



# **Sex Offender Management Board**

## **Juvenile Justice Subcommittee**

**Juvenile Court & Probation**

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026



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Area of Focus	Item Topics/ Practice Area	Presenter*
Overview of Population	Offenses, Processing, Dually Involved, Outcomes, and General Trends	Eric Meaux
State Prosecution and Defense.	Roles, Processes, and Decision-making from the perspective of Prosecution and Defense Counsel	Rachel Phipps Yonas, Chris Phillis, and Lori Leon
Assessments and Evaluation	Utilization, Types, and Purpose, of Assessments and Evaluations	Dr. Marina Lantsman-Waugh
Court Process and Judicial Decision-making	Judicial Decision Points, Adjudication, Healthy Boundaries, and Registration	Judge Nicole Hartley and Judge (ret.) Colleen McNally
Services and Placement	Service Provision: Program Types, Elements, and Access	Dr. Marina Lantsman-Waugh
Community Supervision	Probation Supervision, Rules of Probation Healthy Boundaries Court, and Rural County	Celena Angstead and Charlotte Shrum

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# **Population Overview**

## **Trends – Insights**

**Offenses (referrals), Processing, Dually Involvement, Outcomes,  
and General Trends**

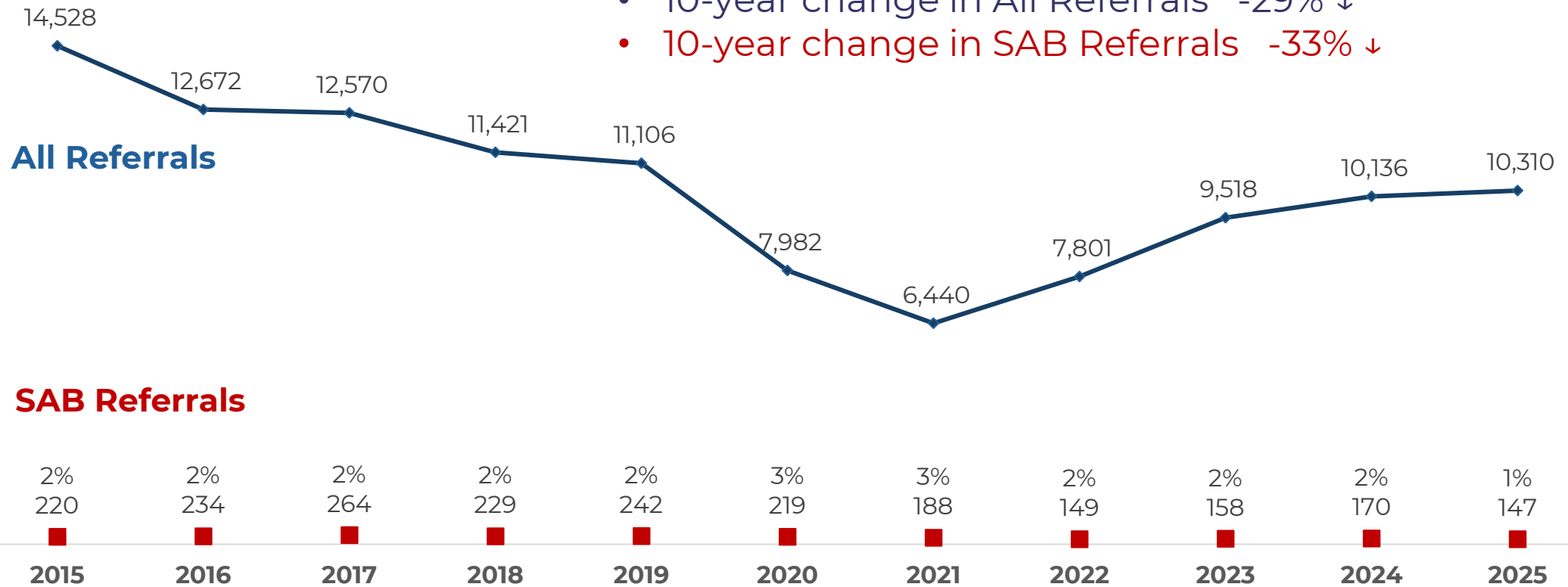
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**Juvenile Probation Department: Eric Meaux**



