

# Community Restorative Court



July 2018



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REDUCE RISK

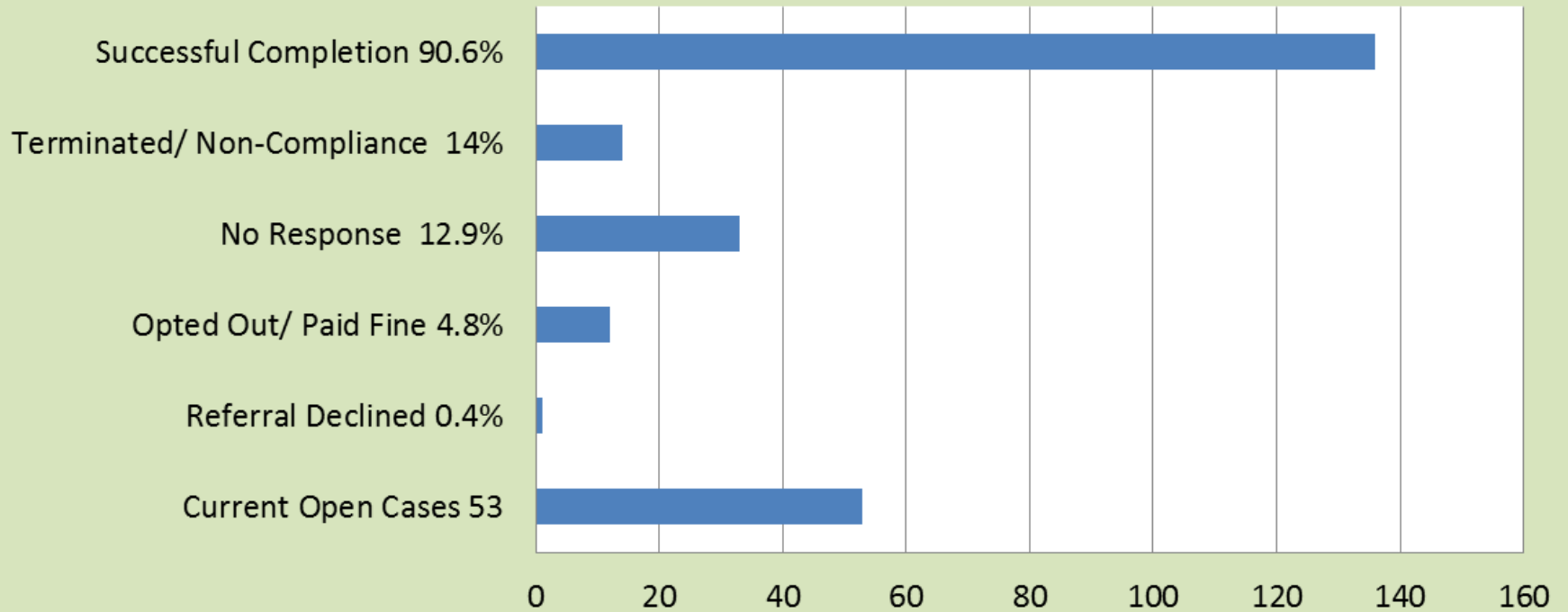
REBUILD  
COMMUNITY



# What are the benefits of Restorative Justice?

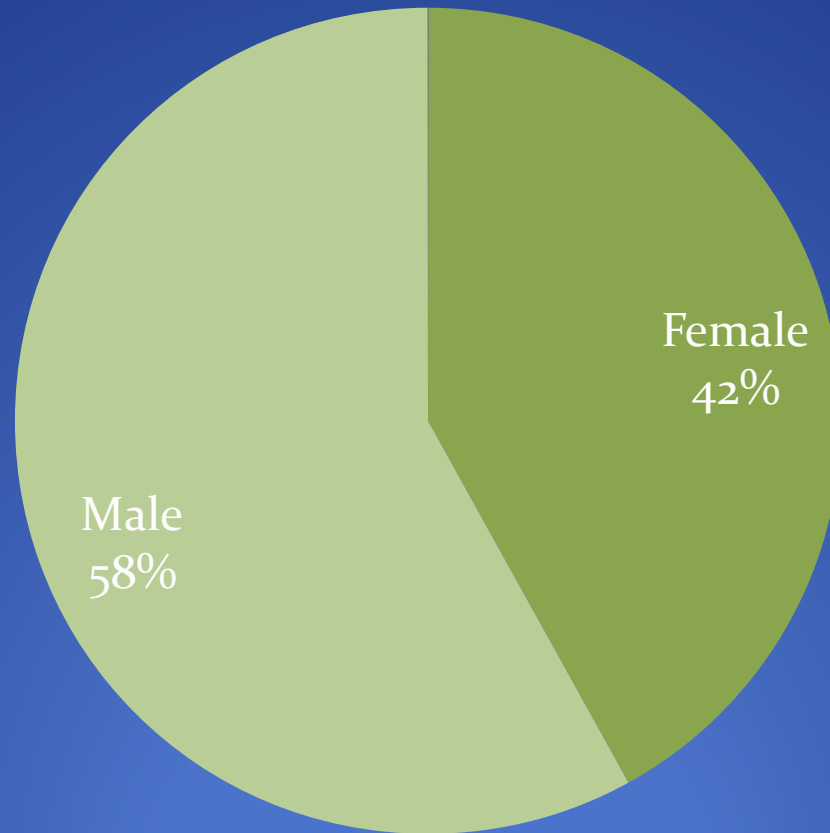
- engaging the police department and community residents in a collaborative effort to increase understanding and to make the community safer;
- providing the interventions tailored for each individual offender and giving that individual a sense of belonging in the community to prevent future offending behavior;
- reducing racial disparities;
- enhancing social control by community residents in addressing the serious issue of crime in the community;
- reducing the burden on criminal courts while more efficiently resolving conflicts; and
- generating greater satisfaction and feelings of fairness on the part of both victims and respondents

