*City of Bristol*
*Youth Commission*

*INFORMATION TO ACCESS THIS MEETING*
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The regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 6:00 PM. in City Hall, Room G-1 (004), 111 North Main Street, Bristol, CT.

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
   a. Pledge of Allegiance
   b. Attendance
2. Public Participation
3. Approval of Minutes
   a. Approval of Minutes: December 11, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes
4. Supervisor's Report
   a. Supervisor's Report
   b. Year to Date Financials
   c. B.E.S.T Year End Review
5. New Business
   a. YSB Quarter 1 Data Collection Review
   b. School Readiness Presentation
   c. Social Media Presentation

    d. BPRYCS Tentative Relocation Plan to City Hall

    e. By Commissioners

6. Old Business

    a. Holiday Gift Giving Program Impact Report

    b. By Commissioners

7. Adjournment

PER ORDER OF THE CHAIRPERSON
Officer Matthew Gotowala, Chair

PARKS, RECREATION, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Youth Commission

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Bristol City Hall-111 North Main Street Bristol, CT 06010 Room 1-4



## 1. Call to Order

Chair Officer Matthew Gotowala called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### a. Attendance

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| **Members Present:** | Officer Matthew Gotowala, Chair<br>Deborah Ahl, Vice Chair,<br>Ryan Broderick, Commissioner<br>Donna Osuch, Commissioner<br>Miguel Salguero, Commissioner<br>Renee Singleton, Commissioner<br>Luke Viens, Commissioner<br>Lance Washington, Commissioner<br>Erick Rosengren, City Council Liaison<br>Dr. Josh Medeiros, Superintendent |
| **Absent:** | Richard Kilby, Commissioner<br>Lance Washington, Commissioner<br>Sarah Larson, Deputy Superintendent |

### b. Pledge of Alligiance

## 2. Public Participation

None.

## 3. Approval of Minutes

### a. Approval of Minutes: October 23, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

**MOTION**: Made By Vice Chair Ahl to Approve the October 23,2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.
Seconded by Chair Gotowala, all in favor, motion carried.

## 4. Supervisor's Report

### a. Supervisor's Report

Youth and Community Supervisor Stephen Bynum presented the Supervisor's Report; discussion followed.
Youth and Community Coordinator Raven Cody presented the Project Aware Updates; discussion followed.
Commissioner Broderick brought up the issue of social media and how it is still being misused among groups of young women. He stated the most of the suspensions and office referrals are because of social media and suggested future programs touch on the proper use of social media; discussion followed.

### b. Year to Date Financials

Bristol Parks and Recreation, Youth and Community Services Superintendent Josh Medeiros presented the Year-to-Date Financials; discussion followed.

### c. B.E.S.T Update

Youth and Community Services, BEST Project Coordinator Deedra Willingham presented the B.E.S.T Updates; discussion followed.

## 5. New Business

### a. Adoption of the Youth Commission Calendar

Officer Matthew Gotowala, Chair, presented the Youth Commission 2025 Meeting Calendar; discussion followed.

**MOTION**: Made by City Council Liaison Rosengren to Adopt the Youth Commission 2025 Meeting Calendar.
Seconded by Commissioner Broderick, all in favor, motion carried.

### b. Memorandum Between the Board of Education and Youth Services Bureaus

Youth and Community Supervisor Stephen Bynum presented the Memorandum between the Board of Education and Youth Services Bureaus. This is for Youth and Community Services being able to share data in order to best serve students and families and assist with government funding; discussion followed.

Superintendent Josh Medeiros showed his appreciation to the Board of Education's

Superintendent, Iris White, for her quick response and collaboration on the Memorandum.

**MOTION**: By City Council Liaison Rosengren to place the Memorandum between the Board of Education and Youth Services Bureaus on file.
Seconded by Vice Chair Ahl, all in favor, motion carried.

**c. Youth and Community Services Fiscal Year 2026 Approved Division Budget**

Bristol Parks and Recreation, Youth and Community Services Superintendent Joshua Medeiros presented the Fiscal Year 2026 Division Budget; discussion followed.

**MOTION**: By Commissioner Broderick to endorse the Youth and Community Services Fiscal Year 2026 Approved Division Budget.
Seconded by Commissioner Singleton, all in favor, motion carried.

**d. By Commissioners**

None.

**6. Old Business**

**a. By Commissioners**

None.

**b. Holiday Gift Giving Program Update and Facility Site Visit**

Youth and Community Services Coordinator Aubrey Minkler presented the Holiday Gift Giving Program Update and a Facility Site Visit; discussion followed.

**7. Adjournment**

**MOTION**: Made by City Council Liaison Rosengren to adjourn at 6:54 p.m.
Seconded by Commissioner Singleton, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amaris Estrada
Recording Secretary
Youth Commission

Youth Commission Updates

February 2025

## Paul Vivian Internship Experience Program

The Paul Vivian Internship was scheduled to begin in January of 2025. We have had several students show interest to the program. Out of those interested, many have applied to the program, however, presenting barriers have either disqualified them from being eligible hires, or delayed the hiring process. Some barriers have been students navigating challenging personal circumstances like homelessness. Two students were not able to be accompanied to their drug screenings by their parents/guardians which is a requirement. Additionally, students' use of marijuana has also been a barrier that deters them from participating.

We currently have two students who submitted applications on 2/3/2025 and those were forwarded to City Hall for the next phase in the hiring process.

Youth and Family Coordinator Malone continues to attempt to recruit students and overcome barriers to increase their ability to participate in the program.

## Young Women's Issues Group

The Young Women's Issues Group is a 22-week program that is facilitated by Youth and Family Coordinators Ashante Malone and Raven Cody. The group began October 23rd and is scheduled to run through April 30th. There have been about 8 students attending consistently. To date, 11 of the 22 sessions have been completed.

Topics that have been covered are Mental Health, Human Trafficking, and Goals and Personal Development through vision boards (shown in picture below). Kim Holley with Bristol Works has also presented to the group on the services the organization offers. That presentation ended with two of the students making appointments with Bristol Works to build and improve their resumes and look for employment opportunities in their fields of interest. Prudence Crandall has also presented to the group on Teen Dating violence. Group facilitators have also organized a Field Trip to Tunxis on February 26th, and a Team Building Field Trip to Pine Lake on April 9th.

This particular group of Prep Students appreciates the space for artistic creativity. Below is a picture of a canvas that one of the students painted during one of our groups. A paint along tutorial was shown and the students followed along, creating a canvas of a bed of Daisies.

**Girls with a Purpose (GWAP)**


GWAP is scheduled to run from February 5$^{th}$ – through April 30 and takes place at the Youth and Community Services building on Wednesdays from 5:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. with Youth and Family Coordinators Raven Cody and Ashante Malone facilitating the group. There are 11 students registered to date and recruitment was done through the Middle Schools and community events such as Family Night at Bristol Prep. The goal of this group is to increase self-esteem, self- awareness, & self- confidence. Weekly topics will include the effects of bullying, peer violence, the risks of social media, substance use, and more through planned activities and guest speakers from local organizations. We hope to have speakers and presentations from NAMI CT (National Alliance for Mental Illness), Miss Connecticut Teen and Prudence Crandall speak to our students as well.

## Bristol Eliminating Substance Use Together (BEST)

Some of the BEST updates are as follows:

- We've been working on a spring break partnership with BEST, where we'll be offering prevention programming for an hour from Monday to Thursday (4/14-4/17). During this time, we'll be engaging participants in a variety of activities. On Thursday, in addition to our planned activity, BEST will host a pizza party for everyone.
- We are also in the early stages of presenting an exciting opportunity for our youth coalition members to attend a Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) training.
- We've been collaborating with Ryan on his idea from previous months regarding social media and its impact on students. We've recognized that many of the issues students face are either caused or worsened by social media. We are working on how we can bring something to the school(s) that addresses these concerns, but we're still determining what that will specifically look like.
- For your reference, I've included a Year 9 presentation that was shared with our adult coalition back in December. Feel free to review it to see what BEST has been up to so far this year, it highlights things in more detail.

