

**AzCAAR & The AzCAAC Collaborative Presents**

# **JUVENILE JUSTICE**

## **The Injustice of Disproportionality**

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# JUVENILE JUSTICE



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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**

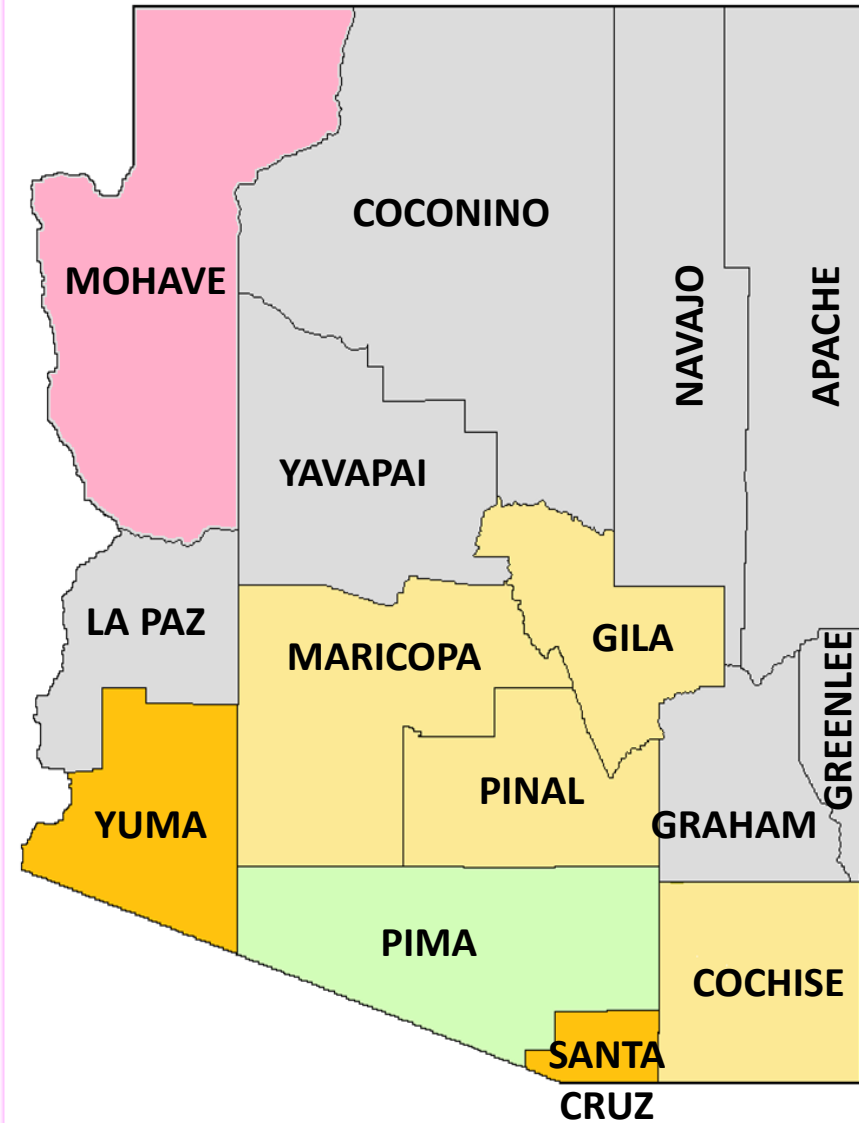
# ARIZONA

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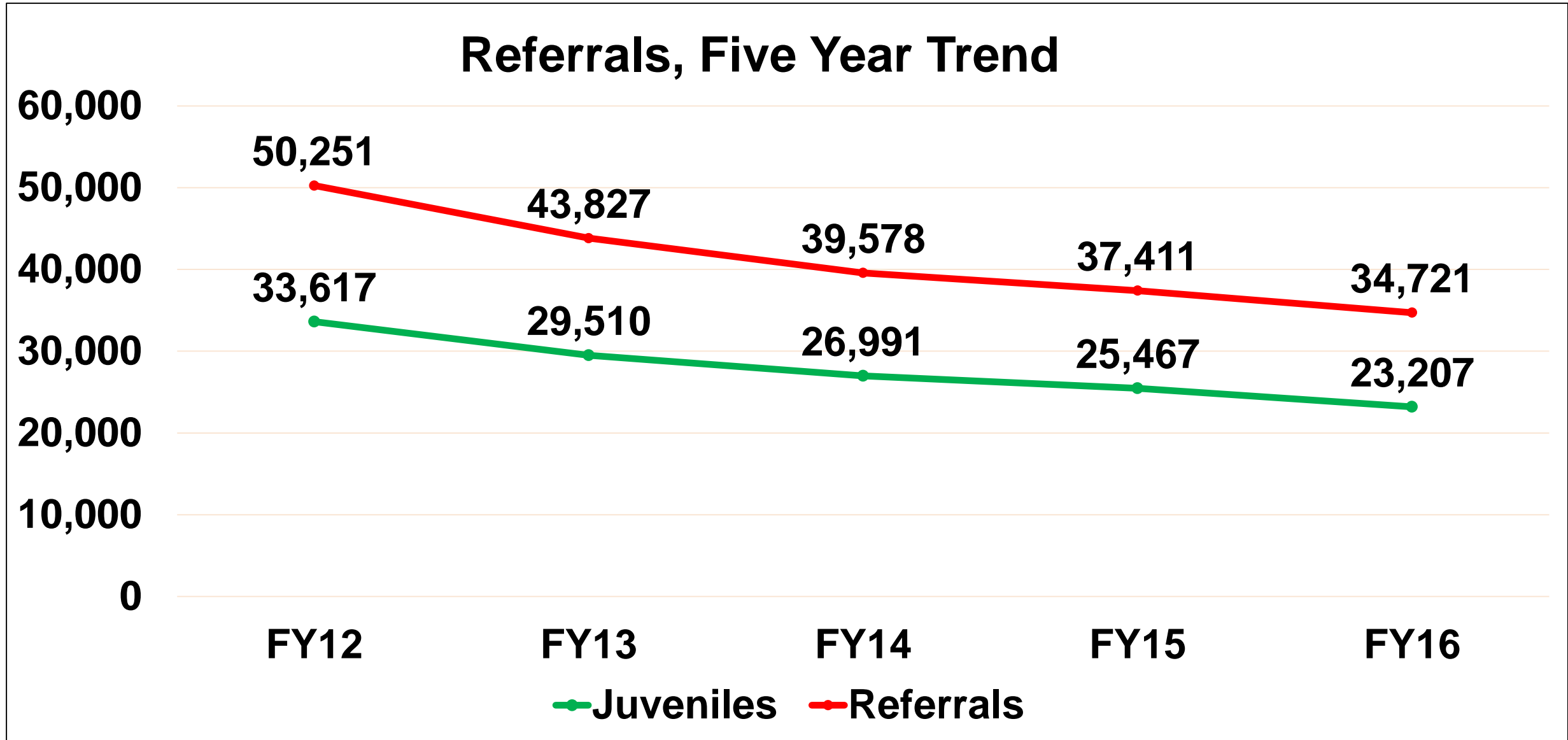
**2017**