# JSAB Referrals

- SAB referrals make up average of 2% of all referrals
- 10-year change in All Referrals -29% ↓
- 10-year change in SAB Referrals -33% ↓

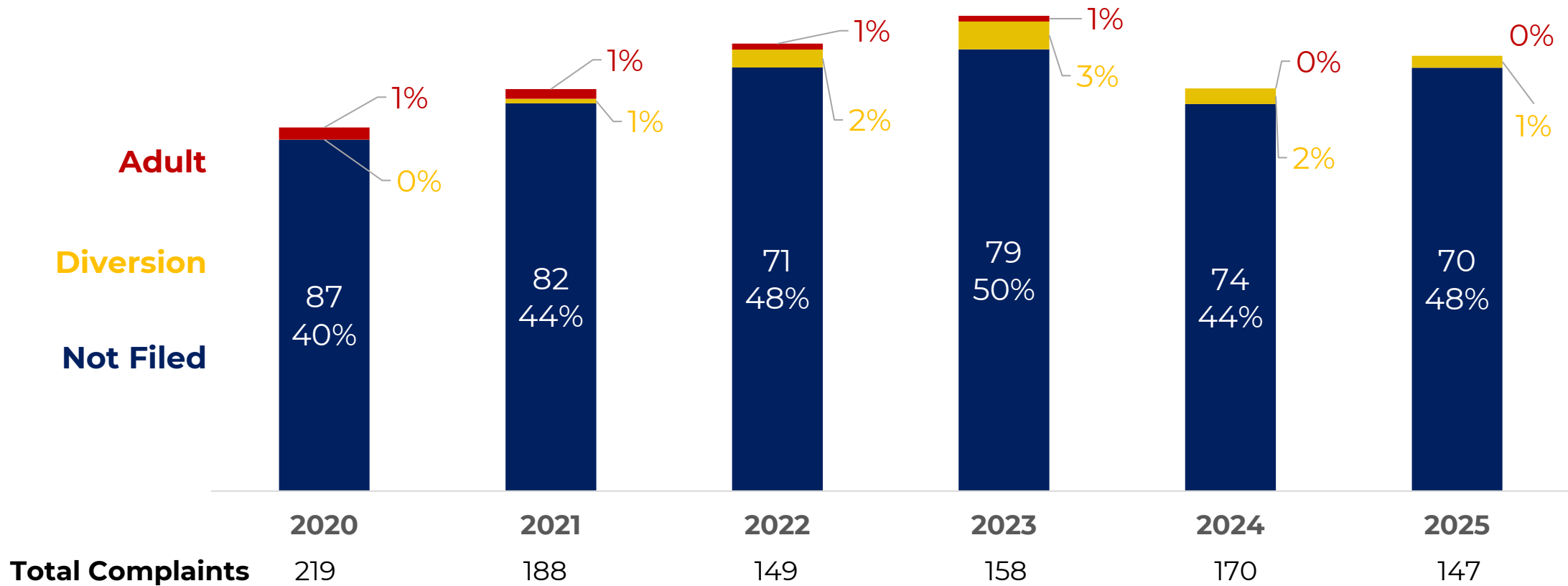




# Top JSAB Complaints (categorized)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
<b>Sexual Abuse-Felony</b>	40%	36%	47%	50%	44%	43%	44%	47%	36%	29%	55%	n=37
<b>Child Molestation</b>	33%	39%	28%	26%	34%	32%	21%	23%	27%	26%	15%	n=22
<b>Sexual Assault-Felony</b>	9%	9%	11%	13%	9%	10%	15%	14%	18%	14%	18%	n=27
<b>Lewd Behavior-Felony</b>	9%	3%	6%	1%	7%	6%	5%	3%	4%	9%	16%	n=23
<b>Lewd Behavior-Misd</b>	5%	6%	4%	6%	4%	4%	5%	3%	6%	8%	14%	n=20
<b>Felony Sexual Exploitation</b>	1%	4%	1%	3%	2%	3%	10%	8%	6%	11%	10%	n=14
<b>Other</b>	4%	3%	3%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	n=4
<b>Total Complaints</b>	220	234	264	229	242	219	188	149	158	170	147	

