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JUVENILE JUSTICE

The Injustice of Disproportionality

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PIMA County JDAI Team Presentation

What is JDAI?

- **A set of inter-related juvenile justice system improvement strategies**
 - 1. Collaboration**
 - 2. Use of Data**
 - 3. Objective Admissions Criteria**
 - 4. Alternatives to Detention**
 - 5. Expedited Case Processing**
 - 6. Minimizing the use of detention for Special Detention Cases**
 - 7. Improving Conditions of Confinement**
 - 8. Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities**
- **The most largely replicated juvenile justice system improvement effort in the nation**
 - **25 years +**
 - **300 + jurisdictions**

GOALS OF JDAI

- **Decrease the number of youth unnecessarily or inappropriately detained**
- **Reduce the number of youth who fail to appear in court or re-offend pending adjudication**
- **Redirect public funds towards more effective juvenile justice processes and public safety strategies**
- **Reduce the disproportionate minority confinement and contact of the juvenile justice system**
- **Improve the juvenile justice system overall**

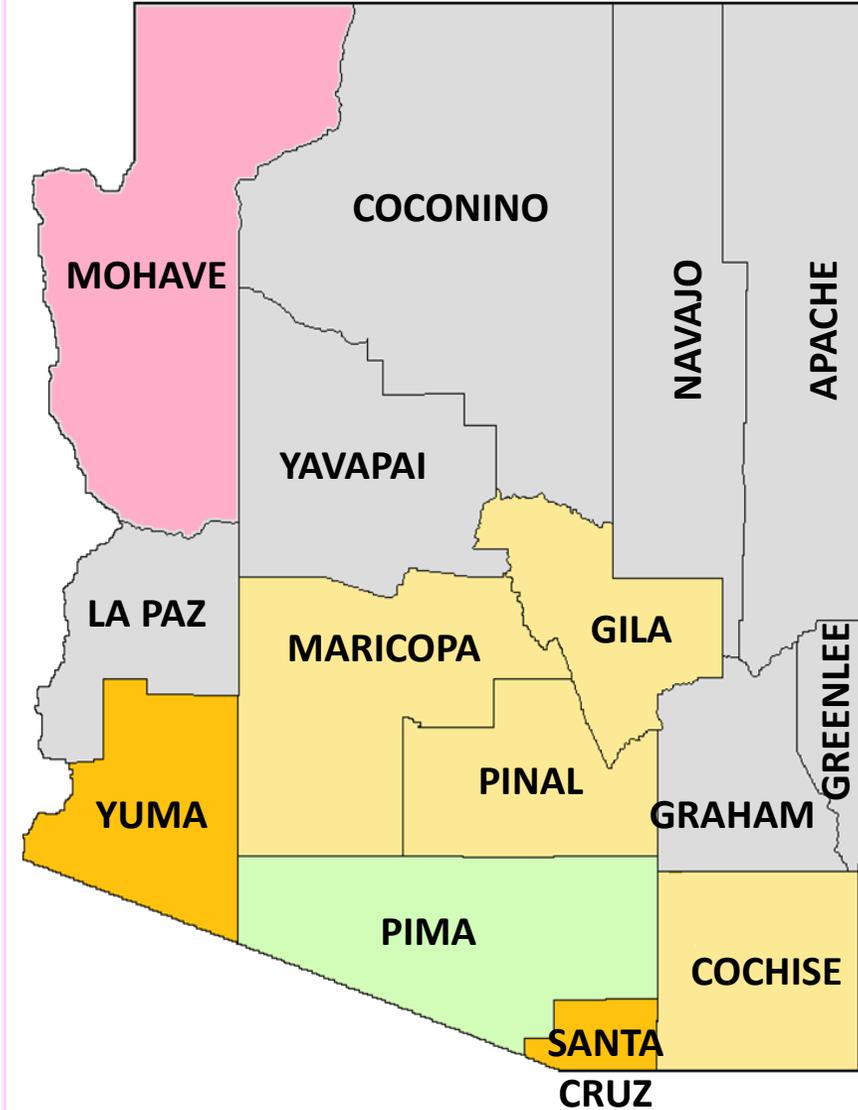
ARIZONA

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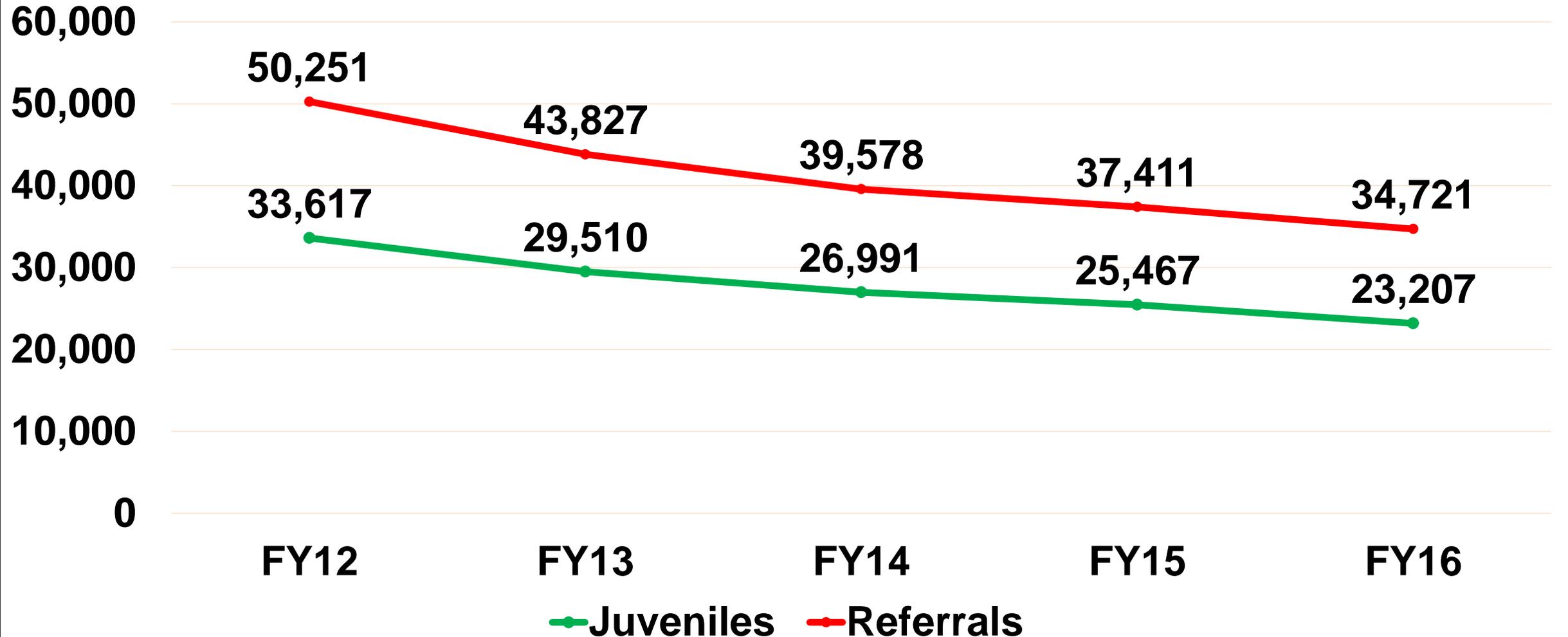


ARIZONA RESULTS

- **50% reduction in admissions to detention**
- **39% reduction in average daily population in detention**
- **Reduction in felony petitions statewide**