# **ARIZONA RESULTS**

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

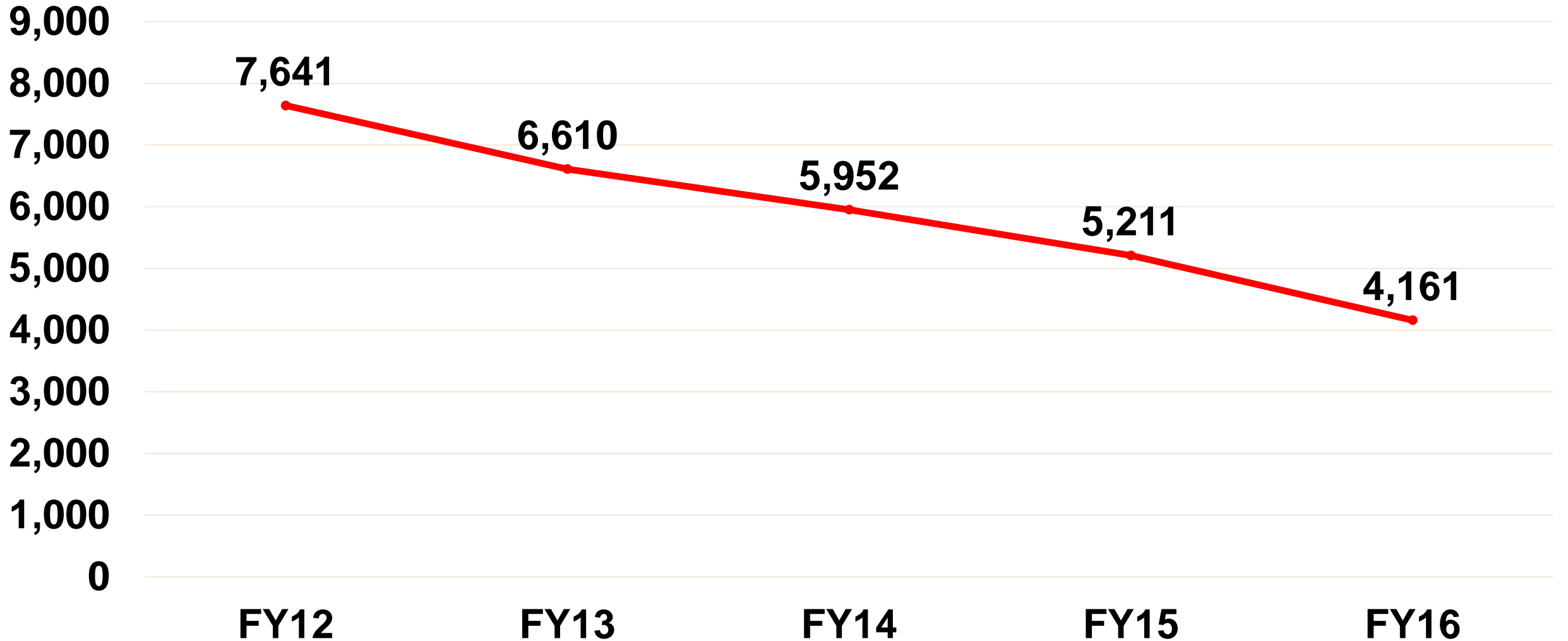