# Resolution **Without** a Petition for Delinquency



# Petitions for Delinquency



## Average SAB Petition Rate

10 years (CY 2015 – CY 2025) **59%**

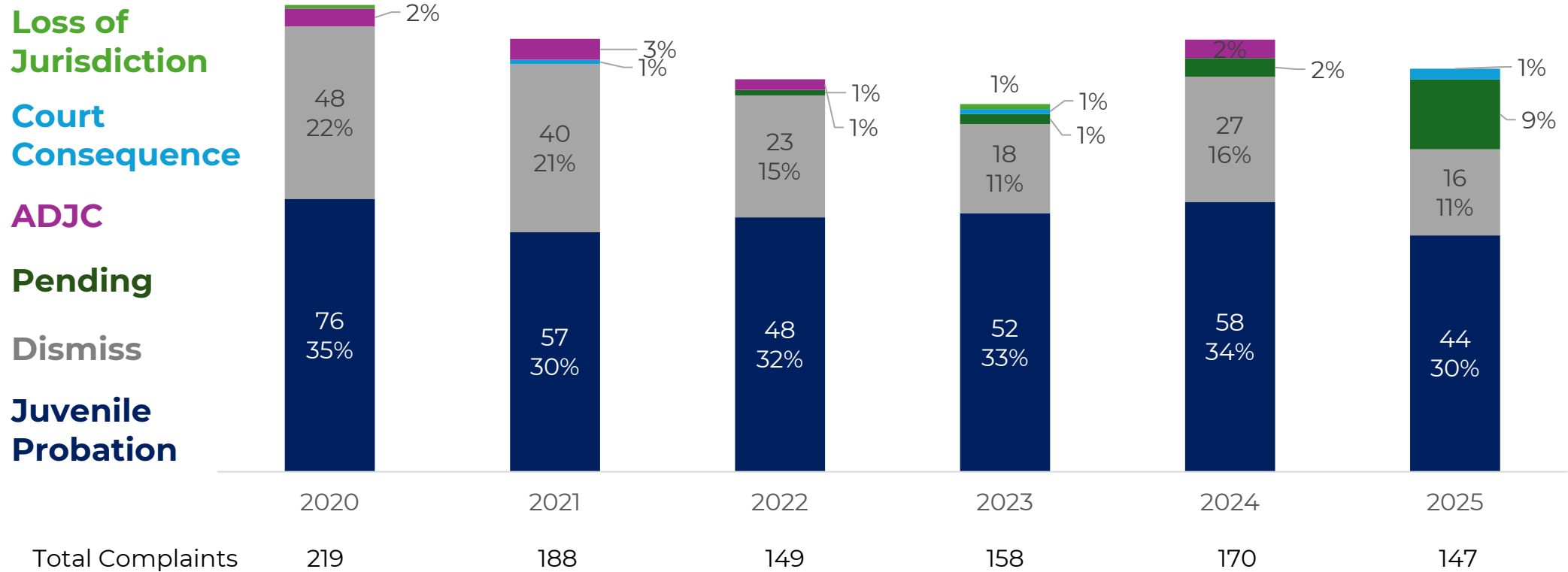
CY	Total SAB Complaints	Total Petitions	% Petitioned
2015	220	130	59%
2016	235	152	65%
2017	266	166	62%
2018	232	144	62%
2019	242	162	67%
2020	220	132	60%
2021	189	103	54%
2022	149	74	50%
2023	158	73	46%
2024	170	93	55%
2025	147	75	51%

# JSAB Petitions (categorized)



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
<b>Sexual Abuse-Felony</b>	39%	36%	43%	53%	35%	28%	40%	41%	37%	27%	23%	n=17
<b>Child Molestation</b>	36%	41%	31%	30%	43%	48%	31%	34%	36%	30%	20%	n=15
<b>Lewd Behavior-Misdemeanor</b>	5%	5%	4%	4%	3%	8%	8%	1%	3%	5%	11%	n=8
<b>Lewd Behavior-Felony</b>	4%	5%	7%	3%	9%	6%	8%	7%	4%	17%	20%	n=15
<b>Sexual Assault-Felony</b>	2%	2%	6%	3%	2%	2%	0%	0%	4%	1%	4%	n=3
<b>Felony Sexual Exploitation</b>	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	5%	11%	12%	8%	11%	12%	n=9
<b>Other</b>	12%	7%	6%	6%	5%	4%	3%	5%	8%	9%	11%	n=8
<b>Total Complaints</b>	130	152	166	144	162	132	103	74	73	93	75	