## Interns

Youth and Community Services currently has 4 interns on board:

- Savannah Watts, MSW student at Walden University (Youth Services Intern)
- Alfred Valero, BSW student at USJ (Youth Services Intern)
- Katelyn Jeroszko, BSW Student at CCSU (Youth Services Intern)
- Marissa Dube, Human Services student at TXCC (Community Services and BEST intern)

Youth and Family Coordinator Raven Cody is the intern supervisor, and provides each student with valuable hands-on fieldwork experience to guide them into becoming knowledgeable and empathetic social workers.

## Upcoming Programs

Please see the attached flyers for two returning youth service programs that will be starting up shortly! Empower Hour is a social skills afterschool programs for youth in grades 4 and 5, and Man Up is a support group for middle school male students. Both programs are free and provide dinner each week. Please feel free to spread the word and refer families!


**Community Conversation**

BPRYCS, with sponsorships from BEST and Wheeler Health, hosted One Degree of Separation for this year's Community Conversation held at Downtown Live- Rockwell Theater. The event had over 150 attendees with several vendors present to hand out valuable resources and information. Vendors included Wheeler Health, NAMI, BBHD, Hartford County Tattoo, Alt2Su, Root Center for Advanced Recovery, BEST and Alcoholics Anonymous.

## Current Juvenile Review Board Statistics:

We currently have 4 open cases

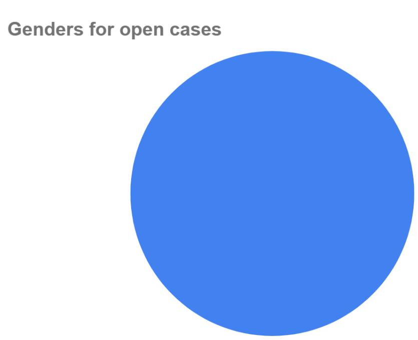
**Open Cases: Please note we have more charges than cases due to some cases having multiple charges.**

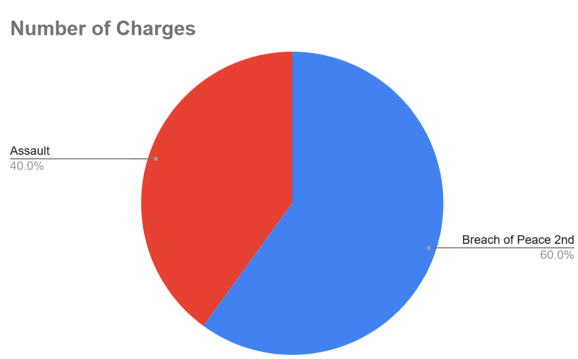
| Charge | Number of Charges |
|---|---|
| Breach of Peace 2nd | 3 |
| Assault | 2 |

**Pending Cases:**

| Charge | Number of Cases |
|---|---|
| BOP/Assault | 2 |
| | |

| Gender | Genders for open cases |
|---|---|
| Male | 4 |



# CITY OF BRISTOL

## YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2025 13

| ACCOUNTS FOR: 001 GENERAL FUND | | ORIGINAL APPROP | TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS | REVISED BUDGET | YTD ACTUAL | ENCUMBRANCES | AVAILABLE BUDGET | PCT USE/COL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **0017025 YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES** | | | | | | | | |
| 001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-432026- | YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU | -41,845 | 0 | -41,845 | -20,922.00 | .00 | -20,923.00 | 50.0%* |
| 001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-432147- | ENHANCEMENT SERVICES | -12,995 | 0 | -12,995 | -6,496.00 | .00 | -6,499.00 | 50.0%* |
| 001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-432157- | YOUTH SERVICES SUPPLEMENT | -18,385 | 0 | -18,385 | -9,191.50 | .00 | -9,193.50 | 50.0%* |
| 001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-450301- | WELFARE EVICTION RECEIPTS | -7,500 | 0 | -7,500 | -6,660.00 | .00 | -840.00 | 88.8%* |
| 001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-514000- | REGULAR WAGES & SALARIES | 294,025 | 0 | 294,025 | 162,944.12 | .00 | 131,080.88 | 55.4% |
| 001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-515100- | OVERTIME WAGES & SALARIES | 6,000 | 0 | 6,000 | 1,495.09 | .00 | 4,504.91 | 24.9% |
| 001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-515200- | PARTTIME WAGES & SALARIES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,604.30 | .00 | -1,604.30 | 100.0%* |
| 001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-517000- | OTHER WAGES | 1,700 | 0 | 1,700 | 1,677.88 | .00 | 22.12 | 98.7% |
| 001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-531000- | PROFESSIONAL FEES & SERVICES | 25,000 | 0 | 25,000 | 3,607.50 | 4,892.50 | 16,500.00 | 34.0% |
| 001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-531115- | JRB COORDINATION | 8,225 | 0 | 8,225 | 2,300.00 | 550.00 | 5,375.00 | 34.7% |
| 001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-531120- | PROJECT AWARE | 41,845 | 0 | 41,845 | 5,358.17 | 15,731.00 | 20,755.83 | 50.4% |
| 001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-531135- | ENHANCEMENT SERVICES | 12,995 | 0 | 12,995 | 5,479.85 | 580.00 | 6,935.15 | 46.6% |
| 001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-531136- | YOUTH SERVICES SUPPLEMENT | 18,385 | 0 | 18,385 | 6,240.46 | .00 | 12,144.54 | 33.9% |
| 001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-553000- | TELEPHONE | 680 | 0 | 680 | 370.96 | 309.04 | .00 | 100.0% |
| 001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-561800- | PROGRAM SUPPLIES | 750 | 0 | 750 | 61.20 | .00 | 688.80 | 8.2% |
| 001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-581120- | CONFERENCES & MEMBERSHIPS | 2,400 | 0 | 2,400 | 1,105.75 | 225.25 | 1,069.00 | 55.5% |
| 001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-581240- | WELFARE EVICTIONS & AUCTIONS | 9,000 | 0 | 9,000 | 3,826.80 | 300.00 | 4,873.20 | 45.9% |
| 001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-581745- | NONREIMBURSEABLE INCIDENTALS | 2,300 | 0 | 2,300 | 198.70 | 300.00 | 1,801.30 | 21.7% |
| 001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-587232- | RELOCATION COSTS | 60,000 | 0 | 60,000 | 1,612.00 | 1,700.00 | 56,688.00 | 5.5% |
| TOTAL YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES | | 402,580 | 0 | 402,580 | 154,613.28 | 24,587.79 | 223,378.93 | 44.5% |

# YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2025 13

| ACCOUNTS FOR: 001 GENERAL FUND | | ORIGINAL APPROP | TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS | REVISED BUDGET | YTD ACTUAL | ENCUMBRANCES | AVAILABLE BUDGET | PCT USE/COL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL GENERAL FUND | | 402,580 | 0 | 402,580 | 154,613.28 | 24,587.79 | 223,378.93 | 44.5% |
| | TOTAL REVENUES | -80,725 | 0 | -80,725 | -43,269.50 | .00 | -37,455.50 | |
| | TOTAL EXPENSES | 483,305 | 0 | 483,305 | 197,882.78 | 24,587.79 | 260,834.43 | |

# YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2025 13

| | ORIGINAL APPROP | TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS | REVISED BUDGET | YTD ACTUAL | ENCUMBRANCES | AVAILABLE BUDGET | PCT USE/COL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GRAND TOTAL | 402,580 | 0 | 402,580 | 154,613.28 | 24,587.79 | 223,378.93 | 44.5% |

