



# SAN FRANCISCO COLLABORATIVE COURTS

## Young Adult Court

Young Adult Court (YAC) is a collaborative justice court program for transitional aged youth (ages 18-24), many of whom have extensive trauma histories, inadequate support systems and housing, and minimal educational and employment histories. Some youth also have substance abuse issues and co-occurring mental health disorders. The program began in July 2015 and is a partnership among the Superior Court of California, San Francisco; Office of the Public Defender; Office of the District Attorney; Adult Probation Department; Felton Institute; and Goodwill Industries.

### Mission

*The mission of Young Adult Court is to work in partnership with young adults, ages 18-24, by supporting them to make a successful transition into adulthood. Our aim is to fortify young people with tools to change their lives and to disrupt the cycle of incarceration and poverty.*

### How does YAC work?

<b>Referral</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Young adults are referred by the Public Defender's Office, District Attorney's Office, Adult Probation, or private counsel.</li></ul>
<b>Legal Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attorneys determine whether there is an agreeable legal resolution.</li></ul>
<b>Assessment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participant is assessed by case managers and makes a recommendation on whether the client is suitable for YAC.</li></ul>
<b>Participant is accepted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participants transition through four phases, and create a Wellness Plan which can include job readiness, housing, educational support and parenting.</li><li>• YAC participation is usually one year or longer, depending on the individual need and progress attained in meeting specific goals.</li></ul>
<b>Graduation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To graduate successfully, participants must demonstrate adherence to their Wellness Care Plans.</li><li>• Upon graduation, the case will be resolved pursuant to the negotiated agreement between the District Attorney, the defense attorney and the Court.</li></ul>

YAC has received 451 referrals since August 2015\*

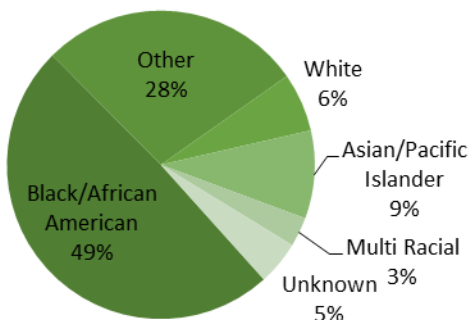
371 participants

150 have successfully completed YAC

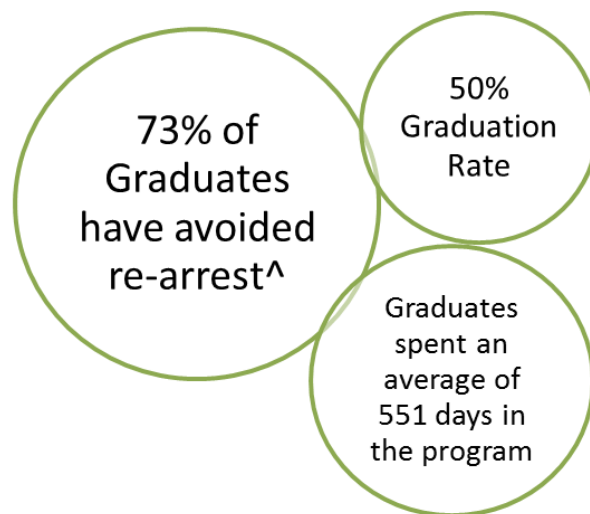
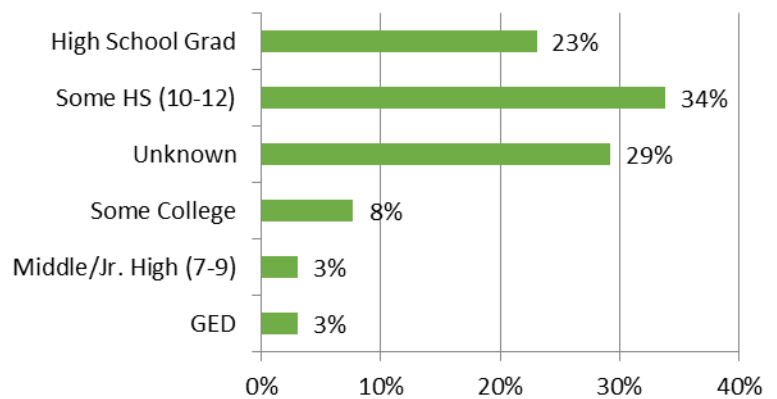
### Clients Served January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 (n=65)\*\*

- 85% of accepted clients were male, 15% female.
- 65% of accepted clients were Non-Hispanic, 29% were Hispanic
- 31% of accepted clients reported a history of homelessness; 5% reported they were homeless at start of the program.
- 88% of clients who reported their Race as “Other” also reported their Ethnicity to be Hispanic.

#### Race - Clients Served (n=65)



#### Education - Clients Served (n=65)



\*All information in the arrow graphic is for the time period of August 2015 to June 15, 2022.

\*\*Clients served refers to any individual who had a court date on calendar between 1/1/21 and 12/31/21.

<sup>^</sup>Includes all YAC graduates from August 2015 to December 2020 (130); refers to re-arrests in San Francisco County. 45% graduation rate and average days reflects graduates (150) from August 2015 through June 15, 2022.