# Resolution **With** Petition for Delinquency



# Dually Involved Youth Snapshot

(2/28/2026)

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**Approximately 10-15% of youth on active probation supervision also have a formal active dependency petition (DCS).**

**2,652 youth actively supervised**

- 303 (11.4%) Dually Involved youth
- 29 (9.5%) SAB Dually Involved youth
  - 9.6% of all Dual youth
  - 1.1% of all active youth



# Re-Offense & Registration

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## SAB Re-Offense

- From 1/1/2020 through 4/5/2026, n=285
- 277 of the 285-youth counted in the baseline (first adjudication the review period)
  - 175 with at least one year or more to recidivate
- **New Complaints: 3**

*Consistent with literature and research,  
very low recidivism rate*

## SAB Registration

- From 2015 through 2025
- 27 registrations or ~12%

# **County Attorney (prosecution) & Public Advocate (defense)**

**Roles, Processes, and Decision-Making from the Perspective of  
Prosecution and Defense Counsel**

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**County Attorney Office:** Rachel Phipps Yonas

**Office of Public Defense:** Chris Phillis & Lori Leon



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# First Steps





# Charging Decision

- Reasonable likelihood of conviction
- 45 days to review
- Staff the case for charging
  1. Charge case
  2. Further
  3. Turndown





# Specialized

- 2 Prosecutors do just sex cases (East and West Cases/Courts)
- Population has specialized needs
- Attend on-going specialized training
- Remain in touch with evidence-based programming
- Work closely with specialized Probation Officers
- Work closely with specialized treatment providers
- Attend specialized Healthy Boundaries Court
- Benefits of Juvenile Court vs Adult Court

# **Defense Attorney**

- **Consult with Client**
- **Discussion with Family**
- **Competency**
- **Consequences**
  - Treatment –
  - ARS 8-350.01 – Comply with professional code of ethics from ATSA
  - ARS 13-4066 – Disclosures; Limitations; Protections?
  - Registration – ARS 13-3821
- **Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)**
  - Purpose; Research

# **Assessments & Evaluations**

**Utilization, Types, and Purpose of Assessments and Evaluations**

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**Juvenile Probation Department: Dr. Marina Lantsman-Waugh**

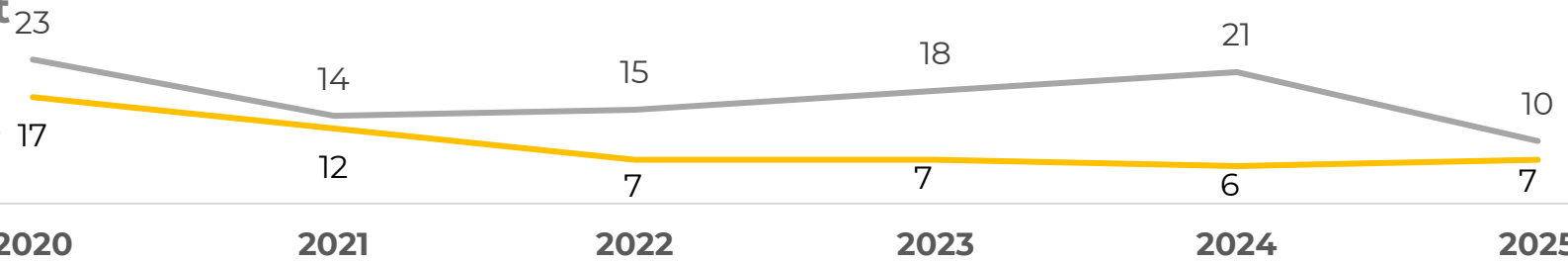


# Assessments

## Psychosexual Eval



## Abel Assessment



## SAB Assessment



## Total Assessments



# Polygraphs



CY	Unique Youth with Polygraph	Total Polygraph Administered
2015	152	413
2016	168	422
2017	171	425
2018	151	402
2019	154	367
2020	157	357
2021	1	1
2022	0	0
2023	1	1
2024	0	0
2025	3	3

