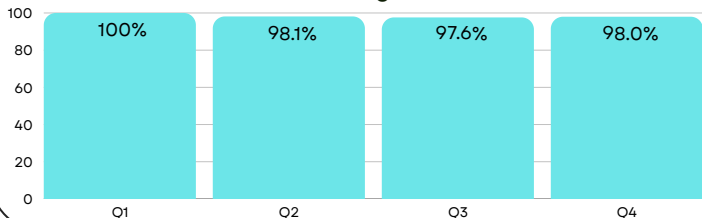
Quarterly Probation Order Breakdown - Mod High



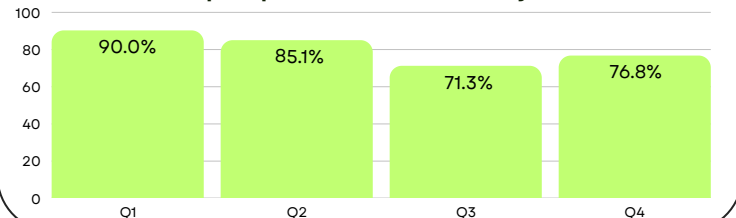
Quarterly Probation Order Breakdown - High/Very High



**Quarterly Probation Order Breakdown
Recommendations Alignment with Matrix**

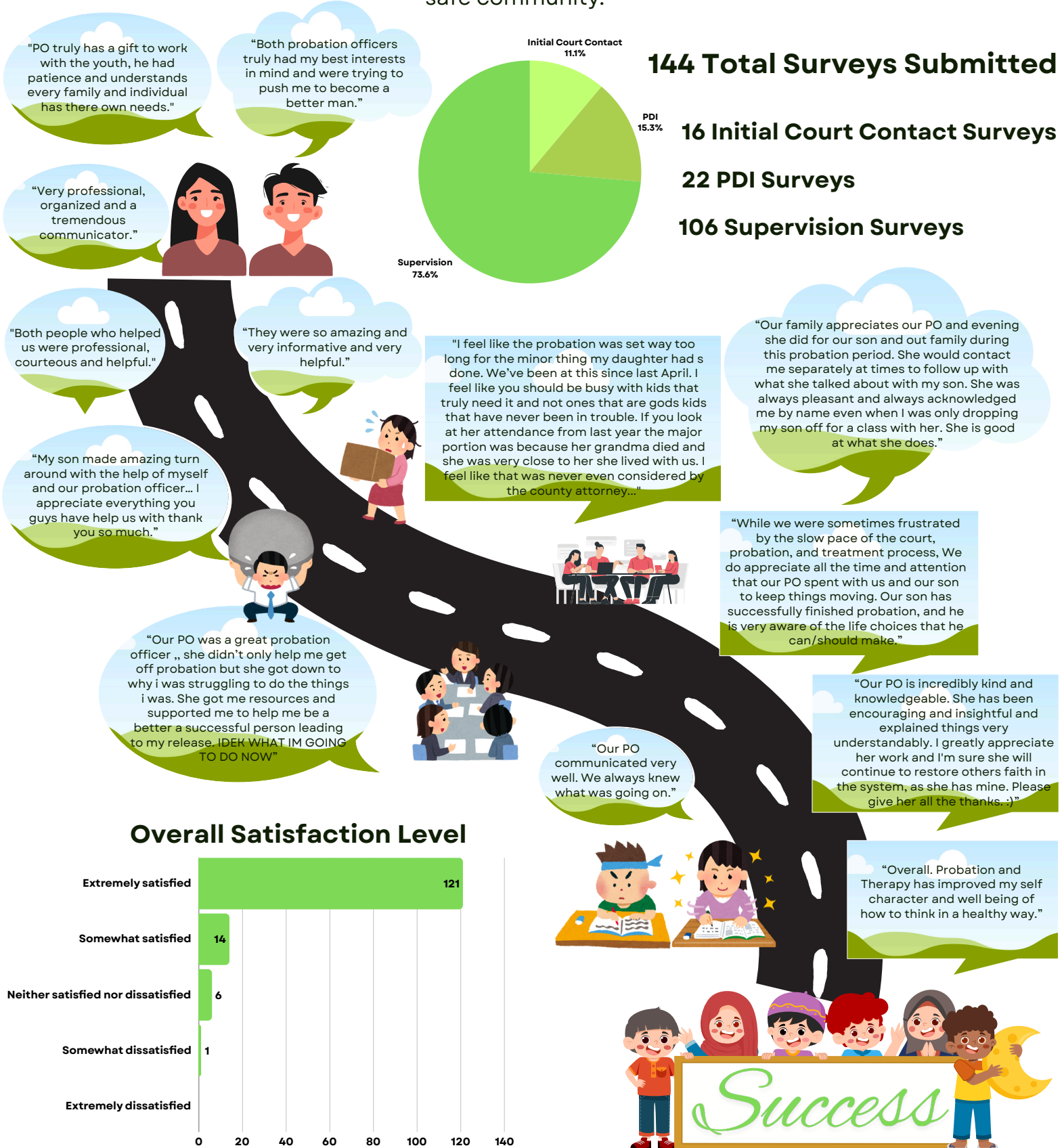


**Quarterly Probation Order Breakdown
Partnership Emphasis in Youth & Family Discussion**



Family Engagement 2024 Ad Maiora Outcomes

Purpose Statement: As community members, we recognize that all youth and families have values, desire to be successful, want their voice to be heard, and to live, grow and develop in a safe community.



