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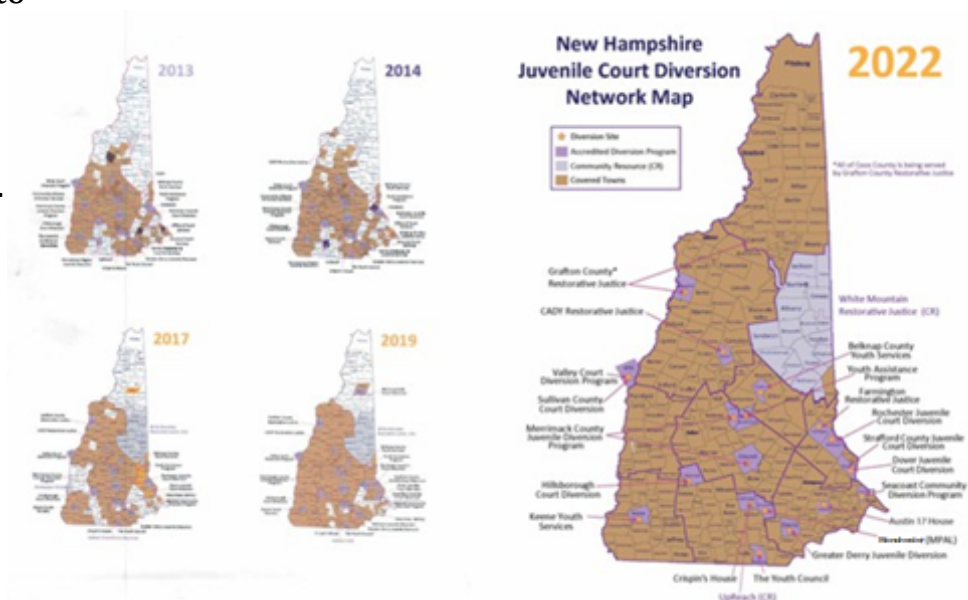
The New Hampshire Juvenile Court Diversion Network (NHJCDN) was formed in the 1980's by a group of professionals seeking to create more effective ways to assist low-risk juvenile offenders avoid juvenile court. In 2011, the Network began to transform and standardize the diversion practice and streamline all processes across programs. The NHJCDN now oversees 18 accredited Juvenile Court Diversion programs across the state that help hold youth accountable for disruptive behavior while also ensuring that they benefit from education and support systems to improve their behavior. Since our inception, the NHJCDN has utilized two types of program philosophies:

Restorative Justice & Traditional Diversion

Restorative Justice is an approach to addressing crime that places a dual focus on both repairing the harm done to the victim as well as holding the offender accountable for their actions. Restorative Justice practices aim to:

- Put decisions into the hands of those most affected by crime
- Make justice more healing and more transformative; and
- Reduce the likelihood of future offenses.

Traditional Diversion is designed to enable youth offenders to avoid criminal charges by having volunteer panels design consequences. This method has shown to provide better outcomes for youth as compared to direct involvement of the court system and provides relief to the courts, police departments, and probation offices.





Youth We Serve

Youth referred to NHJCDN Accredited programs can expect to:

- Participate in an assessment to identify areas of strength and those needing assistance.
- Include their parents or guardians in discussions about their well-being.
- Meet with a panel of volunteers (some of whom may be teens) or staff members to discuss their case and develop a contract or written agreement.
- Spend approximately 3-6 months working on goals outlined in their contract/agreement.
- Attend educational classes or workshops included in the contract, along with participating in community service and/or paying restitution.
- Have their case closed with no juvenile court record, provided the contract is complete with no further offenses committed.

NH Juvenile Court Diversion Network Recidivism Rate					
Statewide 6 Year Average of 343 Successfully Completed Programs					
1 Year Crimes	1 Year Violations	1 Year Total Recidivism	1 Year Rate Crimes	1 Year Rate Violations	1 Year Rate Total
56	15	71	16.4%	4.3%	20.7%
3 Year Crimes	3 Year Violations	3 Year Total Recidivism	3 Year Rate Crimes	3 Year Rate Violations	3 Year Rate Total
112	31	143	32.7%	8.9%	41.6%

Most Common Offenses Sent to Diversion Programs:

- Threatening
- Simple Assault/Bullying
- Disorderly/Reckless Conduct
- Shoplifting/Theft
- Sexting
- Fire Setting
- Trespass/Mischief
- Weapons
- Possession of Drugs/Alcohol

Our Resources at Work

Diversion Services Support: NHJCDN supports all Accredited Court Diversion Programs with substance use and mental health screening using SBIRT, evidence-based program delivery, individual, family, community prevention education, and restorative practices work.

Training and Education: NHJCDN offers opportunities for Diversion Programs, volunteers, and Network members to gain information and knowledge about the juvenile justice system, restorative justice, mental health and substance use prevention, and more.

Data Collection & Analysis: NHJCDN utilizes grant funding for data management services, as well as data analysis, research, and evaluation for the programs in the network and for the New Hampshire Juvenile Court Diversion Model.

Organization Support: NHJCDN uses grant funding for staff salary & benefits to oversee all projects and support related to Accredited Juvenile Court Diversion Programs in New Hampshire.



NH Diversion Programs average completion rate across the state