*Adoption of Exceptional Circumstance protocols based on current best practice guidance and research.*



# **Court Process & Judicial Decision Making**

**Judicial Decision Points, Adjudication, Healthy Boundaries, and  
Registration**

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**Superior Court Judge Nicole Hartley &  
Judge (Ret.) Colleen McNally**

# Why Healthy Boundaries Court?

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Healthy Boundaries Court uses more frequent hearings along with rewards and consequences to assist the youth and their family in meeting both treatment and personal goals.

- Goal: reduce recidivism and assist youth and their families in healing and recovery from the sexually abusive behavior that led to the court involvement.
- Consistent engagement allows the court to monitor and support treatment progress, increase consistent and fair responses among similarly situated youth, greater consistency in sex offender registration decisions, and improve service feedback loops for continuous improvement.

# Healthy Boundaries Court

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- A collaborative court for juveniles who engaged in sexually abusive behaviors (“JSAB”). The program’s goal is primarily rehabilitative, and it addresses underlying family or personal issues that precipitated the child’s activities.
- A team composed of the youth’s lawyer, the County Attorney, a Probation Officer, a Surveillance Officer dedicated to the supervision of JSAB and the treatment providers, providing sexually maladaptive behavior (SMB) or healthy boundaries treatment, who all work together to ensure treatment progress and probation compliance.
- Healthy Boundaries Court provides planned, well-managed, continuing and consistent judicial engagement through the multi-disciplinary team partnership.

# **Services & Placement**

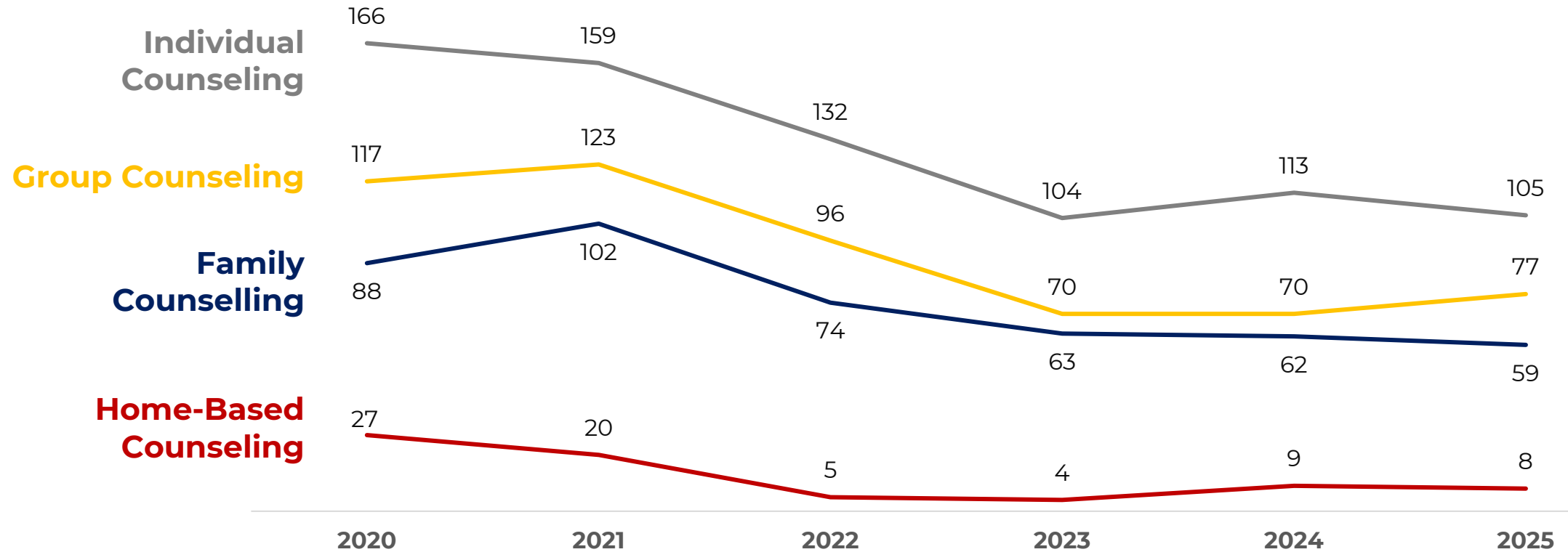
**Treatment Provision: Program Types, Elements, and Access**