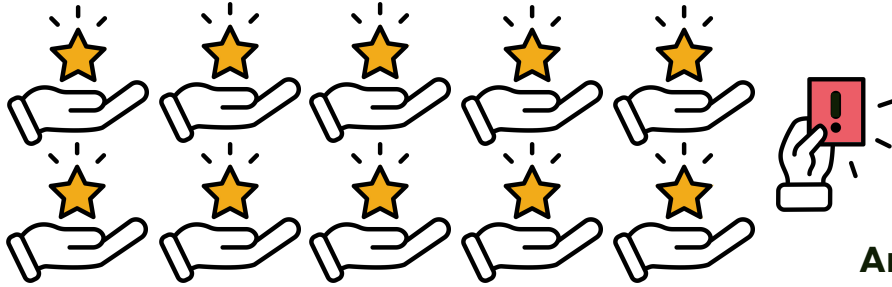
Adolescent Brain Development

2024 Ad Maiores Outcomes

Purpose Statement: We believe all youth need support and guidance to achieve their potential since their self-confidence, self-control and social skills are in the early stages of development.

We commit to prosocial skill building and moral reasoning development with our youth to positively impact relationships and reduce unhealthy risk-taking behavior.

Incentives & Sanctions



4630 Total Incentives

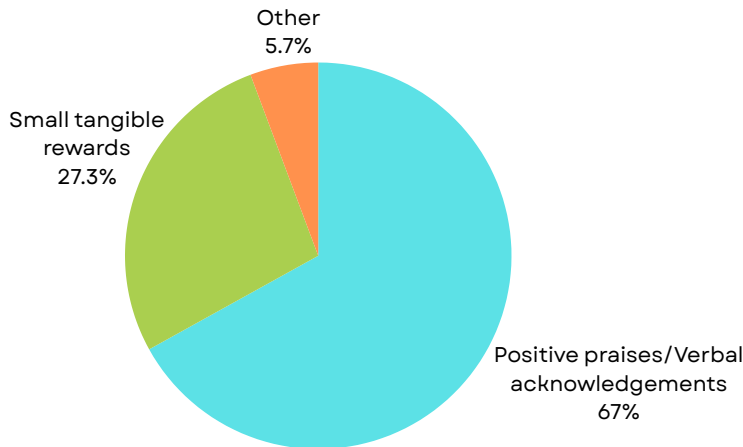
458 Total Sanctions

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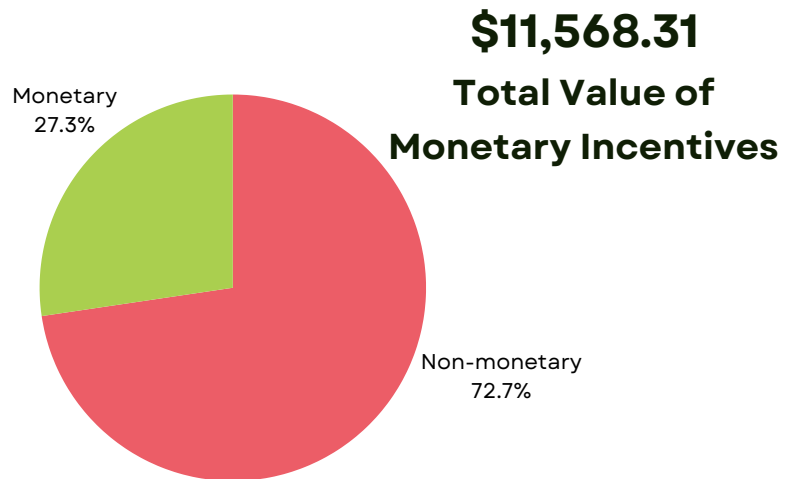
Annual Incentives vs Sanctions Ratio

Incentives Breakdown

- 3100 Positive praises/Verbal acknowledgements
- 1266 Small tangible rewards
- 264 Other incentives