## TOTAL REFERRALS: 249

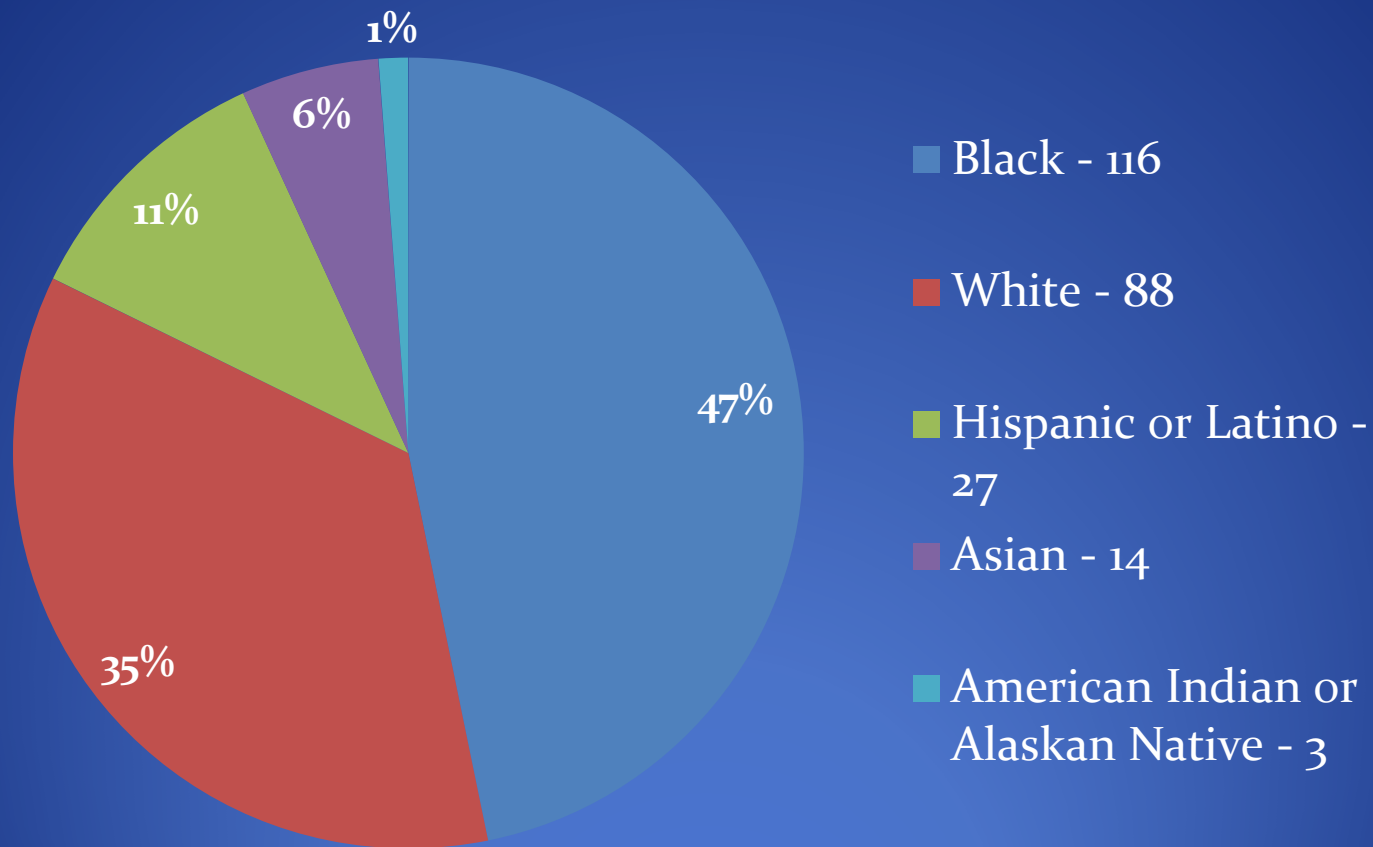


	Current Open Cases 53	Referral Declined 0.4%	Opted Out/ Paid Fine 4.8%	No Response 12.9%	Terminated/ Non-Compliance 14%	Successful Completion 90.6%
Series1	53	1	12	33	14	136