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# JSAB Outpatient Services

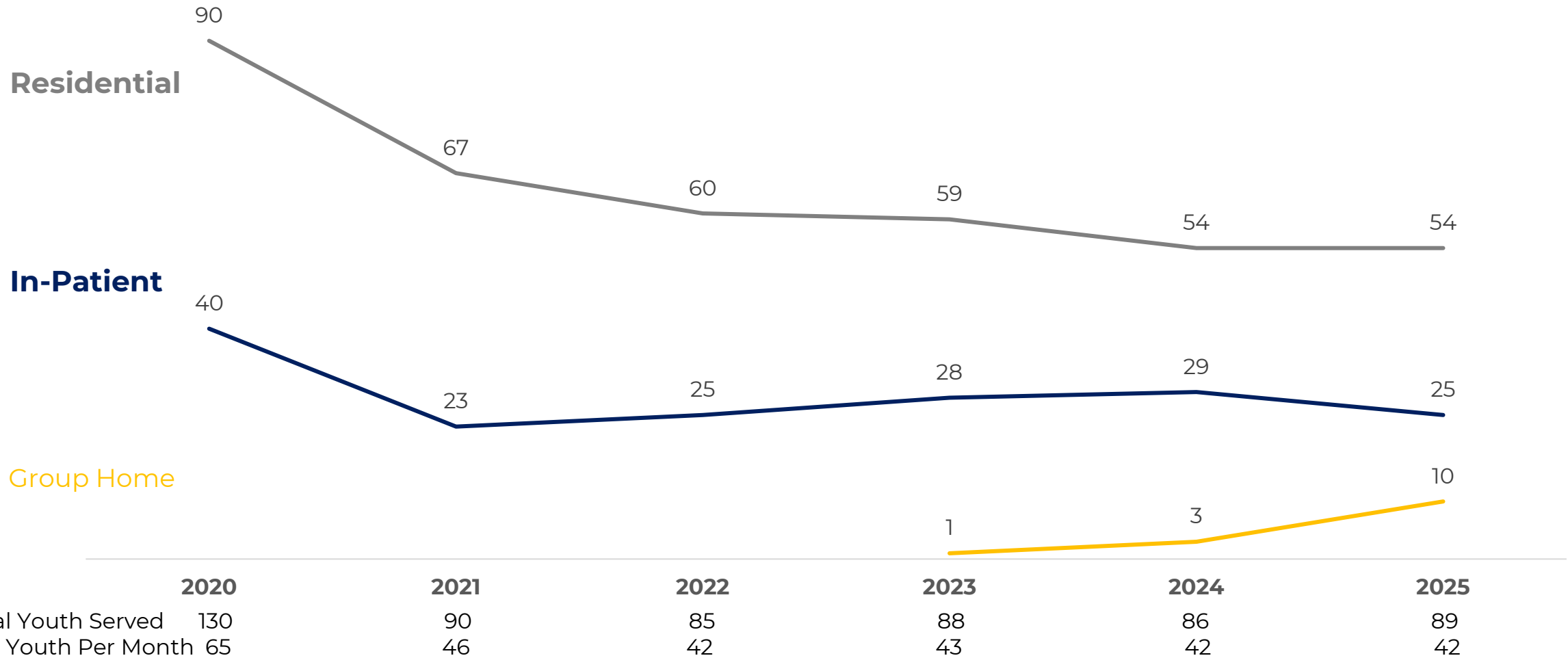


Total Youth Served  
Avg Youth Per Month

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Youth Served	398	404	377	241	254	249
Avg Youth Per Month	99	98	81	62	66	63

