RE-518 - Risk and Needs Assessment Comparison

Risk and Needs Assessment data were analyzed comparing three groups of juveniles. Juveniles were grouped by age: Group 1 – Raise the Age (RTA) juveniles, Group 2 – juveniles aged 10-15, and Group 3 – juveniles under the age of 10. Frequencies for each item and overall assessment score were analyzed.

Needs Assessment

A total of 11,911 Needs Assessments (Group 1 n=3453, Group 2 n=8319, Group 3 n=139) that were completed between December 1, 2019 and November 30, 2020 were analyzed. Highlights of differences between the groups are listed below.

- 9% of RTA juveniles, 6% of juveniles age 10-15 and 0% of juveniles under 10 were identified as gang members or associates.
- 60% of RTA juveniles and almost half of juveniles aged 10-15 had some association with peers that were involved in delinquent/criminal behavior. Less than 15% of juveniles under the age of 10 had similar peer associations.
- Over half of RTA juveniles, 61%, reported having some sort of substance abuse, while
 juveniles aged 15 and under were much lower, 33%, and juveniles age 10 and under at less
 than 1%.
- 48% of RTA juveniles, 43% of juveniles aged 10-15 and 37% of juveniles under 10 had behavior that indicated additional mental health assessment or treatment.
- Almost half of all juveniles, across all ages (45%, 50%, and 41%), had a household member that was currently incarcerated or had a record.

Needs Level by Group

	Group 1 (RTA)	Group 2 (10-15)	Group 3 (Under 10)
Low	59.99%	61.60%	80.58%
Medium	32.98%	33.51%	15.11%
High	7.03%	4.89%	4.32%

Risk Assessment

A total of 11,968 Risk Assessments (Group 1 n=3474, Group 2 n=8353, Group 3 n=141) that were completed between December 1, 2019 and November 30, 2020 were analyzed. Highlights of differences between the groups are listed below.

• 22% of RTA juveniles and 17% of juveniles 10-15 had runaway from home. Almost all juveniles under 10, 99%, had never runaway from home.

Risk Level by Group

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	Group 1 (RTA)	Group 2 (10-15)	Group 3 (Under 10)
RL1	7.91%	5.89%	0.00%
RL2	17.66%	16.43%	17.48%
RL3	22.10%	32.45%	48.95%
RL4	29.86%	31.92%	31.47%
RL5	22.48%	13.32%	2.10%