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# CITY OF BRISTOL

## YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2025 13

| ACCOUNTS FOR: 106 SPECIAL GRANTS & DONATIONS | | ORIGINAL APPROP | TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS | REVISED BUDGET | YTD ACTUAL | ENCUMBRANCES | AVAILABLE BUDGET | PCT USE/COL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1067025 YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES** | | | | | | | | |
| 106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-432150-25G08 | JUV DIVERSION GRANT | 0 | -21,000 | -21,000 | -10,500.00 | .00 | -10,500.00 | 50.0%* |
| 106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-531125-25G08 | JUVENILE DIVERSION | 0 | 21,000 | 21,000 | 2,512.50 | 7,007.50 | 11,480.00 | 45.3% |
| TOTAL YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES | | 0 | 0 | 0 | -7,987.50 | 7,007.50 | 980.00 | 100.0% |
| TOTAL SPECIAL GRANTS & DONATIONS | | 0 | 0 | 0 | -7,987.50 | 7,007.50 | 980.00 | 100.0% |
| TOTAL REVENUES | | 0 | -21,000 | -21,000 | -10,500.00 | .00 | -10,500.00 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | 0 | 21,000 | 21,000 | 2,512.50 | 7,007.50 | 11,480.00 | |

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# CITY OF BRISTOL

## YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2025 13

| | ORIGINAL APPROP | TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS | REVISED BUDGET | YTD ACTUAL | ENCUMBRANCES | AVAILABLE BUDGET | PCT USE/COL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GRAND TOTAL | 0 | 0 | 0 | -7,987.50 | 7,007.50 | 980.00 | 100.0% |

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# YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2025 13

| ACCOUNTS FOR: 106 SPECIAL GRANTS & DONATIONS | | ORIGINAL APPROP | TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS | REVISED BUDGET | YTD ACTUAL | ENCUMBRANCES | AVAILABLE BUDGET | PCT USE/COL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1067025 YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES** | | | | | | | | |
| 106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-431007-25G10 | MISC. FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT | 0 | -125,000 | -125,000 | .00 | .00 | -125,000.00 | .0%* |
| 106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-514000-25G10 | REGULAR WAGES & SALARIES | 0 | 67,755 | 67,755 | 18,979.37 | .00 | 48,775.63 | 28.0% |
| 106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-515200-25G10 | PARTTIME WAGES & SALARIES | 0 | 15,552 | 15,552 | .00 | .00 | 15,552.00 | .0% |
| 106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-520700-25G10 | F.I.C.A. | 0 | 5,165 | 5,165 | .00 | .00 | 5,165.00 | .0% |
| 106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-520750-25G10 | MEDICARE INSURANCE | 0 | 1,225 | 1,225 | .00 | .00 | 1,225.00 | .0% |
| 106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-531000-25G10 | PROFESSIONAL FEES & SERVICES | 0 | 11,846 | 11,846 | 2,403.87 | 5,767.50 | 3,674.63 | 69.0% |
| 106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-554000-25G10 | TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT | 0 | 5,240 | 5,240 | 3,344.17 | .00 | 1,895.83 | 63.8% |
| 106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-561800-25G10 | PROGRAM SUPPLIES | 0 | 4,466 | 4,466 | 944.47 | .00 | 3,521.53 | 21.1% |
| 106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-589100-25G10 | MISCELLANEOUS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,692.90 | 4,500.00 | -15,192.90 | 100.0%* |
| 106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-591500-25G10 | TRANSFER OUT INTERNAL SERVICE | 0 | 13,751 | 13,751 | .00 | .00 | 13,751.00 | .0% |
| TOTAL YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36,364.78 | 10,267.50 | -46,632.28 | 100.0% |
| TOTAL SPECIAL GRANTS & DONATIONS | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36,364.78 | 10,267.50 | -46,632.28 | 100.0% |
| TOTAL REVENUES | | 0 | -125,000 | -125,000 | .00 | .00 | -125,000.00 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | 0 | 125,000 | 125,000 | 36,364.78 | 10,267.50 | 78,367.72 | |

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# YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2025 13

| | ORIGINAL APPROP | TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS | REVISED BUDGET | YTD ACTUAL | ENCUMBRANCES | AVAILABLE BUDGET | PCT USE/COL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GRAND TOTAL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36,364.78 | 10,267.50 | -46,632.28 | 100.0% |

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# BEST

# YEAR 9

2024-2025

Bristol
Eliminating
Substance Use
Together

BRISTOL ELIMINATING SUBSTANCE USE TOGETHER

# SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES

| | |
|---|---|
| **VACANT** | BUSINESS SECTOR |
| **CHAD LAYTON** | CIVIL ORGANIZATION SECTOR |
| **SARAH LARSON, MS** | GOVERNMENT SECTOR |
| **ANGELIKA KARWOWSKI, MPH** | HEALTHCARE SECTOR |
| **DC ROBERT OSBORNE** | LAW ENFORCEMENT SECTOR |
| **VACANT** | MEDIA SECTOR |
| **ANICIA LOCKHART** | PARENT SECTOR |
| **VACANT** | RELIGIOUS SECTOR |
| **SARA HALE** | SCHOOL SECTOR |
| **DAVID RUELA** | SUBSTANCE MISUSE SECTOR |
| **RENEE SINGLETON** | YOUTH SECTOR |
| **JESSICA KILLEAN** | YOUTH SERVING SECTOR |
| **SAMANTHA RAJOTTE** | YOUTH SERVING SECTOR |

## CO-CHAIRS

SAMANTHA RAJOTTE ANICIA LOCKHART

## PROJECT COORDINATOR

DEEDRA WILLINGHAM, MHS

# AT A GLANCE

At the conclusion of year 8, we hosted *Prevention in the Park* for International Opioid Awareness. We provided a food truck where attendees could choose a meal and enjoy ice cream. We partnered with 5 local agencies, who set up tables during the event to offer resources. Additionally, we provided care bags for the unhoused population, which included gift cards to either McDonald's or Burger King, lip balm, socks, combs, mouthwash, facecloths, and information on local resources.

We also partnered with the Boys and Girls Club for their *Family Day*, distributing 200 ice cream tickets and 200 fried dough tickets to families during the event.

September 2024 officially marked the start of Year 9. We began our fiscal year strong by tabling at local events, as well as one non-local event, to network and raise awareness in the community. The youth coalition was officially launched early this month. We placed lawnsigns strategically throughout the town.

October was a super busy month. We sent four individuals to the 10th Annual Connecticut Prevention Summit, where they gathered valuable information and new ideas, which they brought back to share with the team.

We provided tabled and provided schools with Red Ribbon Week Swag. 2024 theme was, Life is a Movie, Film Drug Free.

We also participated in the city's first-ever Coffin Race at the Spooktacular event. On that same day coalition members attended Drug Take Back Day

In November, we donated gift cards to the prize winners of the 27th Annual Turkey Shoot.

In December, we sponsored four teenage youth for Christmas through the Holiday Gift Giving Program. We concluded the 4-Point Life Skills Program with 6 of the 11 participants. Each student received a certificate, notebook, and pen, while parents were sent a resource packet via USPS directly to their homes.

# LOOKING FORWARD

We are looking forward to completing the Life Skills Program with more students, collecting important survey data, and providing a summary as part of a grant requirement. Additionally, we plan to offer training and resources during our coalition meetings and attend conferences, providing coalition members with the opportunity to participate. For midyear, we aim to bring at least two youth to these events.

We are partnering with Parks and Rec to offer a Spring Vacation Camp with cost sharing for the fee to parents, we are also offering transportation.

# MEETINGS

## Attendance

August 22nd- 11
September 19th - 8
October 24th - 10

*A November meeting did not take place due to the holiday.


- Highest attendance: August (11)
- Lowest attendance: September (8)
- Average attendance: 9
- Anicia Lockhart and Sandy Kamens had perfect attendance (every meeting from Aug - Sept)

# ATTENDED AT LEAST ONE MEETING

Steve Bynum
Sandy Kamens
Nina Chanana
Angelie Karwowski
Josh Lamonte
Hope Allen
Christie Ganavage
Matt Norton
Sarah Larson
Chad Layton
Anicia Lockhart
Amaris Estrada
Josh Medeiros
Samantha Rajotte
Robert Osborne
Terence Burns
Antonio Lopes

# WELLNESS SURVEY

## WHO

The survey will target students in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12.
10% of each grade
*Based on 2022-2023 enrollment numbers, approx. 250 responses

## WHAT

Nina Chanana, our evaluator, will compile and analyze the data to make it more digestible for the average reader. She will also create a write-up that will be shared with the coalitions as well as Acting Superintendent, Iris White.