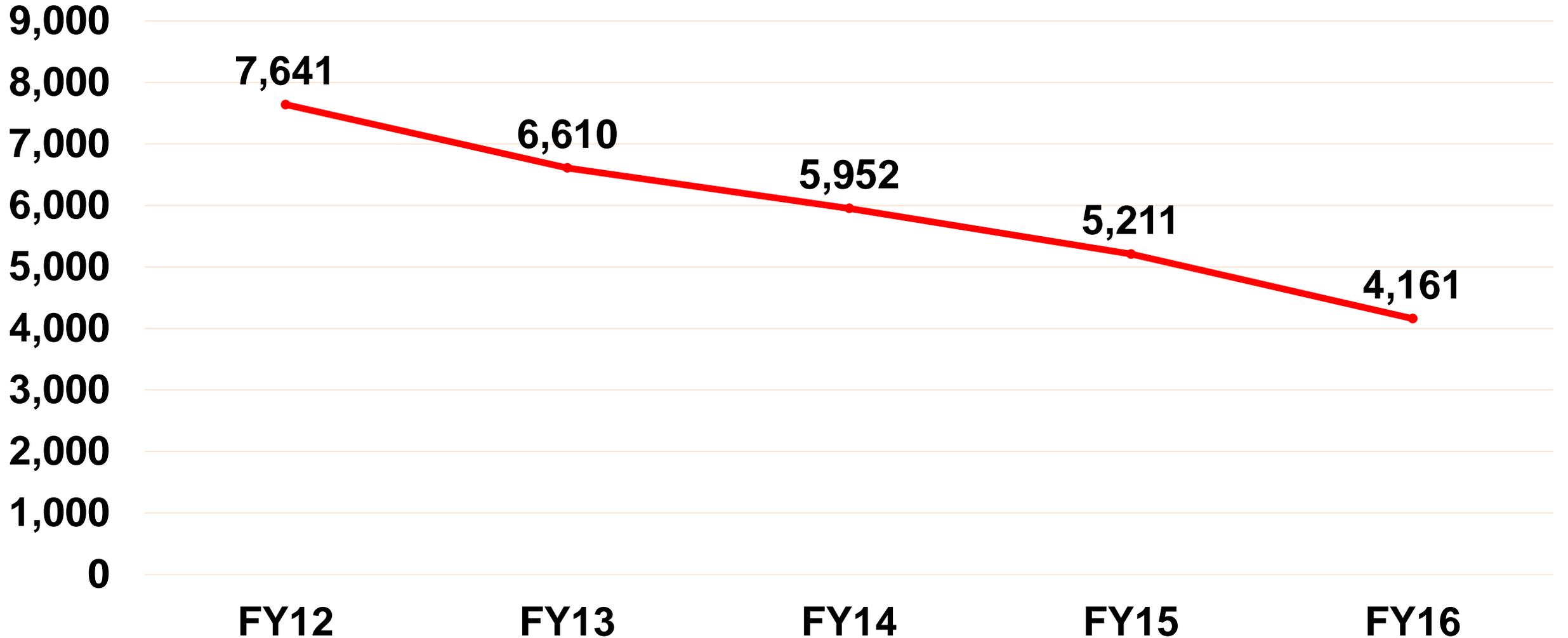
NUMBER OF JUVENILES REFERRED

Referrals, Five Year Trend

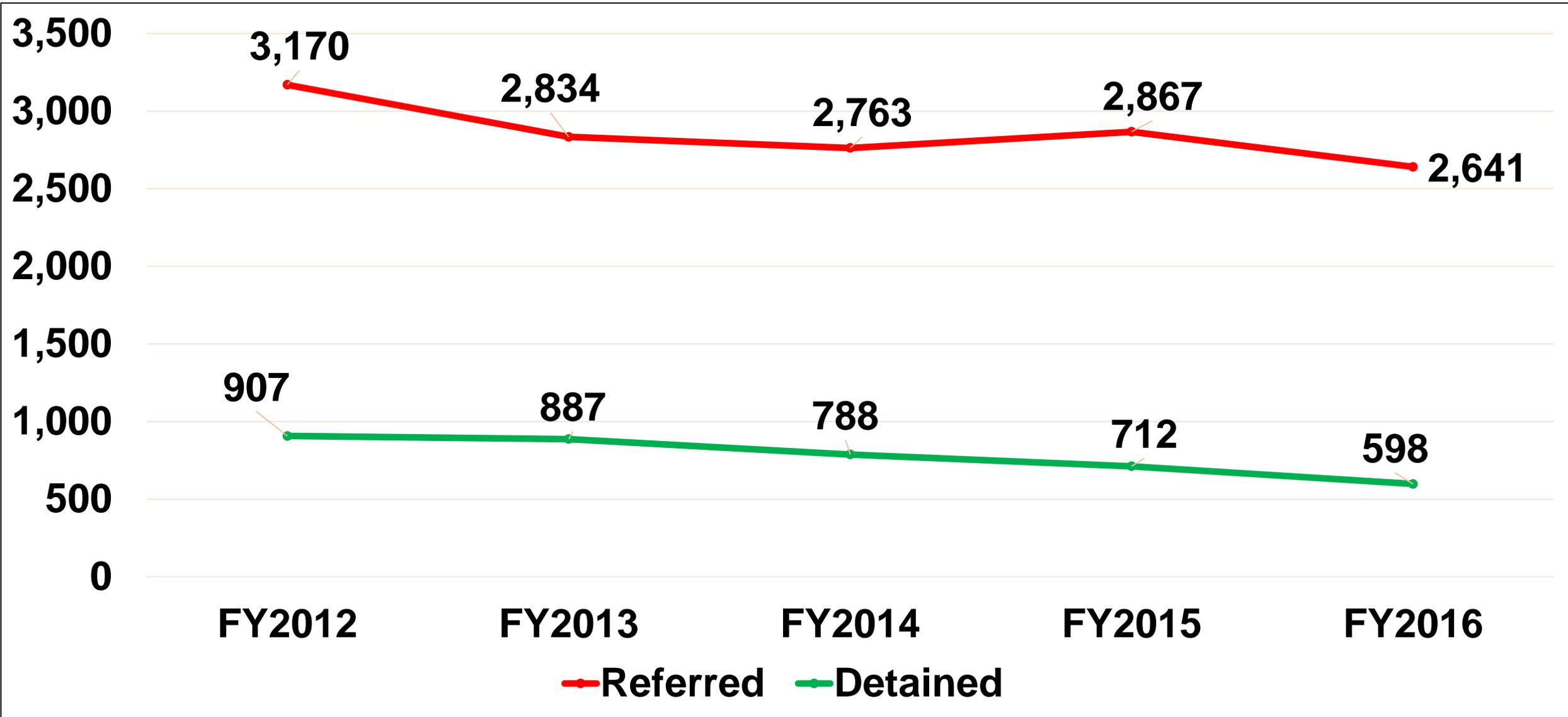


NUMBER OF JUVENILES DETAINED

Juveniles Detained, Five Year Trend



AFRICAN AMERICAN YOUTH



Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities

- Arizona Supreme Court and the Governor's Office partnered with the Burns Institute to fund targeted reducing racial and ethnic disparities training
- Participating Counties:
 - Cochise
 - Maricopa
 - Pima
 - Pinal
 - Yuma



COCHISE COUNTY GOAL

To Reduce Disparities in Admissions to Detention for Violations of Probation for Youth of Color

- **Violations of Probation standardized checklist (supervisor approval, intermediate sanctions)**
- **Examine length of stay data for all groups of youth**
- **Solicit input from “system alumni” and participants via a survey on the department website**
- **Developing alternative to reduce the number of youth committed to the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections and the Arizona Department of Corrections (Adult Prison)**

MARICOPA COUNTY GOAL

To Reduce Disparities in Admissions to Detention for Violations of Probations for Youth of Color

- Focusing on violations of probations and multisystem involved youth
 - Call in Warrant Process
 - Transportation
 - Partnering with the Boys and Girls Club to operate an Evening Reporting Center in the Maryvale area
 - Domestic Violence Alternatives