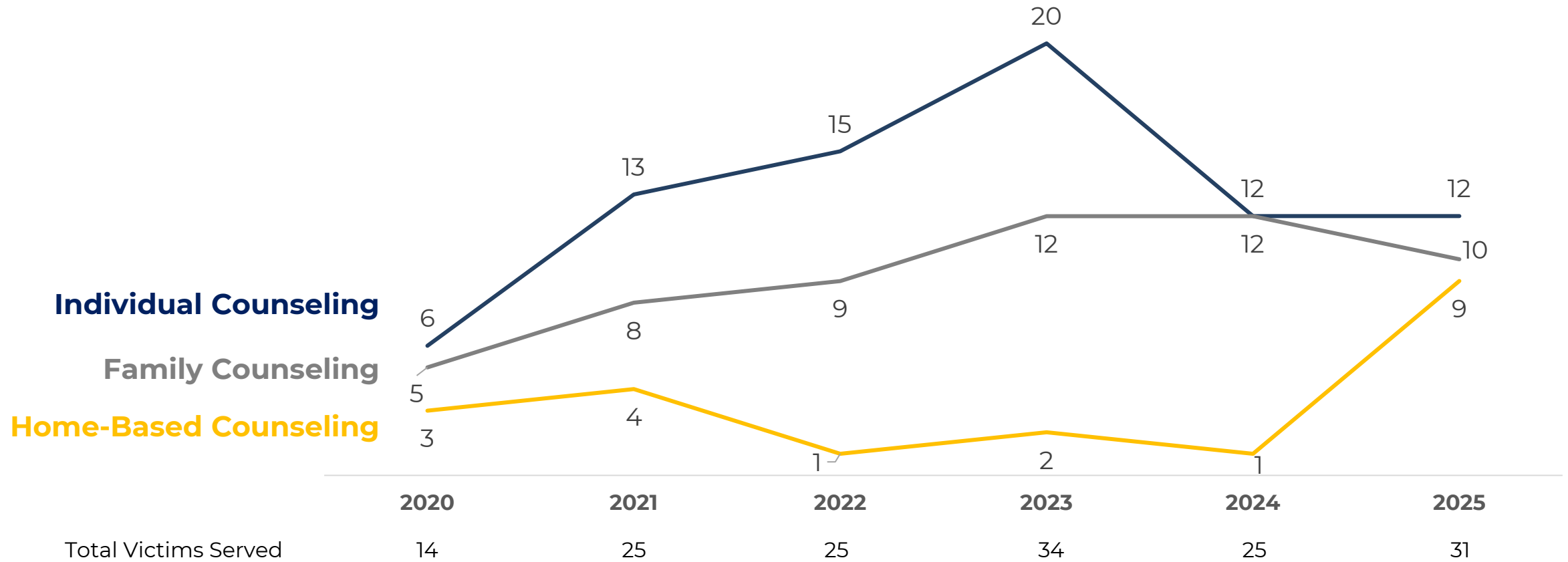


# JSAB Out of Home Placements





# Victim Counseling



# **Probation Supervision & Healthy Boundaries Court**

**Probation Supervision, Rules of Probation, Healthy Boundaries  
Management, and Rural County**

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**Juvenile Probation Department:**  
Celena Angstead & Charlotte Shrum

# JSAB Requirements & Restrictions

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## Generally,

- All youth are required to participate in treatment based on risk and assessment information.
- Internet/Electronic Device restrictions.
- Age restrictions, including locations where younger children may be present.
- Officer/Therapist joint oversight on approved activities.
- Activities other than school, treatment and medical appointments are monitored by probation team and treatment providers.
- No contact with the victim(s) or sexual contact with anyone.
- Development of Safety Plan.
- Participation in Healthy Boundaries Court.

# JSAB Probation Terms/Rules

Court Ordered Rules –

Recently modified (2024) as a result of best practice recommendations.

## JSAB RULES OF PROBATION ADDENDUM

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MARICOPA COUNTY  
Juvenile Department

### DOs

- ✓ **1. Do stay at home.**  
You should be at home unless you are going to school, counseling/ treatment required by the Court, or activities that your JPO or SO have approved after you have asked.
- ✓ **2. Do use the Internet for school, treatment, or employment/job searching.**  
Any other use of the Internet must be approved by your JPO or SO.
- ✓ **3. Do allow for device searches.** Allow your JPO or SO to search all devices that can connect to the Internet and/or stores images or videos.