## WHEN

We are hoping to disseminate the wellness survey in February 2025 during Health and or Advisory periods.

## WHERE

-Chippens Middle School
-Bristol Central High School
-Bristol Eastern High School
-Bristol Prep Academy

## WHY

Collecting survey data is crucial for not only grant requirements, but it is also good for: understanding risk factors, and evaluating programs. It helps track trends, promote health, and support adolescents

## HOW

The survey will be distributed electronically to ensure broad accessibility and efficient data collection. We aim to administer the survey through school systems, with assistance from school administrators and teachers to facilitate participation during Health and or Advisory periods. Data will be anonymized to maintain student privacy, and participation will be voluntary to ensure ethical standards are upheld.

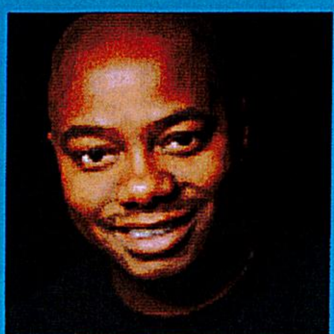
# EVENTS

1. Prevention in the Park (8/13)
2. Mayor's Pencil Hunt (8/22)
3. BBGC Family Day (8/23)
4. Tabling at CCAR Recovery Walk (9/28)
5. Tabling at BBHD Community Health Fair (10/5)
6. Connecticut Prevention Summit (10/17)
7. Drug Take Back Day (10/26)
8. Bristol Spooktacular (10/26)
9. Table @ Bristol Central Lunch (10/28)
10. Table @ Bristol Eastern Lunch (10/30)
11. 27th Annual Turkey Shoot (11/23)
12. Bristol Eastern Pep Rally: (11/27)
13. Bristol Central Pep Rally: (11/27)
14. Community Conversations (1/25/25)

# PRESENTATIONS

HIGH SCHOOL
*Mykee Fowlin - 3/18/2025*

NARCAN TRAININGS
*I am looking to receive training next year and also plan to train coalition members to become trainers*

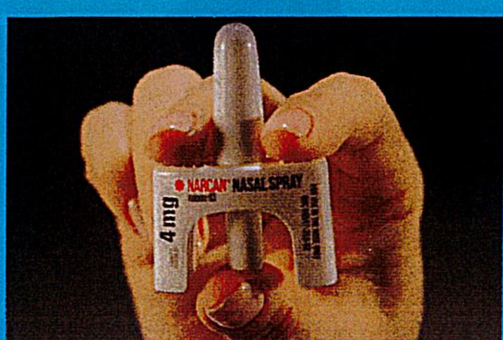


# 2025 CONFERENCES

CADCA Maryland
*(February 3 - 6, 2025)*

CADCA Mid-Year Tennessee
*(July 20-24, 2025)*

Harm Reduction Conference Colombia
*(April 27-30, 2025)*



# LAWN SIGNS

OVER 10 SIGNS PLACED IN:

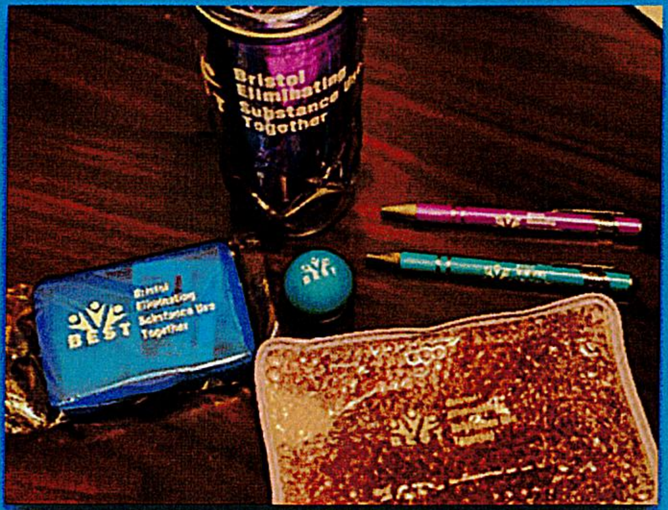
Rockwell Park
Brackett Park
Page Park
Seymour Park
Peaceful Minds
Pinelake
PrimoPress



# BEST SWAG

- Pop Its
- Pens
- Tumblers
- Shirts
- Toothbrush Squeezers
- Button Pins
- Strap Bookbags
- Sticky Pads
- Mini Coloring Books
- Stress balls
- Color-changing pencils



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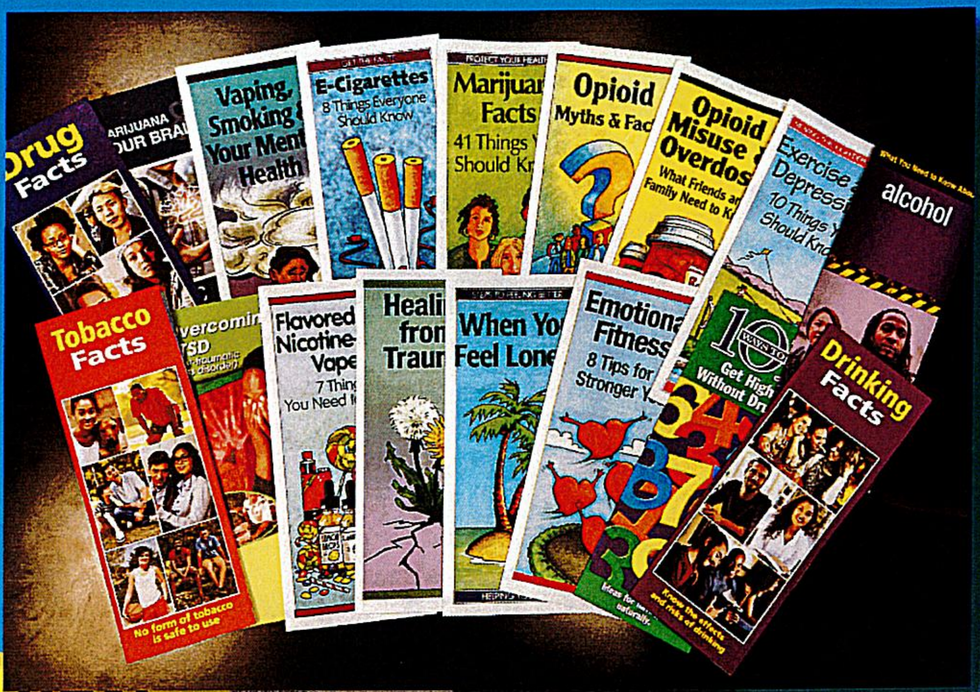



# THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

January we will conduct sign ups for the sub-committees

# SFY25 QUARTER 1

# YSB DATA REPORT

## STATEWIDE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Quarter 1 of SFY25 saw an overall submission rate of 95% of YSBs reporting data. Individual categories varied in submissions dependent upon activity seen in the July thru September time frame.

PROGRAMMING 68%

NON JRB YOUTH DATA 71%

JRB DATA 70%

OVERALL DATA 69%

YSB REPORTING 95%

## DATA REPORTING REMARKS

### DEVELOPING SUCCESS

The vast majority of YSBs submitted on-time reporting in Quarter 1.

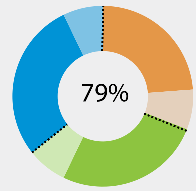
### ROOM FOR GROWTH

Some YSBs are continuing to submit data fields that do not align with the standard formatting required by DCF for submissions. This is an issue that is isolated to YSBs on their own systems. If an organization collects fields outside of what DCF collects, they should be translating them to the accepted fields and format prior to submission to ensure they are submitting usable data.

