



Juvenile Justice

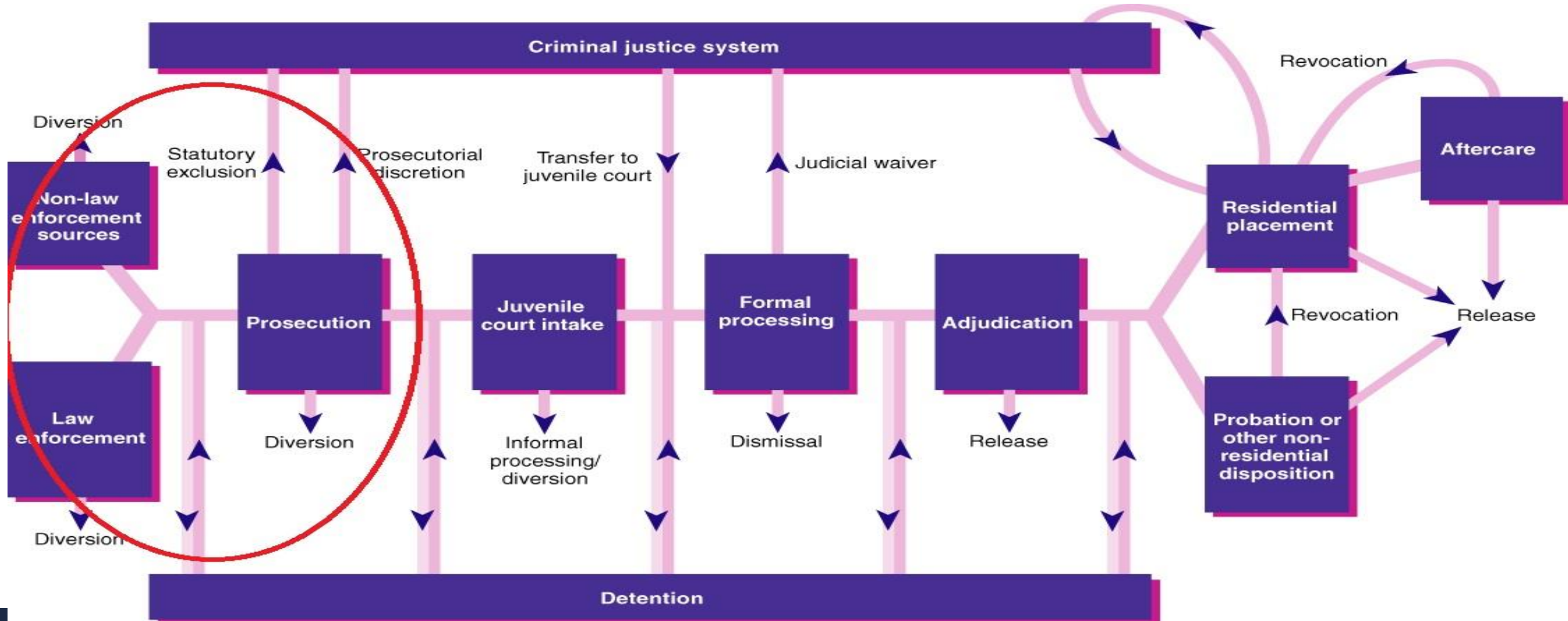
Law Enforcement and Community: Crisis Intervention Team Training

Who Am I?

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Why are we here?



Juveniles and the Police



- **Juveniles and the Police**
 - **Why are we there?**
 - **What can you do in the moment?**
 - **What services are available?**

Initial Involvement



How do calls initiating from adults differ from those of the juvenile population?

The majority of those calls involve:

MENTAL HEALTH

Calls for Service



In 2003 the Beverly Police Department had 762 logged calls with some sort of recorded juvenile involvement

Of the 762 calls there were 135 medical calls, 32 simple assaults, 6 felonious assaults, 5 drug related calls, 24 missing juveniles, 7 arrests, and 23 domestics