# Gender

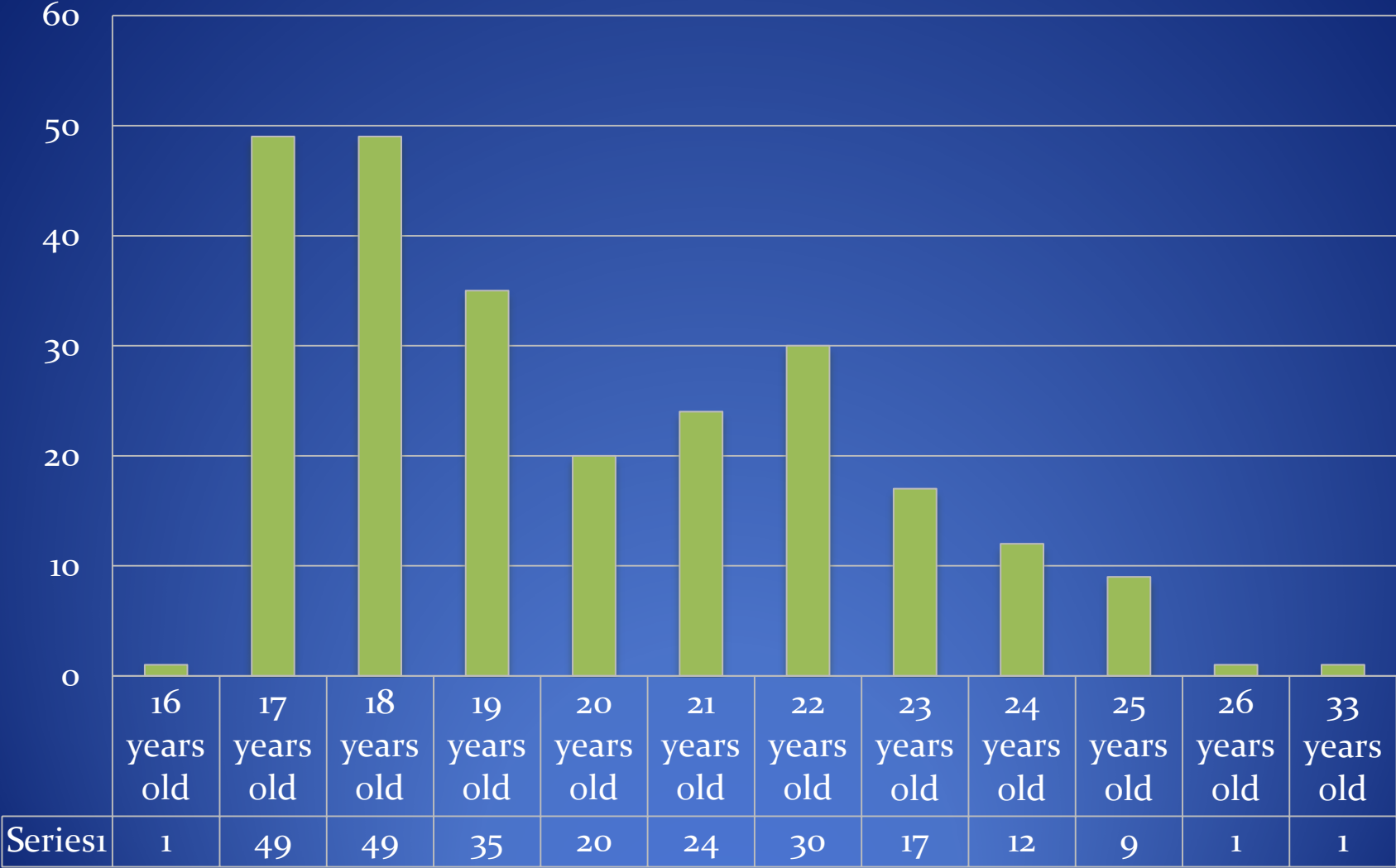


# Race





