



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?

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

YAC has received 413 referrals since August 2015*

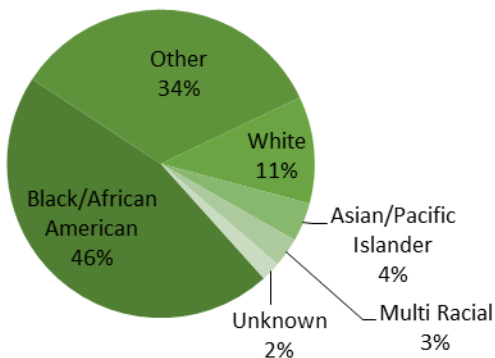
335 participants

130 have successfully completed YAC

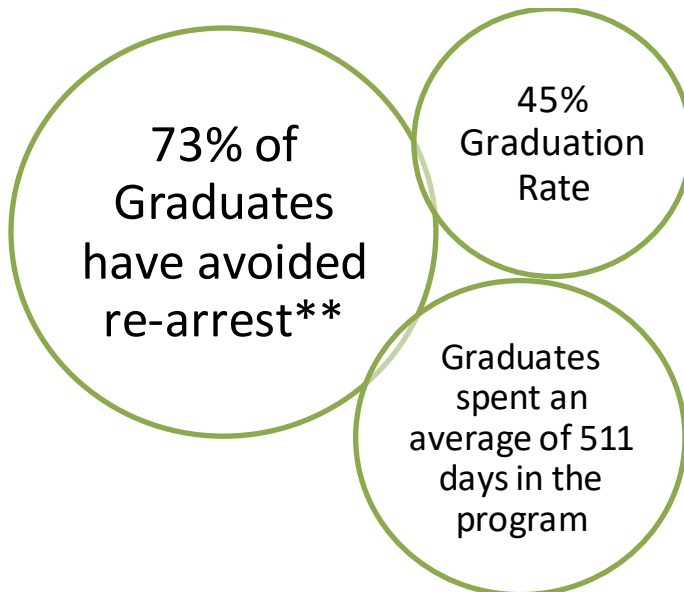
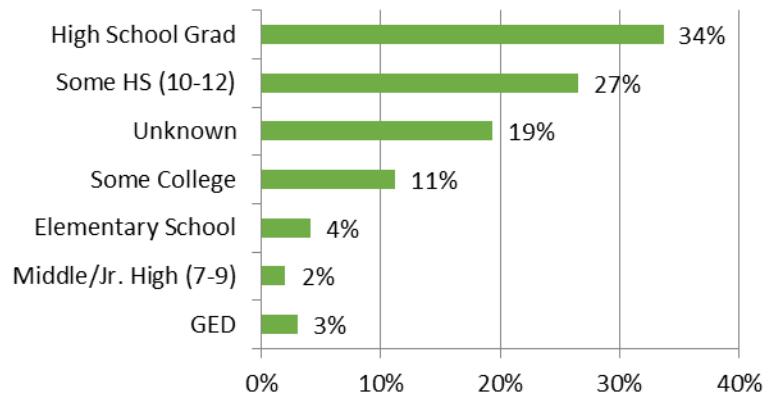
Accepted Participants January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020 (n=98)

- 85% of accepted clients were male, 15% female.
- 59% of accepted clients were Non-Hispanic, 39% were Hispanic
- 29% of accepted clients reported a history of homelessness; 7% reported they were homeless at start of the program.

Race - Accepted Participants (n=98)



Education - Accepted Participants (n=98)



*All information in the arrow graphic is for the time period of August 2015 to December 31, 2020.

**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 (130) from August 2015 through December 31, 2020.