### DON'Ts

- ✗ **4. Don't have, look, or listen to anything that shows or describes any sexual acts or images.** This includes any pictures, videos, pornography or other materials that show people without clothes or engaging in sexual acts. Do not visit places where it is available, sold, or shown.
- ✗ **5. Don't go to places where children are.**  
Don't go or hang out around places where children may not have adult supervision (parks, playgrounds, public swimming pools, water parks, carnivals, arcades, or children's recreation centers) until approved by your JPO in writing.
- ✗ **6. Don't have contact with younger children.** Do not have contact with children \_\_\_\_ years younger than yourself. This includes physical contact, talking in person, or communicating through letters, emails, phone calls, text messages, social media, or messages through other people until approved by your JPO in writing.
- ✗ **7. Don't go on dates or start a romantic relationship until approved by your JPO in writing.** Don't have sex with any person or animal. Do not masturbate using anything related to the victim (including images) or shared among family.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judicial Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*I acknowledge that Juvenile Probation staff has given me a copy of the JSAB RULES OF PROBATION ADDENDUM and reviewed the rules with me. I understand and agree to follow the rules. I understand that if I do not follow these rules that I may be arrested, returned to court, and/or committed to the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections.*

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Juvenile Probation/Supervision Officer    Date

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Juvenile    Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian    Date

# Multidisciplinary Approach (HBC)

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**Probation and Surveillance Officers work closely with the youth's multidisciplinary team (MDT).** The MDT can include the treating clinician or therapist, a high needs case manager, DCS or parent/guardian and group home/placement representative. The supervision team works cohesively with the assigned therapist to ensure progress is being made in treatment plan. This team could consider a request for an **exceptional polygraph**.

**Treatment goals are incorporated into the case and supervision plan.** The supervision team is required to have at least monthly contact with the therapist however contact generally occurs more frequently. The frequency of youth supervision contacts is based on assessed risk.

# Pre-Hearing Planning (HBC Staffing)

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**The Probation Officer provides a report no later than 5 days prior to the hearing to the team concerning the youth's most recent progress and challenges. The report and team address:**

- Implementation and participation in SMB or boundaries counseling;
- If in placement, the youth's adjustment to placement and behavioral issues;
- Updates on the youth's mental health status, including if medications or additional treatments are being provided;
- Any safety issues;
- Whether additional assessments or services are needed;
- Status of family reunification or transitional housing, if appropriate.

# Healthy Boundaries Hearing Reviews

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- Review Hearings are conducted at least once a month on a designated day.
- The first progress hearing is scheduled **within 60 days of the start of treatment.**
- Probation, counsel, placement representative (if in placement), treatment providers, and family members/guardians/DCS (or CPS) are to be present.
- Victims may also be present but are not required to attend.
- Subsequent hearings are scheduled, at a minimum, every 60 days for JSAB receiving inpatient treatment and every 90 days for JSAB receiving outpatient treatment.
  - If appropriate, JPO, counsel and/or members of the treatment team may request more frequent court contact.

# Victim Involvement

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- Victims are informed about the court process, services, and notified in advance of all hearings to allow for their input.
- Probation Officers maintain contact with the victim (often another juvenile) and the victim's representative.
- Healthy Boundaries Court (HBC) recognizes and acknowledges youth progress while also remaining sensitive to the impact on victims and their families who have the option of being present in court.
- A youth may make progress in treatment while victims continue to experience pain and trauma. These dynamics are balanced with sensitivity, thought, and care.

# Questions?



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- Celena Angstead, Maricopa County Deputy Chief of Juvenile Probation
- Dr. Marina Lantsman-Waugh, Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Treatment Manager
- Charlotte Shrum, Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Supervisor

### County Attorney Office

- Rachel Phipps Yonas, Maricopa County Attorney Office

### Office of Public Advocate

- Chris Phillis, Pinal County Office of Public Defense
- Lori Leon, Maricopa County Office of Public Defense

### Judges

- Judge Nicole Hartley, Maricopa County Superior Court Judge
- Judge (ret.) Colleen McNally, Maricopa County Superior Court Judge

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