

Trauma and Delinquency

Juvenile Delinquency: A Course for District Court Judges

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Philanthropist and Publisher Joseph Palmer Knapp
And
Educator and Institute of Government Director John Lassiter Sanders



The Impact of Trauma



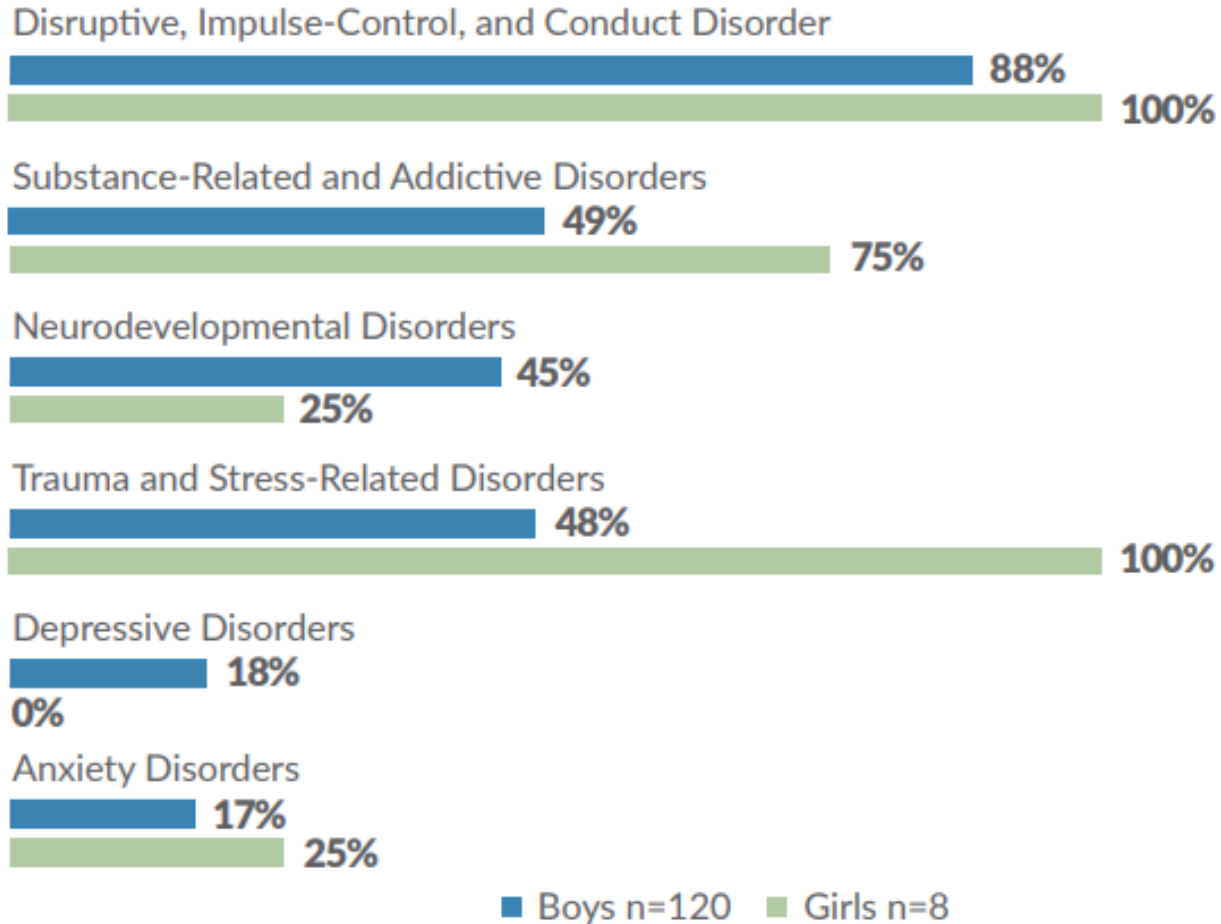
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- More than 80% of justice-involved youth report experiencing trauma
- 93% of children in detention report exposure to adverse events.
- **The majority of youth were exposed to 6 or more events**
- Girls reported greater exposure to all adverse events, except physical abuse and traumatic loss.

(Abram et al., 2004); (Ford et al., 2007)(NCTSN).