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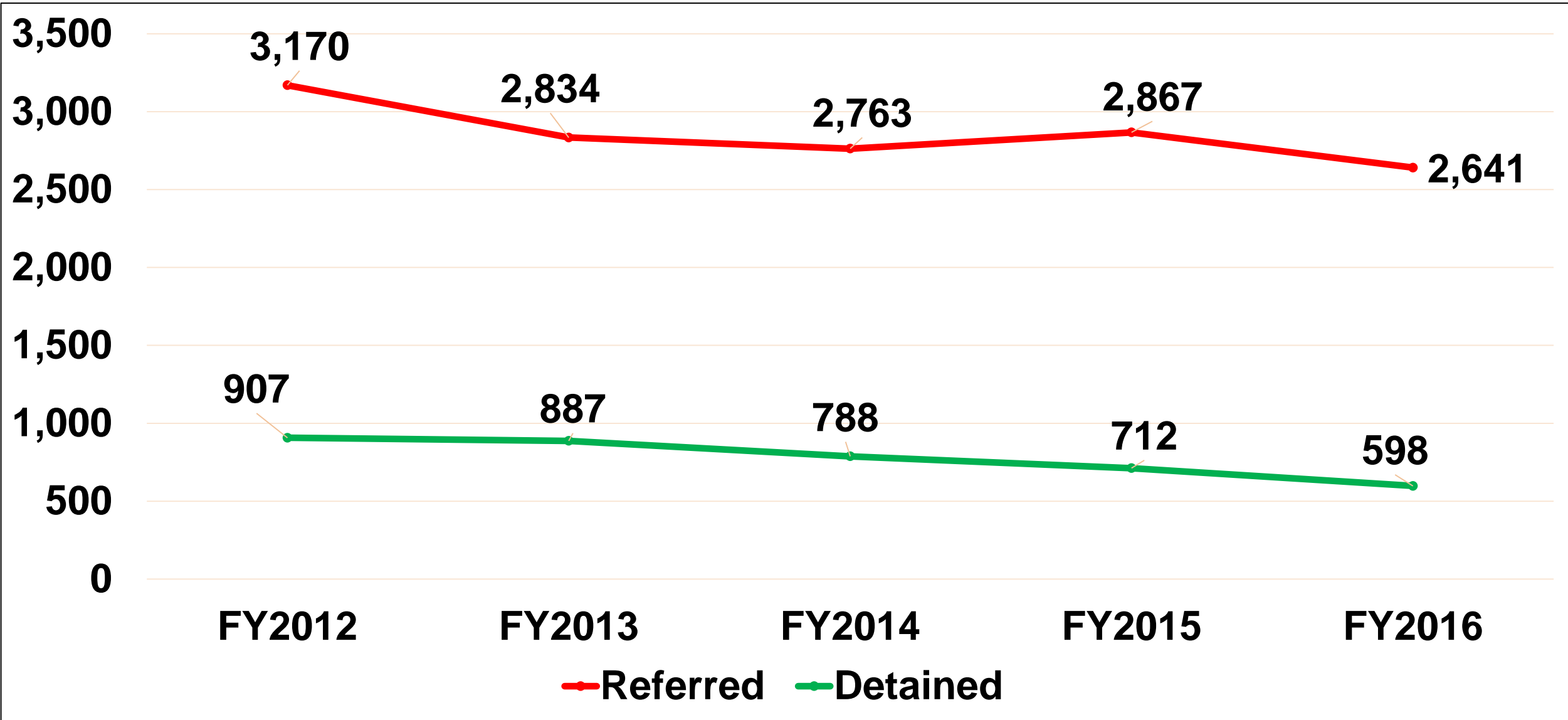