PINAL COUNTY GOAL

To Reduce disparities in length of stay for African American Youth

- **Analyzed data to better understand our target population**
- **Engage missing stakeholders**
- **Developing community forum to engage community**
- **Working with County Attorney's office to expand diversion criteria to divert more youth from the system**
- **Collaborating with AZCAAC and local law enforcement to develop training**

YUMA COUNTY GOAL

To Reduce Disparities for Youth of Color Detained for Probation Violations

- **Examine underlying offenses**
- **Zip Codes**
- **School enrollment and participation**
- **Type of Probation programming**
- **Language spoken in home**
- **LOS**
- **Daily DSI Review and extended LOS reviews**
- **Focus Groups and exit surveys**
- **Youth Advisory Council**
- **Receiving additional intensive technical assistance from BI consultants**

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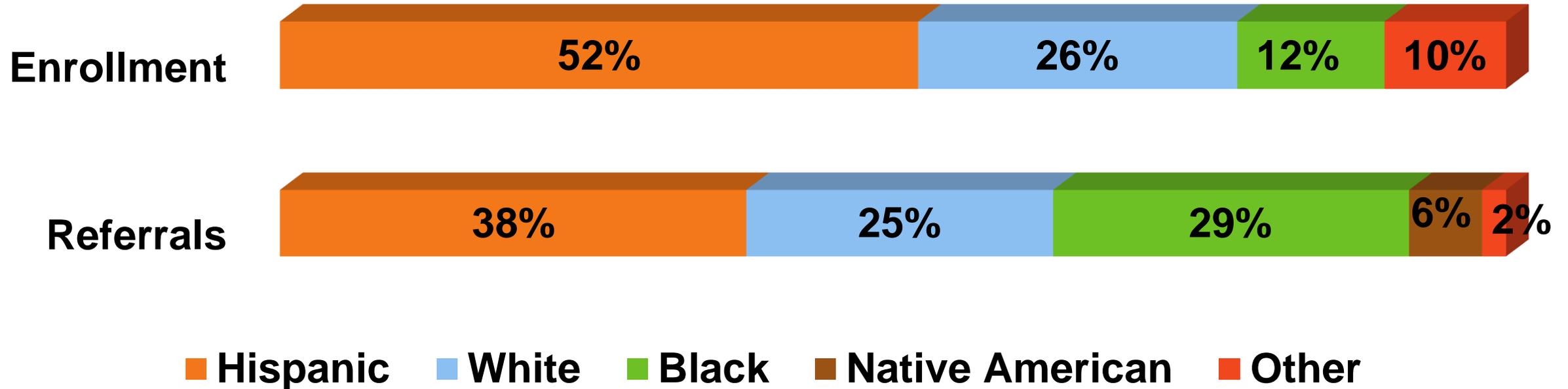
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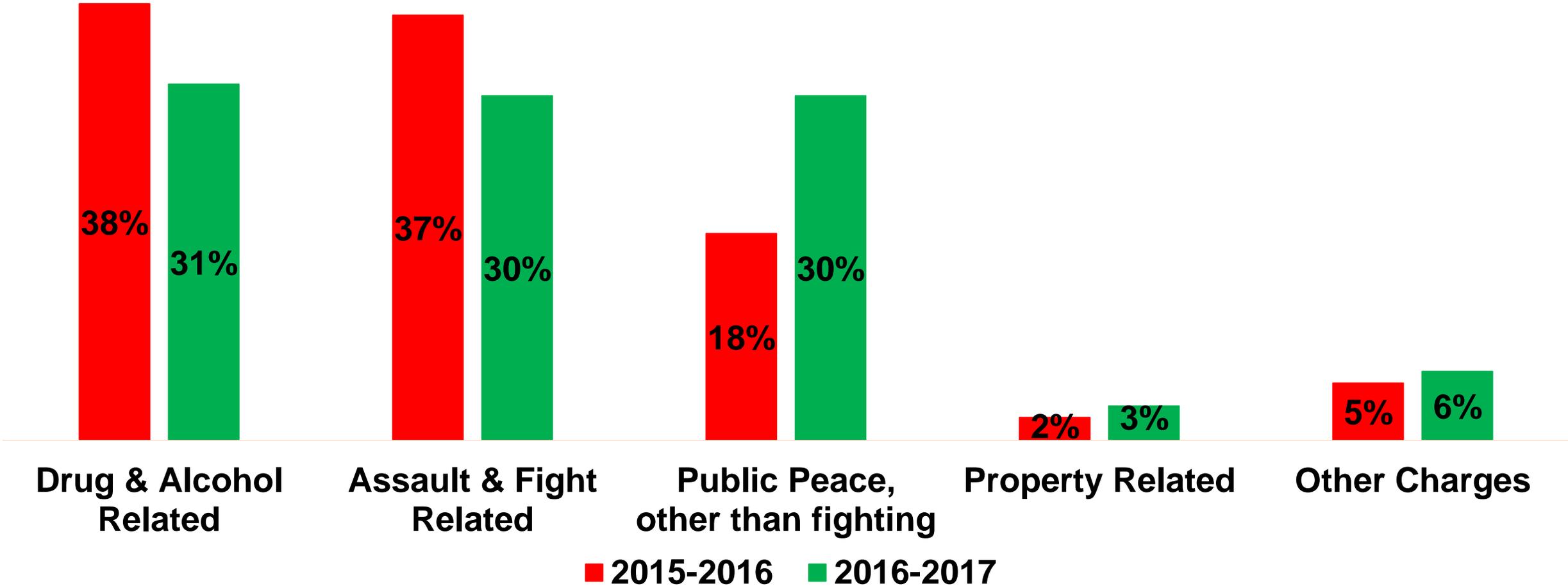