## CHAPTER ACTIVITY SUMMARY

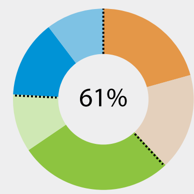
*Reporting percentages are based on data submitted per YSB versus the number of YSBs that reported collecting data in that category in SFY24.*

*Programming* / *No Programming Reported* — *Non-JRB* / *No Non-JRB Reported* — *JRB* / *No JRB Reported*



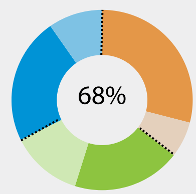

### EASTERN

PROGRAMMING: 77%
NON JRB YOUTH: 79%
JRB: 80%
**OVERALL: 79%**
*100% YSB REPORTING*



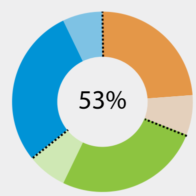

### FAIRFIELD

PROGRAMMING: 55%
NON JRB YOUTH: 73%
JRB: 57%
**OVERALL: 61%**
*92% YSB REPORTING*



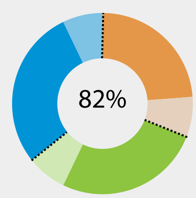

### MIDDLESEX

PROGRAMMING: 82%
NON JRB YOUTH: 60%
JRB: 64%
**OVERALL: 68%**
*100% YSB REPORTING*



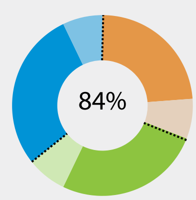

### NEW LONDON

PROGRAMMING: 50%
NON JRB YOUTH: 67%
JRB: 43%
**OVERALL: 53%**
*90% YSB REPORTING*



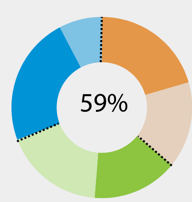

### NORTH CENTRAL

PROGRAMMING: 83%
NON JRB YOUTH: 79%
JRB: 83%
**OVERALL: 82%**
*96% YSB REPORTING*




### NORTHWEST

PROGRAMMING: 73%
NON JRB YOUTH: 91%
JRB: 89%
**OVERALL: 84%**
*100% YSB REPORTING*




### SOUTH CENTRAL

PROGRAMMING: 57%
NON JRB YOUTH: 46%
JRB: 75%
**OVERALL: 59%**
*86% YSB REPORTING*

# PROGRAMMING

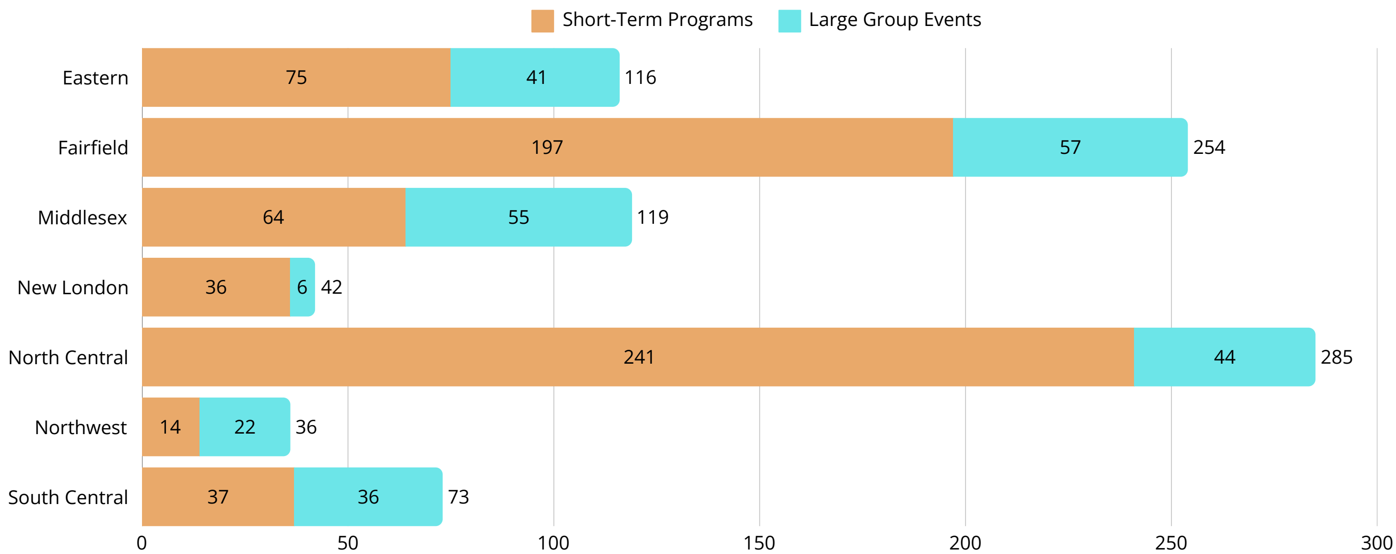
## SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS AND LARGE GROUP EVENTS *(TIER 1 ENGAGEMENT)*

925 PROGRAMS REPORTED

64,823 PARTICIPANTS

Statewide, 925 Short-Term Programs and Large Group Events were reported for SFY25 Quarter 1. North Central reported the most with 285 programs and events, while Fairfield Chapter held the highest calculated average reported at 21 events and programs per YSB.

### TOTAL PROGRAMMING REPORTED BY CHAPTER




## LARGE GROUP EVENTS

### STATEWIDE THERE WERE 261 TOTAL REPORTED LARGE GROUP EVENTS

### 53,204 REPORTED PARTICIPANTS

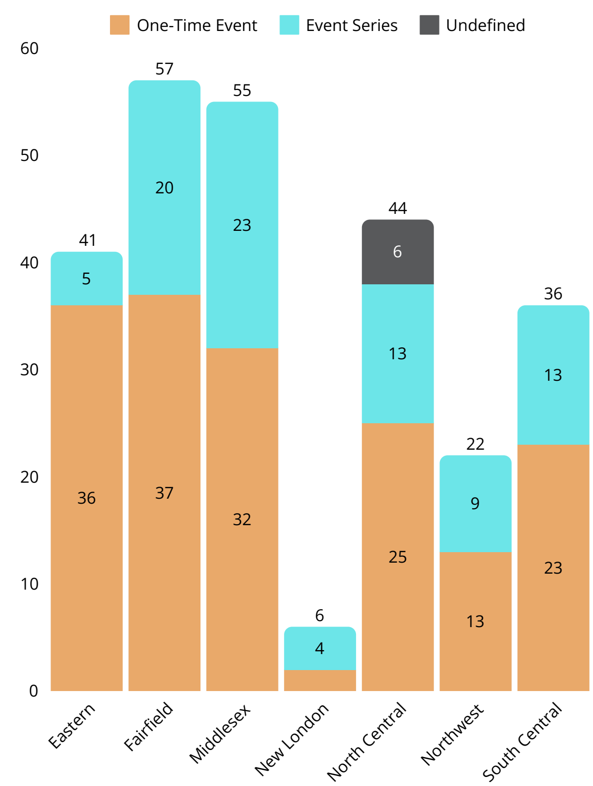
Statewide the calculated average of Large Group Events per YSB was 7, while the median was 14 events. Middlesex Chapter reported the most Large Group Events in Q1 with 55 Large Group Events comprised of 23 Event Series and 32 One-Time Events. The largest reported number of Large Group event participants came from the Fairfield Chapter. Fairfield reported 13,142 total participants which made up nearly 25% of the statewide reported total.