- 3364 Non-monetary Incentives
- 1266 Monetary Incentives

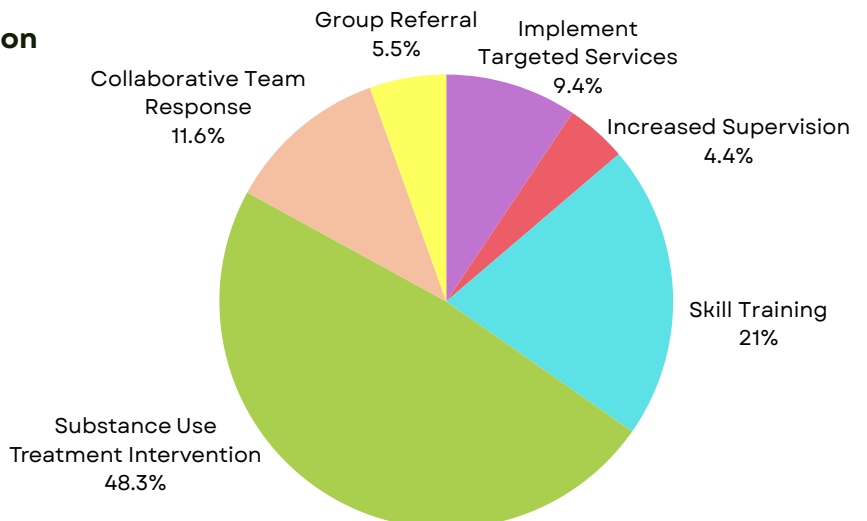


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Total Value of Monetary Incentives

Sanctions Breakdown

- 221 Substance Use Treatment Intervention
- 96 Skill Training
- 53 Collaborative Team Response
- 43 Implement Targeted Services
- 25 Group Referral
- 20 Increased Supervision



Groups

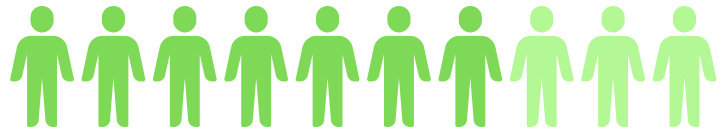
67 Groups Conducted

177 Youth Enrollments

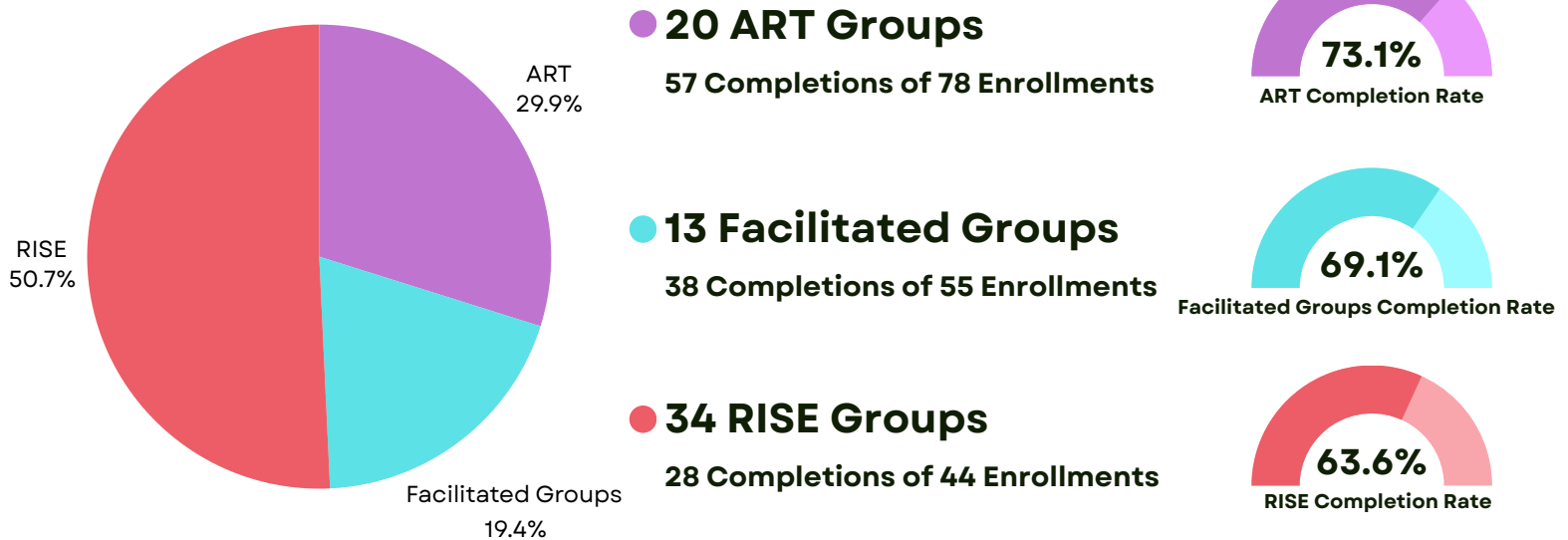
123 Successful Completions

Overall 3J Youth Successful Completion Rate

69.5%

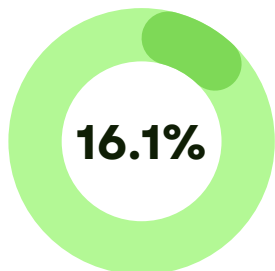


Groups Breakdown



2024 Ad Maiora Outcomes

Recidivism



146 Recidivism

760 Non-recidivism



3.7% Decrease

Compared to 19.8% of 2023

2024 Annual Recidivism Rate

2023 & 2024 Quarterly Recidivism Rate Comparison

2023 Recidivism Rate (Orange) 2024 Recidivism Rate (Green)