Palo Verde Neighborhood Collaborative (PVNC)

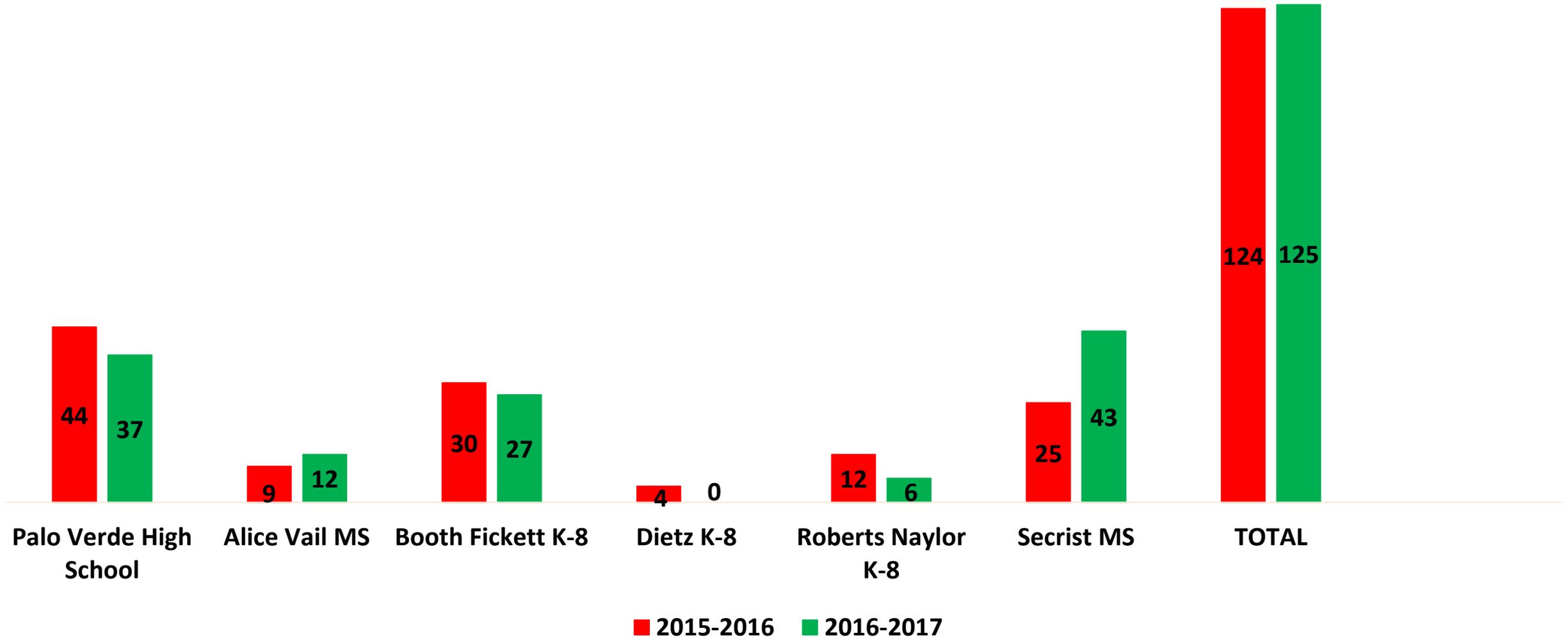
Higher % of Black and Native American youth are referred compared to the % of Black and Native American students enrolled at PVNC schools