### CHAPTER: LARGE GROUP EVENT PARTICIPANTS

| CHAPTER | ONE-TIME EVENTS | EVENT SERIES |
|---|---|---|
| EASTERN | 6,349 PARTICIPANTS | 93 PARTICIPANTS |
| FAIRFIELD | 12,307 PARTICIPANTS | 835 PARTICIPANTS |
| MIDDLESEX | 8,978 PARTICIPANTS | 648 PARTICIPANTS |
| NEW LONDON | 400 PARTICIPANTS | 1,275 PARTICIPANTS |
| NORTH CENTRAL* | 6,309 PARTICIPANTS | 2,033 PARTICIPANTS |
| NORTHWEST | 3,064 PARTICIPANTS | 309 PARTICIPANTS |
| SOUTH CENTRAL | 9,079 PARTICIPANTS | 768 PARTICIPANTS |

**North Central Chapter had an additional 757 Large Group Participants in undefined categories*

### CHAPTER: LARGE GROUP EVENTS

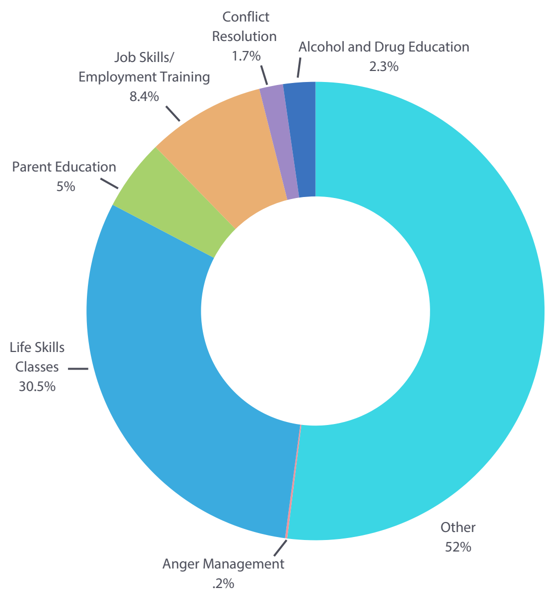


# SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS

## STATEWIDE THERE WERE 664 TOTAL REPORTED SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS WITH 11,619 REPORTED PARTICIPANTS

Statewide, the median number of Short-Term Programs per YSB was 7. The majority (52%) of reported programs were categorized as "Other" and 56% of the reported total 11,619 Short-Term Program participants were those engaged in "Other" programming.

### STATEWIDE: SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS




### STATEWIDE: SHORT-TERM PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

**342 OTHER** PROGRAMS / *6,515 PARTICIPANTS*

**201 LIFE SKILLS CLASSES** PROGRAMS / *3,161 PARTICIPANTS*

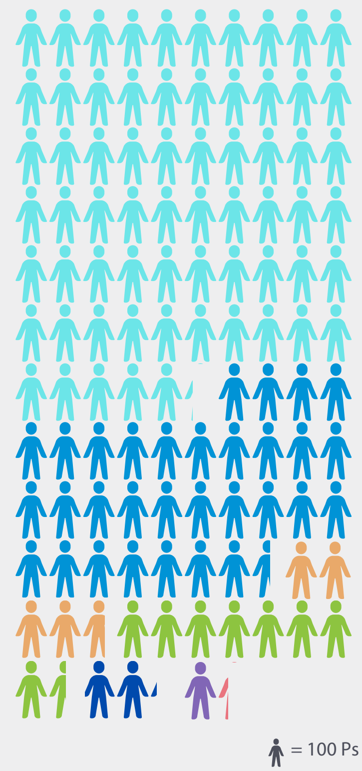
**55 JOB SKILLS/ EMPLOYMENT TRAINING** PROGRAMS / *480 PARTICIPANTS*

**33 PARENT EDUCATION** PROGRAMS / *846 PARTICIPANTS*

**15 ALCOHOL AND DRUG EDUCATION** PROGRAMS / *208 PARTICIPANTS*

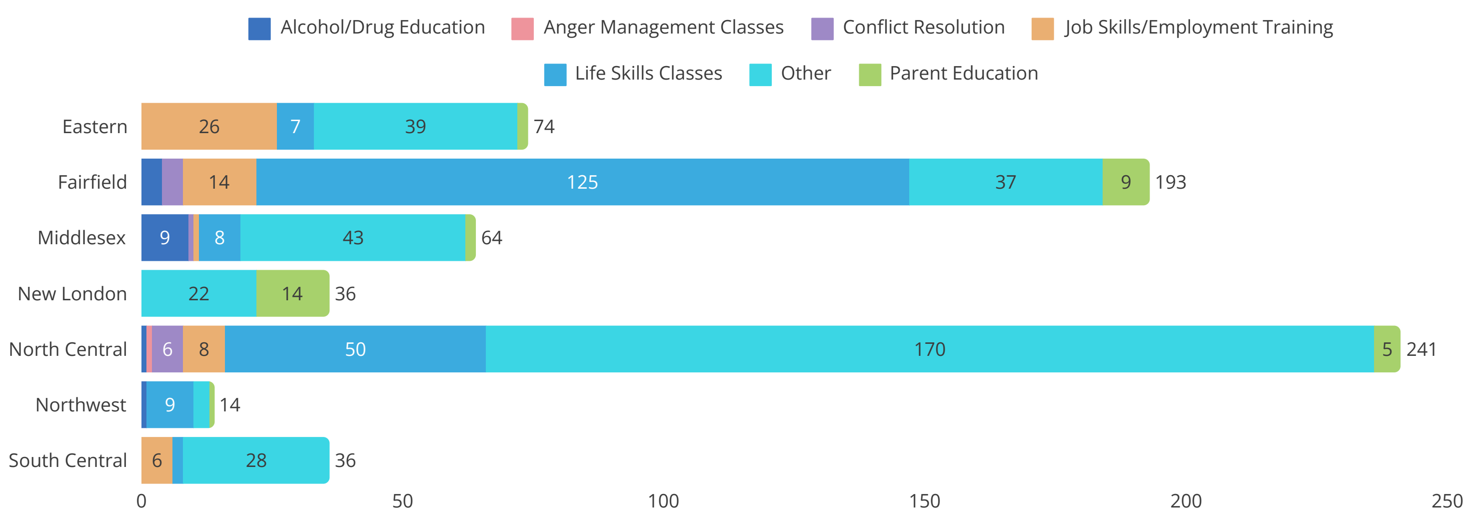
**11 CONFLICT RESOLUTION** PROGRAMS / *96 PARTICIPANTS*

**1 ANGER MANAGEMENT** PROGRAM / *30 PARTICIPANTS*




### CHAPTER: SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS AND PARTICIPANTS

Approximately half of the "Other" categorized programs were reported by the North Central Chapter, which reported roughly 36% of the overall Short-Term programs, higher than any other Chapter. Life Skills Classes were the second highest reported programming with 3,161 participants; 62% of these programs were reported by the Fairfield Chapter.



# YOUTH

## STATEWIDE THERE WERE 6,121 YOUTH SERVED AS NON-JRB PARTICIPANTS *(TIER 2 ENGAGEMENT)* OR JRB PARTICIPANTS

Statewide, YSBs serviced 6,121 youth in Q1 with more extensive services and programs like therapy, summer programs, and other engagements that generally lasted more than 20 hours. Of the 6,121 youth served, 1,351 youth were JRB process participants.