# NUMBER OF JUVENILES DETAINED

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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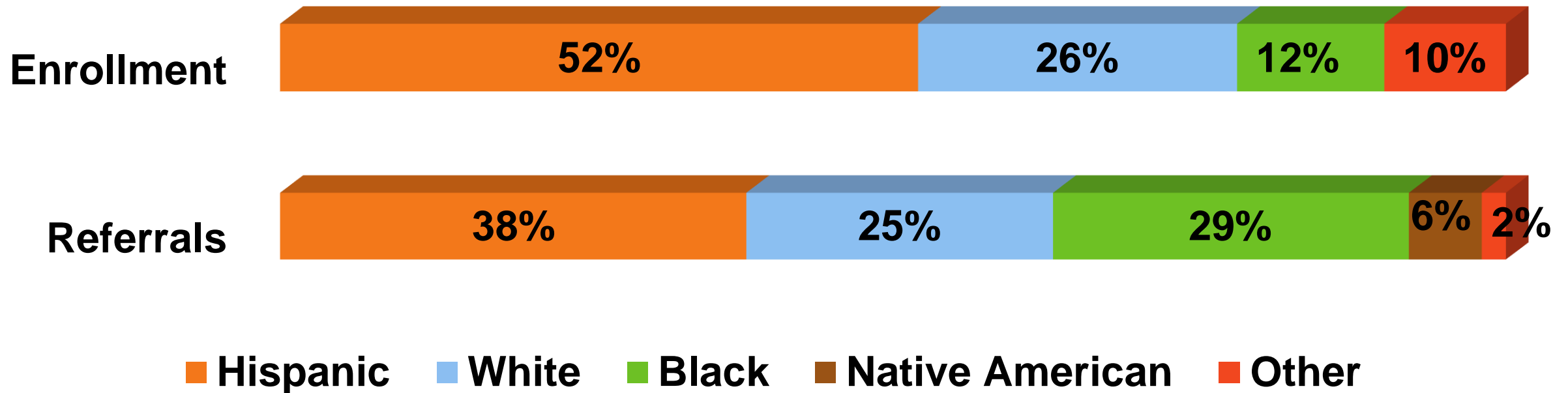
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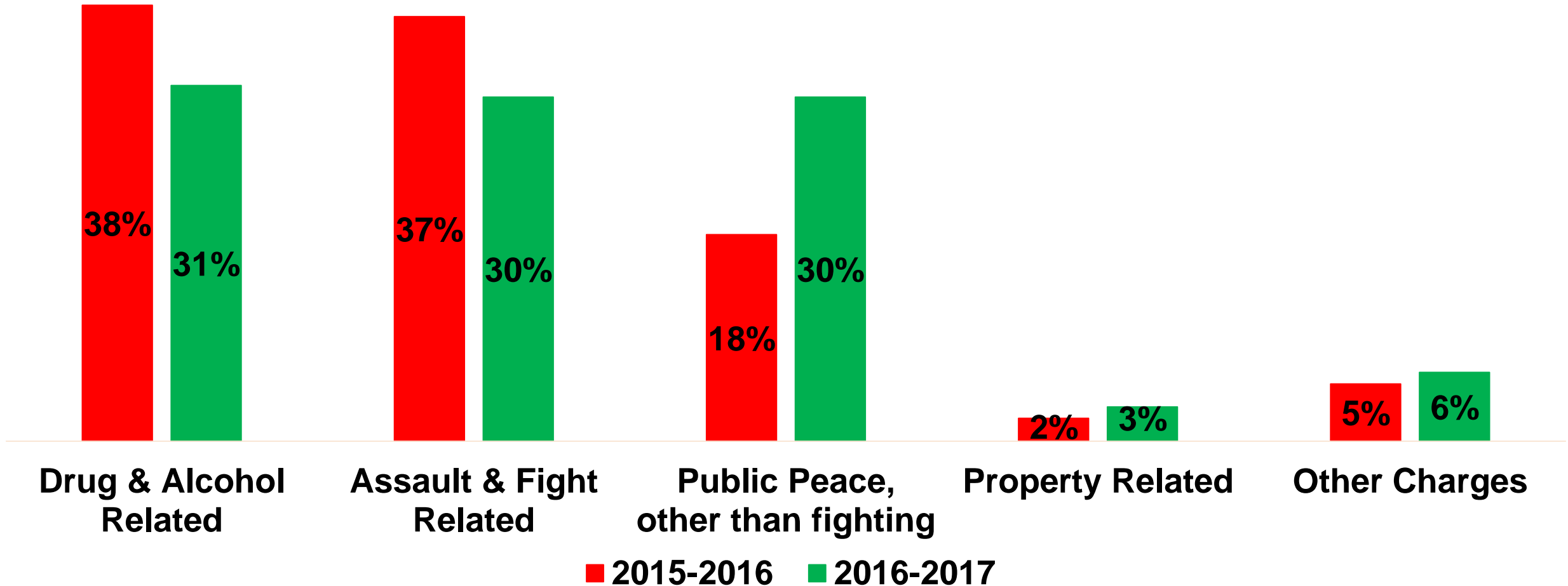