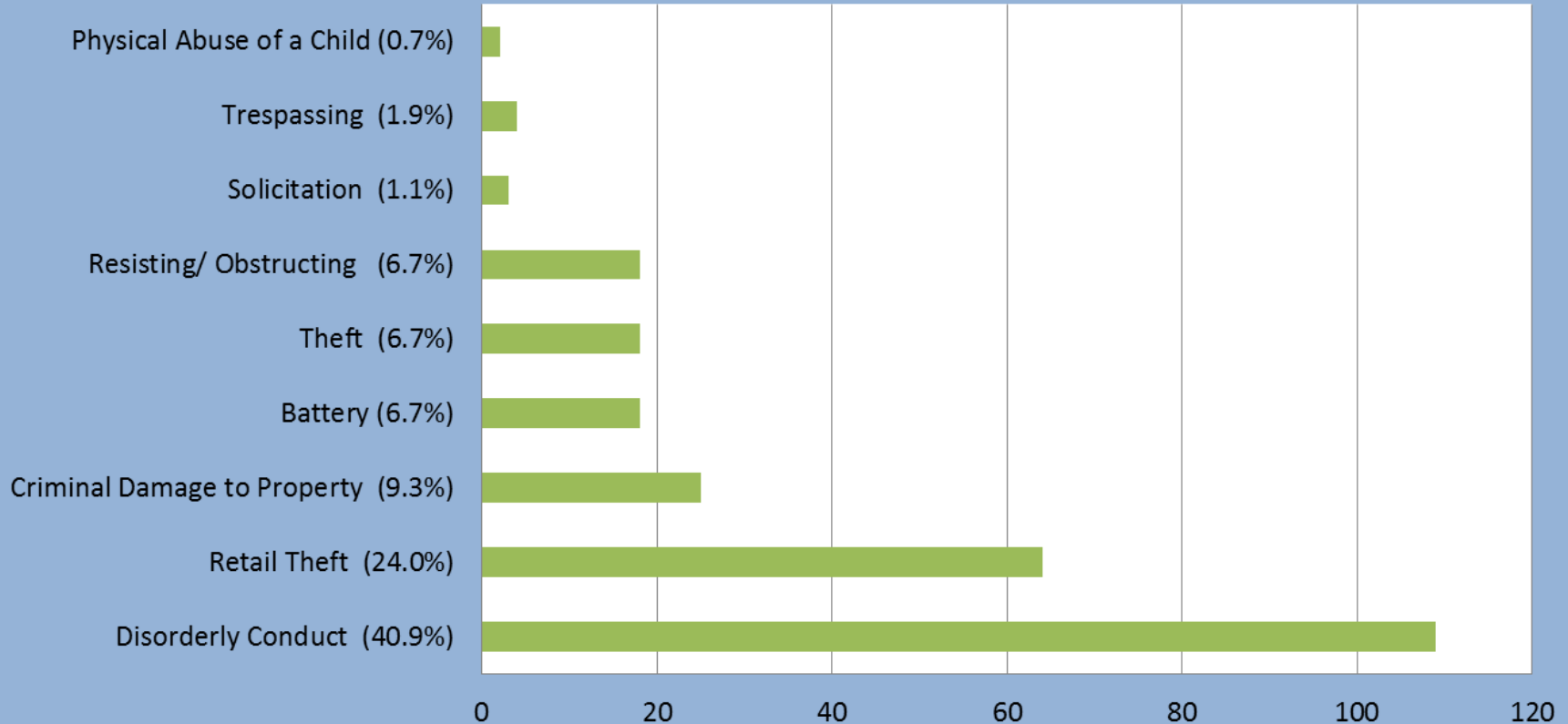
# Age Breakdown



# Offenses:

Total number of charges: 261 