**4,770** REPORTED NON-JRB YOUTH

**1,351** REPORTED JRB YOUTH

## PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

*The majority of non-JRB Youth reported were between the ages of **11 to16 years** (57%)*

*The majority of JRB Youth reported were between the ages of **14 to16 years** (56%)*

| Non-JRB % | Non-JRB | | JRB | JRB % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | **GENDER** | | |
| **52%** | 2,466 | FEMALE | 556 | 41% |
| 46% | 2,201 | MALE | 757 | **56%** |
| <1% | 22 | TRANSGENDER | 5 | <1% |
| <1% | 20 | NON-BINARY | 6 | <1% |
| 1% | 61 | DNR | 27 | 2% |
| | | **ETHNICITY** | | |
| 22% | 1,026 | NOT HISPANIC | 484 | 36% |
| **65%** | 3,126 | HISPANIC | 749 | **55%** |
| 13% | 618 | DNR | 118 | 9% |
| | | **RACE** | | |
| **60%** | 2,840 | WHITE | 626 | **46%** |
| 15% | 700 | BLACK/AFRICAN | 391 | 29% |
| 8% | 360 | MULTIRACIAL | 115 | 9% |
| 4% | 175 | ASIAN | 21 | 2% |
| <1% | 36 | AMERICAN INDIAN | 4 | <1% |
| <1% | 10 | NATIVE HAWAIIAN | 1 | <1% |
| 12% | 549 | DNR | 193 | 14% |
| | | **SUSPENSION** | | |
| 46% | 2,178 | NO | 360 | 27% |
| 4% | 206 | YES | 788 | **58%** |
| **50%** | 2,386 | DNR | 203 | 15% |
| | | **EXPULSION** | | |
| 50% | 2,364 | NO | 1,045 | **77%** |
| <1% | 20 | YES | 111 | 8% |
| **50%** | 2,386 | DNR | 195 | 14% |
| | | **SPED** | | |
| 41% | 1,968 | NO | 324 | 24% |
| 9% | 415 | YES | 726 | **55%** |
| **50%** | 2,387 | DNR | 281 | 21% |

*DNR= Did Not Report*

## FAMILY CONSTELLATION AND HOUSING STATUS

Statewide, neither non-JRB youth nor JRB youth were reported as experiencing high levels of housing instability in Quarter 1. However, the Northwest Chapter reported the highest percentage of housing instability among their reported youth in both service categories.

**NON-JRB YOUTH**
**53%** live with Two Birth/Adoptive Parents
*15% DNR*

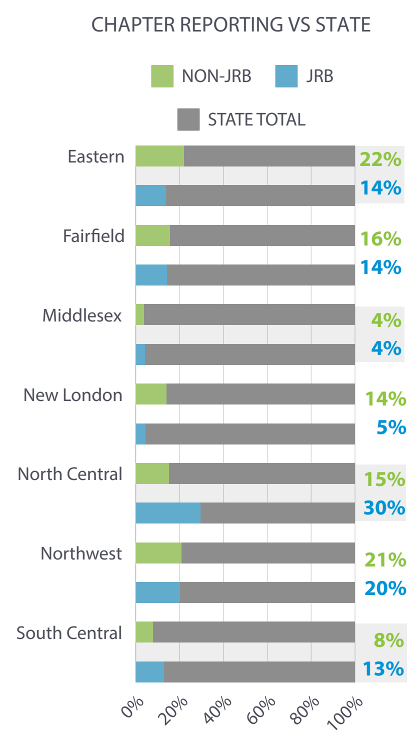
**JRB YOUTH**
**26%** live with a Female Single Parent
*33% DNR*

## CHAPTER REPORTING

The Eastern Chapter contributed the highest percentage of Non-JRB participant reporting at 22% of the reported state total. North Central reported the majority of the JRB participant data covering 30% of the reported state total.

Statewide, the median per YSB reported non-JRB participants was 45. Among the Chapters, the highest median per YSB was 86, reported by the New London Chapter.

Statewide, the median per YSB reported JRB participants was 10. Among the Chapters, the highest median per YSB was 29, reported by the Northwest Chapter.



# STATEWIDE: NON-JRB AND JRB REFERRALS AND SERVICES

| NON- JRB | JRB |
|---|---|
| **TOP REASONS FOR REFERRAL** | |
| 1. Positive Youth Development | 1. Delinquent Behavior |
| 2. Parent/Family issues | 2. Defiance of School Rules |
| 3. Non school issues | 3. Truancy* |
| 4. School issues | 4. Substance Abuse |
| 5. Depression | 5. Other |
| **TOP REFERRAL SOURCES** | |
| 1. Parent / Guardian | 1. Police |
| 2. Self | 2. Court |
| 3. School | 3. School |
| 4. Police | 4. Other |
| 5. JRB | 5. Parent / Guardian |

**Truancy should be reported under non-JRB Youth*

Statewide, reported referral activity in quarter one for non-JRB and JRB youth alike were in line with previous quarter reports. Truancy/FWSN referrals continue to be reported in the JRB process despite directives to refer those cases to be handled through the YSB. Additionally, many unique data fields continue to be submitted by organizations in youth categories, which inhibits accurate analysis and reporting.

### TOP SERVICES PROVIDED

| NON- JRB | JRB |
|---|---|
| 1. Summer Programs | 1. Individual Therapy |
| 2. After School Programs | 2. Community Service |
| 3. Individual Therapy | 3. Positive Youth Development |
| 4. Employment/ Job Training | 4. Apology Letter |
| 5. Leadership Development | 5. Essay |

Top SFY25Q1 services also aligned with previous quarter reporting trends for both non-JRB and JRB youth categories.

## STATEWIDE: JRB

Statewide, there were 1,351 reported open JRB cases in SFY25 Q1. Open cases refer to any JRB case that has had an intake and not yet closeout, regardless of what school fiscal year the case originated. Reported quarterly activity refers to intakes, panels and/or closeouts that have occurred within the designated quarter, as indicated by the dates reported.

### REPORTED QUARTER 1 ACTIVITY

| | |
|---|---|
| 234 REFERRALS MADE | 970 PANELS HELD |
| 664 INTAKES PERFORMED | 365 CLOSEOUTS COMPLETED |

### INCIDENT CATEGORY

1. Arrest - *48%*
2. No Arrest - *33%*
3. FWSN - *6%**

*DNR - 14%*

### INCIDENT LOCATION

1. School - *53%*
2. Community - *41%*

*DNR - 6%*

### INCIDENT TYPE

1. Breach of peace - *37%*
2. Assault - *17%*
3. Disorderly Conduct - *12%*
4. Larceny - *8%*
5. Other - 7%

### SUCCESSFUL CLOSEOUT?

1. Yes - *75%*
2. No: Noncompliance - *10%*
3. No: Other - *7%*
4. No: Arrest - *4%*
5. No: Moved - *2%*

*DNR - 2%*

### CLOSEOUT TYPE

1. Face-to-Face Full Board - *27%*
2. Letter/Email - *26%*
3. Face-to-Face Other - *17%*
4. Phone call - *16%*
5. No Communication - *8%*

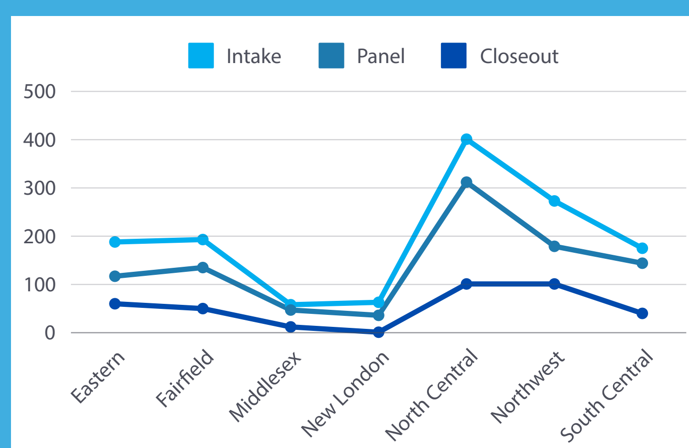
*DNR - 5%*

**FWSN should be reported under non-JRB Youth*

## CHAPTER : JRB

Statewide, the calculated average of open cases per YSB was 19, the median cases per YSB was 10. While the North Central Chapter contributed the highest percentage of JRB cases statewide (30%), the Northwest Chapter had the highest calculated average of cases per YSB (29) and highest median per YSB (34).

### JRB PROCESS REPORTING BY CHAPTER




The North Central Chapter contributed the highest percentage of reported Q1 JRB case activity at every step of the JRB process. The Middlesex Chapter boasted the highest percentage of multiple reported successful closeouts at 83%.