In 2017, drug and assault charges decreased while public peace charges increased at PV and feeder schools



NUMBER OF SCHOOL REFERRALS



PIMA COUNTY REDUCING RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES WORK PLAN

- **GOAL**

- Reduce disparities in court involved African American Youth

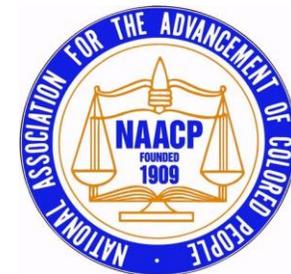
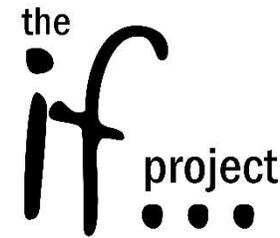
- **TARGET POPULATION**

- African American Youth in the “Palo Verde” area on Standard Probation, Juvenile Intensive Probation or Supervised Diversion

- **DESIRED OUTCOMES**

- Reduction of Probation Violations, Use of Detention, New School and Delinquent Referrals and Unsuccessful Terminations
- Improved collaboration with community partners, resources and services
- Increased education and employment opportunities for youth
- Increased participation in the Youth Advisory Council
- Changes in policies and practices that are negatively impacting youth success

CURRENT PVNC PARTNERS



DATA COLLECTION

- **Identify youth for target group**
- **Collect qualitative data through court and school case reviews**
 - **Original offense, risk levels, nature of VOP's, living situation, prior interventions**
- **Conduct Surveys and Focus Groups with Youth and Families**
 - **Court**
 - **School**
 - **Law Enforcement**
 - **Neighborhoods**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- **Engage Missing Stakeholders**
 - **Schools in Palo Verde area**
 - **Community Leaders**
 - **Community Resources, Services and Programs**
 - **Neighborhood Associations**
 - **Neighborhood Businesses**
 - **Faith Based Leaders**
 - **Youth and Families**
- **Conduct Community Meetings**
 - **Explore long term needs, collaborations and partnerships**

TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

**Burns Institute
Training**
March 23-24, 2017



**Update to RED
Committee**
July 11, 2017



**Initial Meeting
with TUSD**
July 14, 2017



**½ Day
Brainstorming
Session**
August 11, 2017

- **Youth and Family Surveys in final stages**
- **Conduct Surveys and Focus Groups January 29 & 2018**
- **Data compilation completed by March 1, 2018**
- **Engage Missing Community Stakeholders in March 2018**
- **Hold Community Forum in April 2018**
- **Full Implementation of PVNC to begin in 2018/2019 School Year**

JDAI

Questions and Comments

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Comments on Her Work



QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

- About the State of African American Youth in the Juvenile Justice System
- The Efforts of the State and Counties
- How to Engage the African American Community
- How You Can Help Us to Make a Difference



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