charges for 248 cases

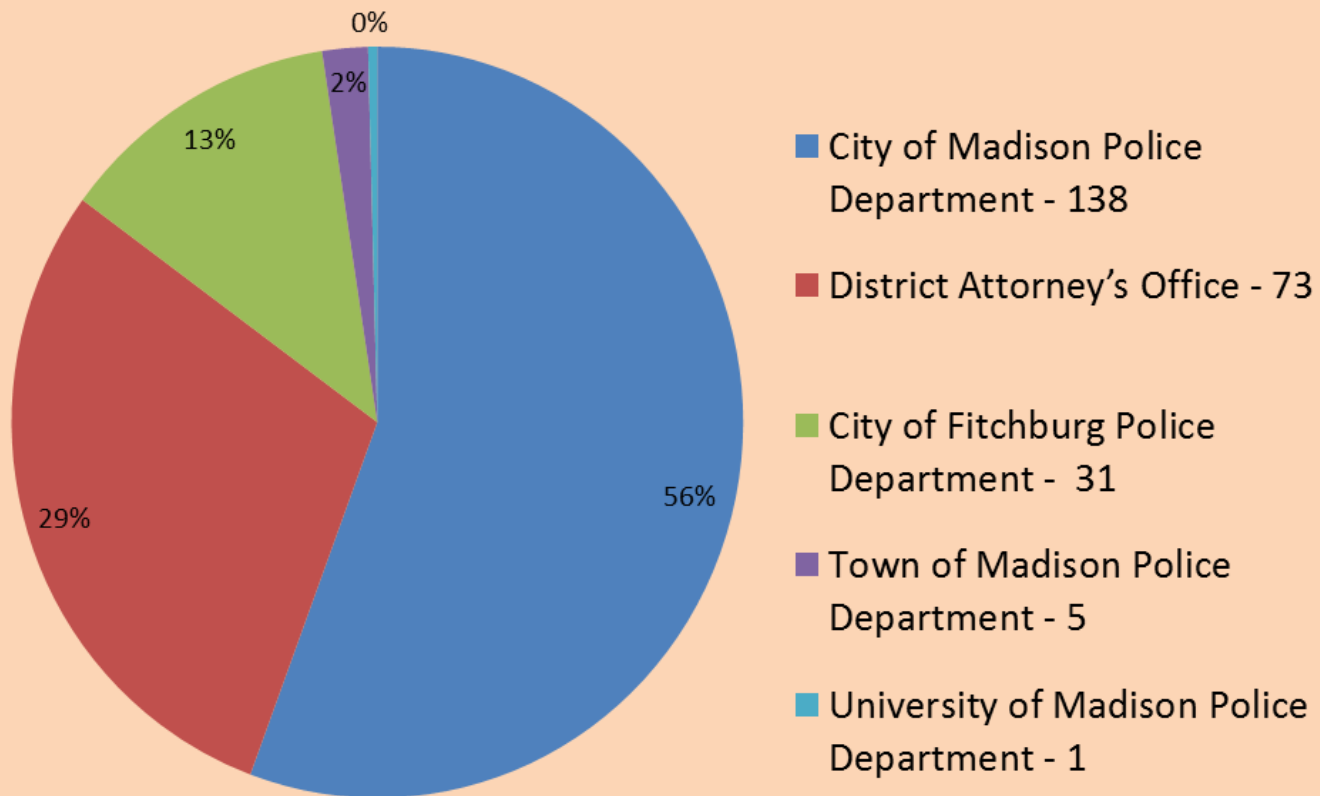
## OFFENSES:




	Disorderly Conduct (40.9%)	Retail Theft (24.0%)	Criminal Damage to Property (9.3%)	Battery (6.7%)	Theft (6.7%)	Resisting/ Obstructing (6.7%)	Solicitation (1.1%)	Trespassing (1.9%)	Physical Abuse of a Child (0.7%)
Series1	109	64	25	18	18	18	3	4	2



## Referral Source:





In June 2018, CRC has an active caseload that fluctuates between 50-60 cases with 4 law enforcement agencies referring into the CRC as well as the District Attorney's Office:

- Madison
- UW Madison
- Town of Madison
- Fitchburg



## EXPANSION:

- Sun Prairie and Middleton have signed the MOU and are able to refer cases to CRC.
- On 07-16-18, Oregon signed the MOU and cases can be referred as of 07-26-18, once Peacemaker Training is complete.
- Monona, Shorewood Hills, Marshall, Cottage Grove and Stoughton are reviewing the MOU and will be collaborating with CRC in the very near future.



## EXPANSION:

- By December 2018, all municipalities will be offered the Peacemaker Training and CRC will expand throughout Dane County; 21 police jurisdictions plus the Dane County Sheriff's Office. We anticipate our caseload increasing to approximately 120 or greater.



## PEACEMAKERS:

- Prior to cases being referred to CRC, community volunteers participate in 16 hours of Peacemaker Training.
- In 2018, CRC hosted trainings in January, March and July. Two additional trainings are scheduled for September and November. The trainings will continue throughout 2019 to gain more Peacemakers.
- CRC has trained over 200 hundred Peacemakers in Dane County.

# SUCCESS:

07-05-18 : The Herald Independent

When her 17-year old son threw part of a vacuum cleaner at her, Tamiko Wallace knew she needed police intervention.

Her son, Artemas, was consistently disrespecting her rules. He was smoking in the house, not doing his chores and generally not listening to her. Nearly most conversations resulted in an argument. And he would walk away, with nothing getting resolved.

“I don’t want my baby in the system or to have a record, but it was getting out of control,” she said.

The Madison Police Department referred her to the Community Restorative Court (CRC) program where she and her son agreed to meet with peacemaker volunteers in what is called “the circle.”

In this circle, the volunteers mostly just listened to her and her son.

When Artemas said, “You are never there,” Wallace said she felt stunned.

“I never knew he felt that way. Never,” she said. “I learned so much from my son in just that one hour. We were actually able to just talk.”

\*For Wallace and her son, both are communicating better. Six years ago, they were homeless, sleeping in the car, on the street and at friends’ homes before getting into a homeless shelter.



## SUCCESS:

- EP is an 18 year old woman. She became acquainted with CRC after committing Retail Theft at Shopko. She tried to steal \$40 worth of merchandise.
- She received a call from Madison Police about a referral to CRC while volunteering in Seattle, Washington with the Special Olympics USA Games. She participates in the Unified Pair from Wisconsin and Youth Leadership Program. EP is enrolled in UW Madison to study Special Education.
- EP was impressed with the opportunities and second chance CRC offers the Dane County community and wanted to be a part of the restorative justice process. EP has since completed Peacemaker Training.

## SUCCESS:

- EW is a 19 year old woman attending UW Madison. While shopping at Target she saw a man that had assaulted her 4 months ago. She went into a panic attack and tried to go through the Self Check out lane. She started shoving items in her bag because they wouldn't scan fast enough for her to get out of the store. She was stopped by a male security staff person and eventually met with 2 male police officers. She did not divulge why she did not pay for all her items.
- EW was referred to CRC and shared her story during the intake meeting. EW was able to disclose her traumatic experiences regarding the sexual assault as well receiving a municipal ticket for theft. She was full of shame, embarrassment and humiliation.
- EW received the support and services she needed to process these events.



## SUCCESS:

- JP was a 20 year old young man that was the passenger in the car when his father was pulled over for a traffic violation. JP's father did not speak English and JP translated for law enforcement. During the translation, JP became upset about his father receiving the ticket and ran from the scene. He was stopped by police and received an Obstruction ticket.
- During the Restorative Justice Circle, JP connected with one of the Peacemakers. This Peacemaker is trained in De-escalation techniques and worked with JP for weeks to provide him with alternatives. JP also brought his partner in for sessions with the Peacemaker.
- JP and the Peacemaker continue to have a relationship.

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