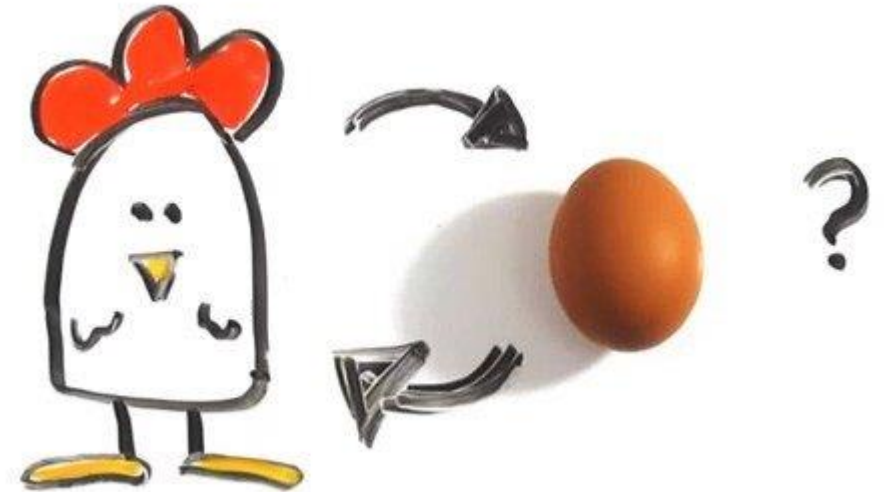
Over 10% percent of the total were mental health related

Chicken or the Egg

What came first....

Did the child have a predisposed mental health issue or was it caused by some external factors?

One or the other or both could be right



My Observations



The two biggest factors contributing to our calls for service regarding juveniles are **social media/use of electronic devices** and **substance abuse**

Other obstacles:

Single parent households, grandparents or other guardianships, DCF involvement, substance abuse within the home, learning disabilities and inability to read that cause school-based discipline and behavior problems

Electronic Device



- Outside of food, clothing and shelter, a **cell phone** is probably the most important aspect of their being and is indispensable. It provides a social connection and contributes to the bodies release of serotonin
- Unfortunately, sometimes the only way to discipline a child is to take away their most important thing, their device
- Device may also be an IPad, video game console i.e. Xbox, Playstation or a PC
- Cell phones have basically become a human appendage and as such, taking it away is akin to cutting it off a limb
- Taking it away typically sends the juvenile into a frenzy leading to increased anxiety, unpredictable behavior and in a lot of cases, domestic assaults

Social Media



- Social media is an important part of everyday life and does serve a legitimate purpose
- Social media, however, has many negatives. It can lead to body image issues, influences unsafe behavior, subjects the juvenile to isolation, bullying, and contributes to social contagions. The list goes on and on.

Substance Abuse



Nicotine Vapes

THC Vapes

Overseas Products

Concentrations—----> then vs. now

Addictive Properties

How are they getting them?

Collateral Damage from COVID



Long lasting and “unforeseen” effects of COVID pandemic and shutdown

Emerging mental illnesses

Isolation from friends and school

Missed years of learning

Intro to the Juvenile Justice System



- Summons vs. Arrest
- 6-month misdemeanors, first offense, lack of jurisdiction, felonies
- DA and Court Diversion
- Formal and informal mediation
- 37H 1/2

What can you do to help



1. First and foremost, Take your time
2. Listen - You may be first person to actually listen to their problems in a long time, don't get discouraged
3. Get down to their level, sit with them w/o parent in earshot
4. Try to provide solutions but don't make promises
5. Provide incentives, not bribes
6. Involve the SRO whenever possible. If available at the moment or make sure you loop them in after the fact via email, etc. —-----> "Handle with Care"
7. Utilize clinician, board of health or other social services
8. Ask about DCF involvement, may already have case worker you can reach out to
9. When in doubt, file 51A

School's Role



PASS Program

Adjustment/Outreach Counselors

Therapeutic Classroom Settings/Smaller Class Sizes

Community Conversations

Specialized Schools for behavioral issues and drug recovery

Resources for Parents



Provide department designed guide to parents/guardians:

- ☐ Resources for parents on social media sites
- ☐ NetSmartz (NCMEC)
- ☐ SRO Email Address
- ☐ CRA (parent or school based), Section 35, Missing Person/Runaway
- ☐ CBHC - Eliot Services
- ☐ Wait Til' 8th Campaign
- ☐ In Plain Site and other US Attorneys Office Programs
- ☐ Apps like Life360
- ☐ Be Healthy Beverly (similar programs in other communities)

Resources for You

MHFA or MPTC Youth Mental Health First Aid



Resources for You (Cont.)



- Comfort Dogs
- STARS Program
- Training

Wrap-Up

Questions?

THANK YOU