# **Palo Verde Neighborhood Collaborative (PVNC)**

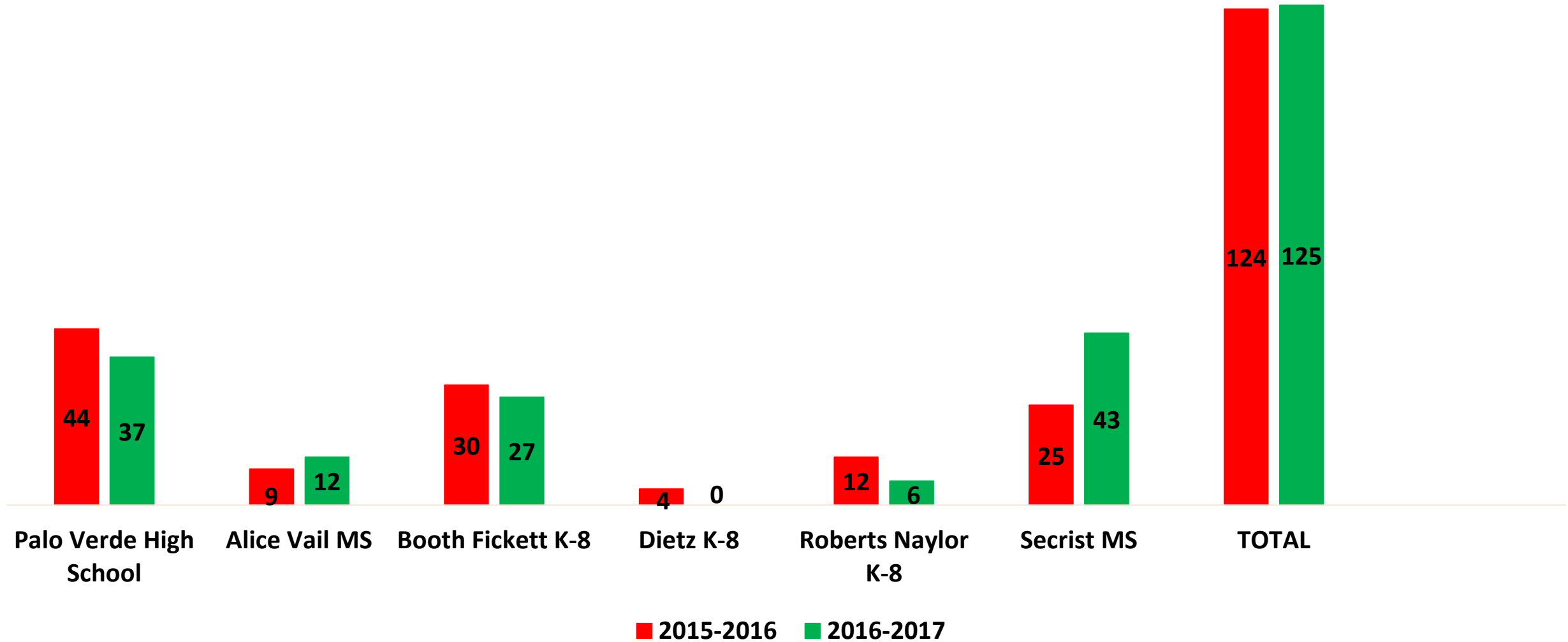
# Higher % of Black and Native American youth are referred compared to the % of Black and Native American students enrolled at PVNC schools



# 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

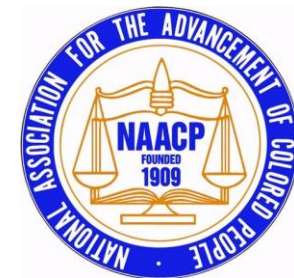
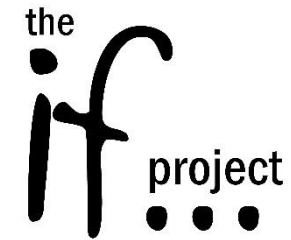
- **TARGET POPULATION**

- 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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