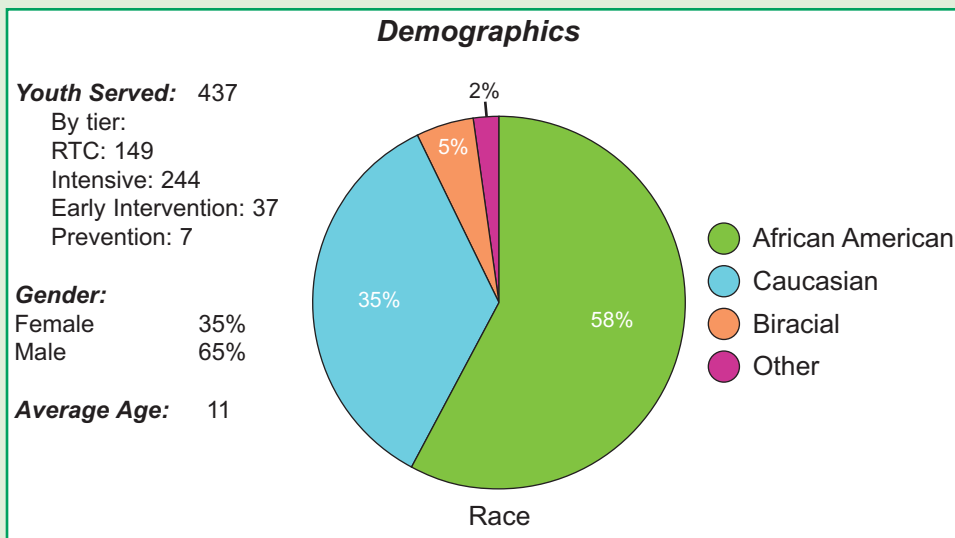


# Dawn Project Outcomes Report - Calendar Year 2008

## Cross System Care Coordination in Marion County

For more than a decade, Marion County has provided cross-system care coordination to youth involved in two or more systems: child welfare, juvenile justice, special education and mental health. In 2006, Marion County DCS and Marion Superior Court Juvenile Services representatives asked Choices to propose a tiered case rate structure that would allow them to expand their program to youth with less intensive needs. Once a youth is referred to cross-system care coordination, the Dawn Project gathers information from the youth, their family, referral source, school and current providers. A CANS (Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths Assessment) is completed and youth are placed in one of four tiers:

- **RTC** – Youth currently living in residential treatment or having a life threatening illness that is not being managed appropriately
- **Intensive** – Youth with multiple behavioral or emotional issues requiring intensive intervention, adjudicated sexually maladaptive behavior, chronic illness requiring ongoing intervention and/or youth living in therapeutic foster care, group home, or transitional living
- **Early Intervention** – Youth with behavioral or emotional issues requiring some intervention and/or living in foster care
- **Prevention** – Youth not meeting criteria for other more intensive levels, and no paid placement



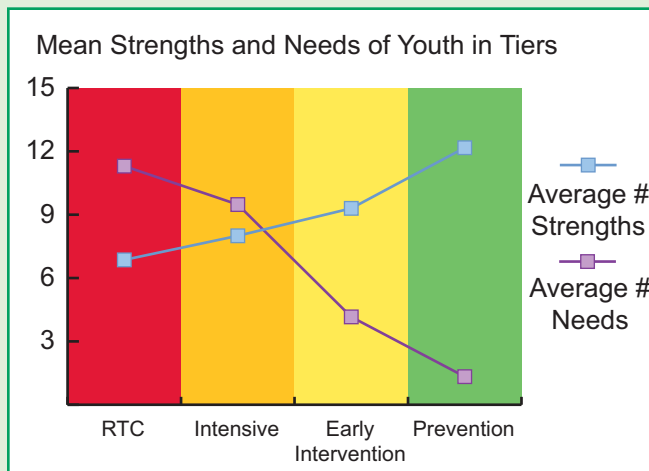
The following report provides results from the CANS for youth referred to the Dawn Project in 2008.

## Developing Strengths

More than 85% of youth developed at least one new strength during their enrollment in the Dawn Project. Youth developed an average of two strengths while enrolled in the Dawn Project.

Several studies have demonstrated the importance between symptoms of psychiatric disorders and strengths. John Lyons, Ph.D states in his book Redressing the Emperor, "Independent of the severity of symptoms, if the child has strengths the higher his or her functioning remains and the less likely he or she is to engage in high-risk behavior. This suggests that both needs and strengths are important. The sole reliance on one or the other limits one's possibilities for a successful intervention."

According to the chart below the number of needs and strengths changes dramatically as you move across tiers. Youth have more strengths and fewer needs in the less restrictive tiers.