Most Prevalent Diagnostic Categories by Percentage of the 2021 YDC Population



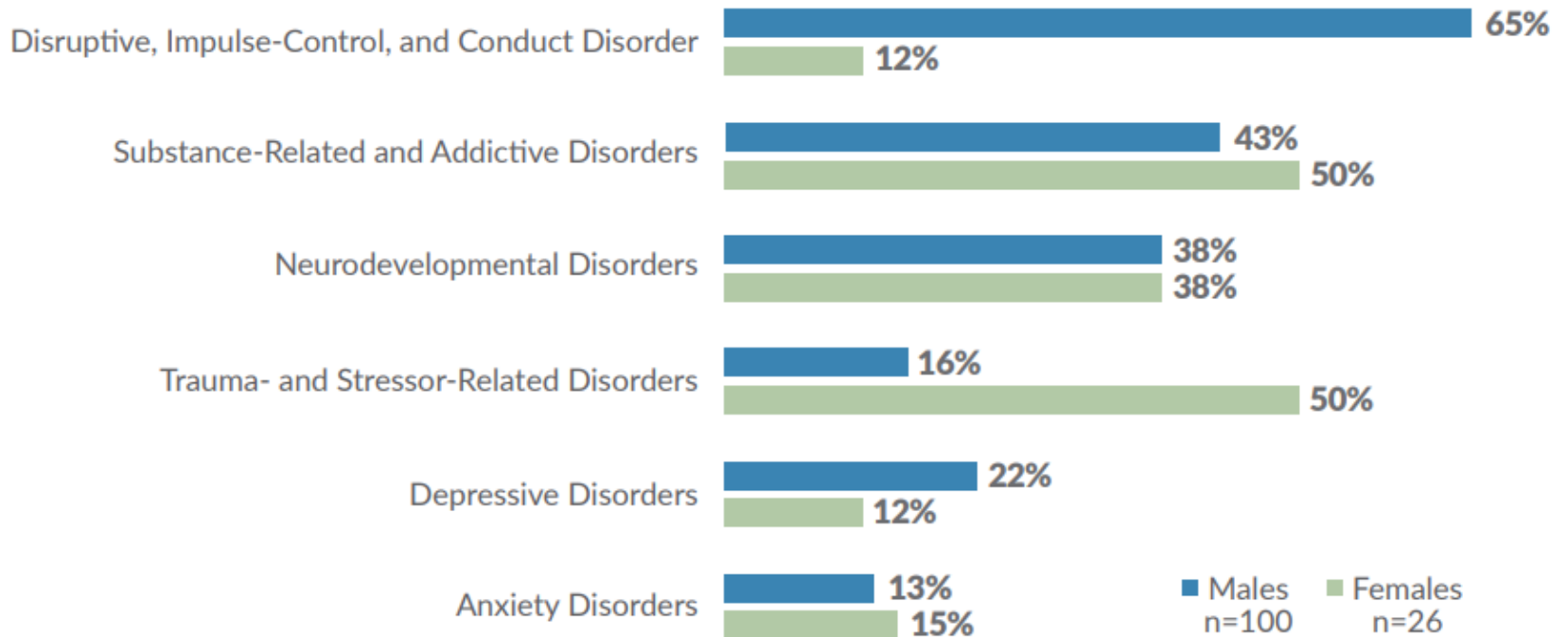
YDC population Average ACE Score

Girls 5.4

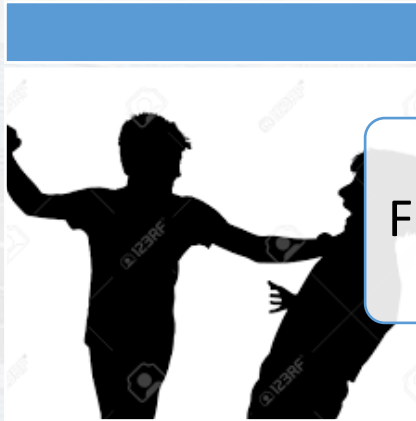
Boys 3.0



Most Prevalent Diagnostic with the Contract Residential Population



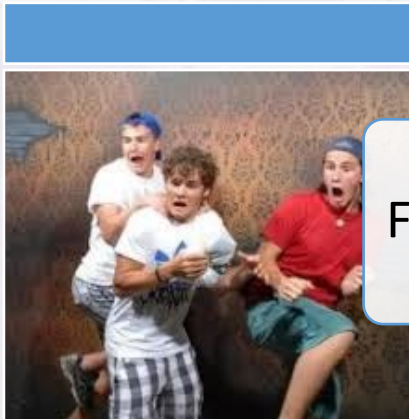
Trauma and Behavior



Fight



Flight



Freeze

Trauma-Informed Juvenile Justice Approaches



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