# Bristol School Readiness Council

## For Bristol Youth Commission

February 12, 2025

# Agenda

- What is School Readiness?
- School Readiness and Bristol Early Childhood Alliance Collaboration and Successes
- BIG Upcoming Changes
- Questions

# What is School Readiness?

- State statute – grant program established in 1997
- Provides spaces in high-quality preschool programs for eligible children in priority school districts or competitive grant communities
  - Parent access and choice
  - Coordination of programs and services
  - Flexibility to meet local needs
  - Minimize developmental delays and reduce need for special services
  - Programs must be NAEYC Accredited or Head Start Approved

# What is School Readiness cont.

- Funding comes from CT Office of Early Childhood (OEC) to communities
- School Readiness enrollment:
  - Three- and four-year-old children (recently included infants and toddlers)
  - Mostly Bristol residents
  - No working requirement for families
  - 60% of enrollment must be at or below 75% of SMI

# Bristol School Readiness "Slots"

Bristol has:

- 164 part-day/part-year pre-K spaces at Bristol Board of Education (Edgewood Pre-Kindergarten Academy)
- 129 full-day/full-year pre-K spaces at Bristol Child Development Center (BCDC), and BCDC also has 64 infant/toddler Child Day Care spaces
- 119 full-day/full-year pre-K and 8 infant/toddler spaces at Imagine Nation, A Museum Early Learning Center

**Total of 248 full-day/full-year, 164 part-day/part-year year pre-K spaces and 72 infant/toddler spaces for approx. $4.7 million/year**

# What is School Readiness?
# 11 Quality Components

11 Quality Components outline the expectations for School Readiness Councils

- Develop plan for collaboration with other community programs and services including public libraries
- Coordinate resources to facilitate FD/FY programs for children of working parents and parents in training programs
- Encourage Parent Involvement
- Provide Referrals for Health Services immunizations and screenings
- Provide Nutrition Services

# What is School Readiness?
# 11 Quality Components cont.

- Provide referrals for promotion of family literacy
- Develop admission policies that promote diversity
- Develop plan for transition to Kindergarten
- Develop plan for staff professional development
- Use the OEC sliding fee scale
- Develop a plan to ensure integration of children with disabilities
- Implement an annual evaluation of effectiveness of the program

# School Readiness Council Collaborations

- The SRC is a collaborative network charged with planning to serve all young children in high quality programs, and collaborates with:
  - Bristol Health, Pediatricians and WIC
  - Bristol Housing Authority
  - Bristol Public Schools, including Adult Education, Family Resource Centers and McKinney-Vento Homeless Coordinator
  - City of Bristol Departments, including Bristol-Burlington Health District, Library, PRYCS, Police and Fire
  - CT Office of Early Childhood
  - Head Start and OEC Funded Programs
  - Local Businesses
  - Tunxis Community College
  - United Way of West Central CT and 2-1-1

# School Readiness Council Successes (a few)

- Partnership with Bristol Early Childhood Alliance (BECA)
  - Infant and Toddler Committee (pilot with WIC to screen new mothers for post-partum depression resulted in statewide screening by all WIC offices)
  - Health Committee (pilot with pediatrician helped to decrease childhood obesity in her patients, and numerous organizations continue to offer parent education related to this)
  - Outreach Committee (Family Fun Day; new Special Education HUB for parents)
  - Transition to Kindergarten Committee (Appetite for Reading and first Little Free Libraries; pushed to streamline Kindergarten processes across the district)
  - Shared Facebook page MakingBristolBetter has 2,200 followers and had 20,271 views in last 28 days

# BIG Upcoming Changes

- State combining 3 funding streams (School Readiness, Child Day Care and State Head Start) into Early Start CT on July 1, 2025
- New Council will have some different and additional responsibilities
- Bristol combining School Readiness Council and Bristol Early Childhood Alliance into one new group, **Bristol Early Childhood Collaborative**, and will rebrand
- Governor just called for Universal Pre-K while keeping stable the current system

# Questions?

# Thank you!!

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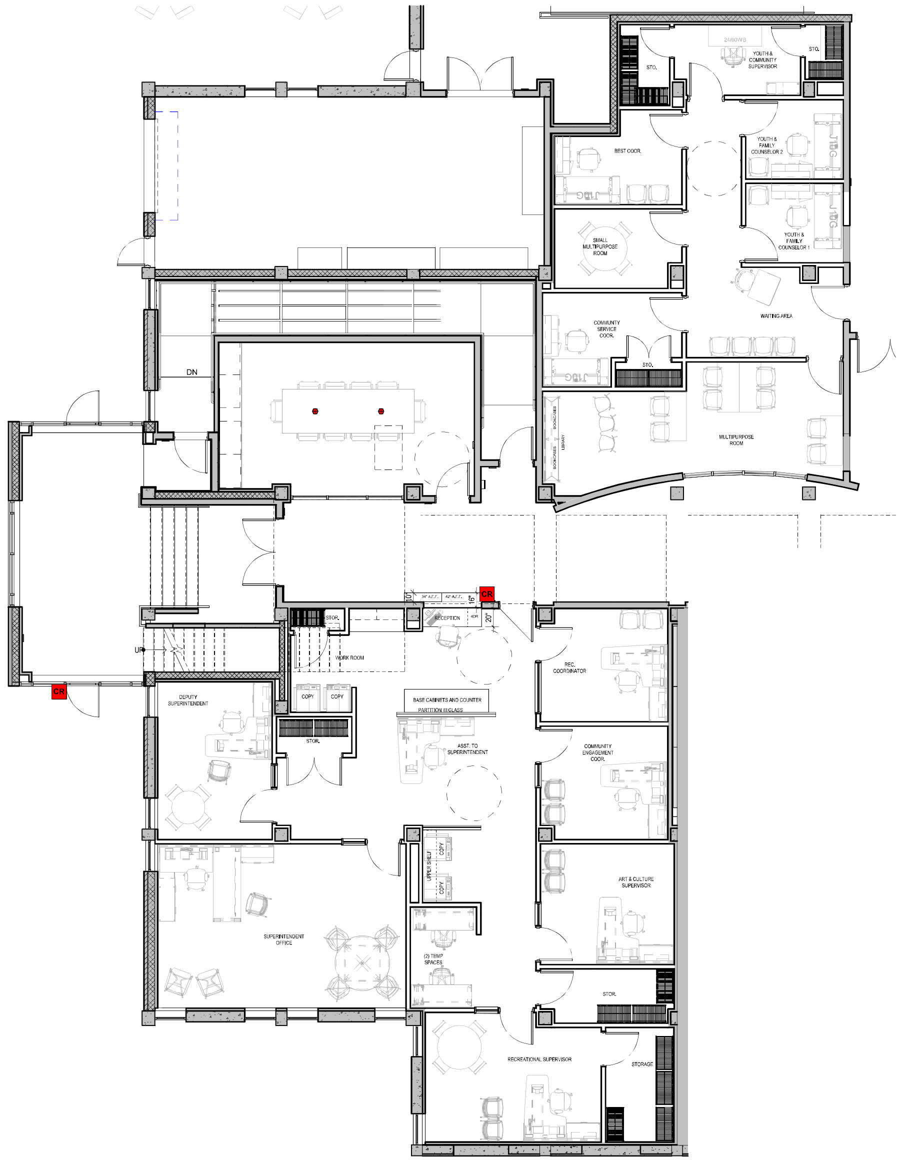


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PRESENTATION - CONCEPT 1

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PARKS, RECREATION, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Bristol CONNECTICUT All Heart

# Giving in Numbers

## 2024 Holiday Gift Giving Program

**473** Bristol Children Served

**100%** of assistance goes toward Bristol residents

**One Stuff-A-Cruiser** in partnership with the City of Bristol Police Department

**Over 55 Donors**

Adopted One or More Family with Multiple Children

**184** Families provided with Assistance

**9** Residents Participated in Shop-with-a-Cop

**11** Dropoff Locations and Collection Partners

**46% Increase** in number of children served over the past five years

**33% Increase** in number of sponsors from 2023

**5 Bristol Fire Station** Donation Collection Locations

2 Collections at **Downtown Live**

Thank you to all of the donors, sponsors, partners, and the  community or a successful 2024 Holiday Gift Giving Program!

*Thank You!*