# Dawn Project Outcomes Report - Continued

## Results

### Functioning at Home

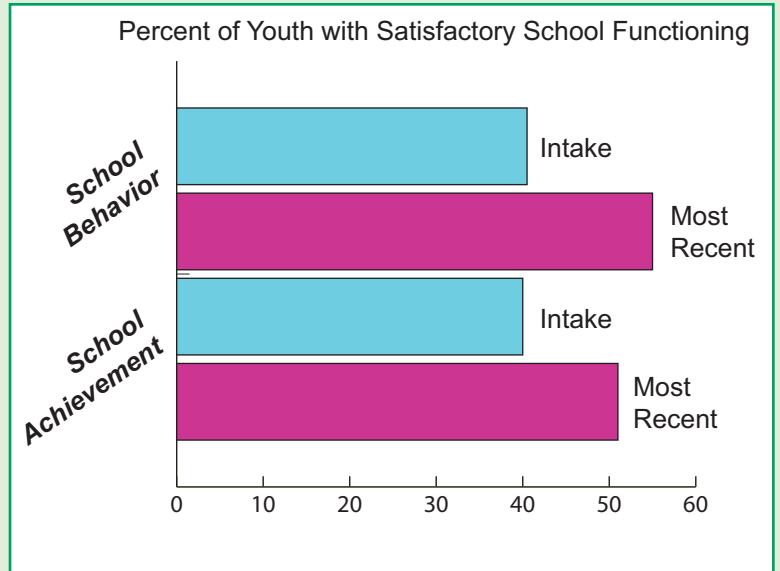
- 79% of youth were living in a placement consistent with their permanency plan.
- 62% of youth were in a stable living arrangement during the past six months.
- 77% of youth were living in the community.

### Functioning in School

- 2 out of 3 of youth improved their behavior, achievement or attendance in school. Significant improvements were observed in the percent of youth with appropriate school behavior and satisfactory school achievement. (see chart to right)

### Safety and Functioning in the Community

- 94% of youth referred by the Marion Superior Court Juvenile Division did not engage in delinquent behaviors at the time of their most recent assessment, compared to only 50% at intake.
- Overall, 96% of youth did not runaway, engage in delinquent behaviors or engage in behaviors that threatened the community.



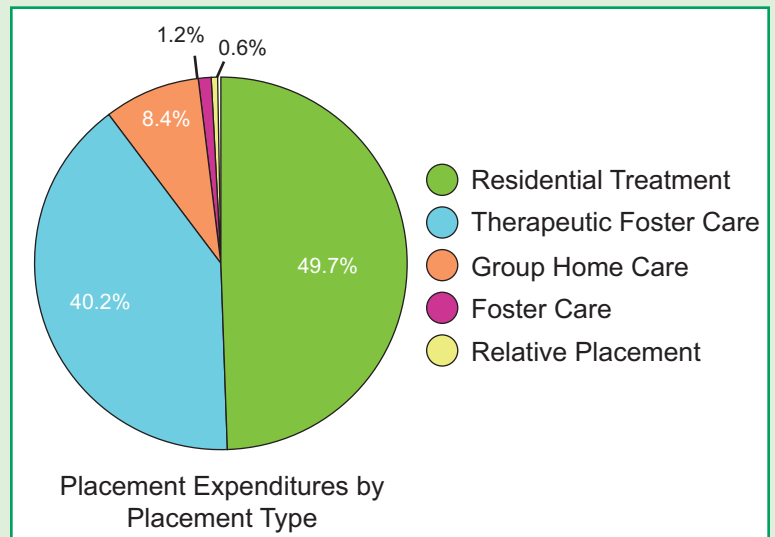
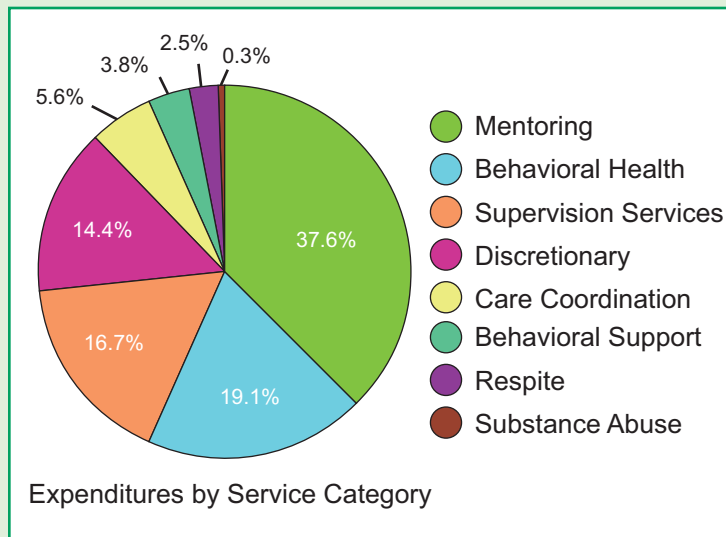
### Overall Results

- 93% of youth were healthy or had medical conditions that were manageable and did not significantly impair their functioning.
- The percent of youth with at least one behavioral and/or emotional needs decreased from 86% at intake to 63% at their most recent assessment.
- On average, caregivers enrolled for at least six months had 76% of their physical, mental health, substance use and developmental needs addressed.

## Provider Network

The Dawn Project contracted with more than 700 local agencies, organizations and individuals in 2008. The chart below describes the primary services families utilize.

Placements account for 50% of expenditures for the Dawn Project. The pie chart below shows the breakdown of expenditures by placement type.



The results presented throughout this report are based on data collected from the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Assessment (Lyons, 1999) and in The Clinical Manager.

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