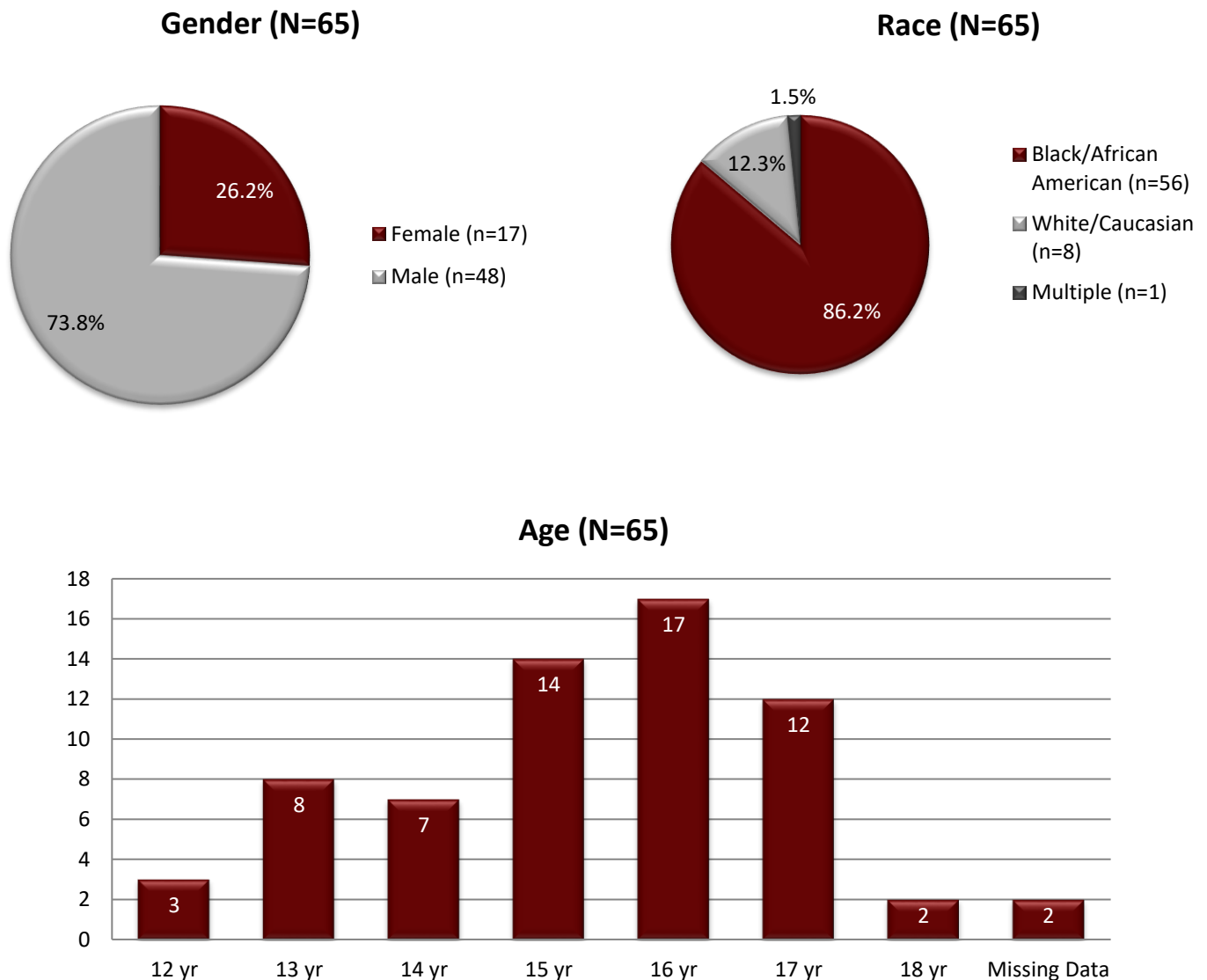


**Connections for Success Youth Leadership Program (CSYLP)**  
**Biannual Report July 1 through December 31, 2025**  
**Wright State University, SARDI Program**

**Program Narrative:** The main goal of Connections for Success Youth Leadership Program (CSYLP) is to provide youth and young adults with positive adult peer mentor relationships, thereby, reducing risk factors and enhancing protective factors (e.g., healthy beliefs, opportunities for involvement, and social and material reinforcement for appropriate behavior). Our mentorship team advocate for the youth as well as provide youth with personal connectedness, supervision and guidance, a sense of community, values, and most importantly, hope for the future. Sunlight Village (SLV) wants to help the target population by working intentionally and collaboratively allowing participants to make choices that will positively impact their lives as they transition from the Juvenile Justice System.

**Demographics:** From July 1 to December 31, 2025, 84 youth have been served under this program. Of the 84 youth, 65 have been released. The following demographics are based on the 65 youth who have been released under CSYLP.



**Figure 1** illustrates the demographics of the 65 youth who have been released under CSYLP. There were more males (n=48, 73.8%) than females (n=17, 26.2%). There were more Black/African American youth (n= 56, 86.2%) released by this program compared with White/Caucasian youth (n=8, 12.3%). Ages 15, 16 and 17 made up a majority of the youth served by CSYLP totaling 66.2%.

**Outcome 1:** 75% of youth served will not reoffend and/or re-enter the Justice System within 12 months of program entry.

- From July 1 to December 31, 2025, 69 youth have reached their 12-month mark from program admission. Of those 69 youth, 55 (79.7%) did not reoffend and/or re-enter the Justice System within 12 months of program entry while 14 (20.3%) did reoffend and/or re-enter the Justice System.

**Outcome 2:** 70% Actively involved in school or work (enrolled and engaged in school or employment during program enrollment and/or 6 months post successful program completion).

- From July 1 to December 31, 2025, 65 youth have been released by the program. Of those 65 youth, 59 were released with a successful release status. Of those 59 with a successful release status, 58 (98.3%) were connected to education, skilled trade, employment or military service and three (5.0%) had not been connected.

**Outcome 3:** 50% Actively involved in extracurricular activities, community clubs, sports or programs (enrolled and engaged in positive outside of program activities during program enrollment and/or 6 months post successful program completion)

- From July 1 to December 31, 2025, 65 youth have been released by the program. Of those 65 youth, 59 were released with a successful release status. Of those 59 with a successful release status, four (6.8%) had engaged in positive social outlets, sports, clubs, arts, or other community organizations/activities and 55 (93.2%) had not engaged.