

FACT SHEET

A 3-year data analysis examining First Coast girls' involvement in the juvenile justice system

First Coast Girls' Needs Increase with Deeper System Involvement



23% Diagnosed Mental Health Problem **71%**

15% Sexual Abuse History **50%**

19% Physical Abuse History **54%**

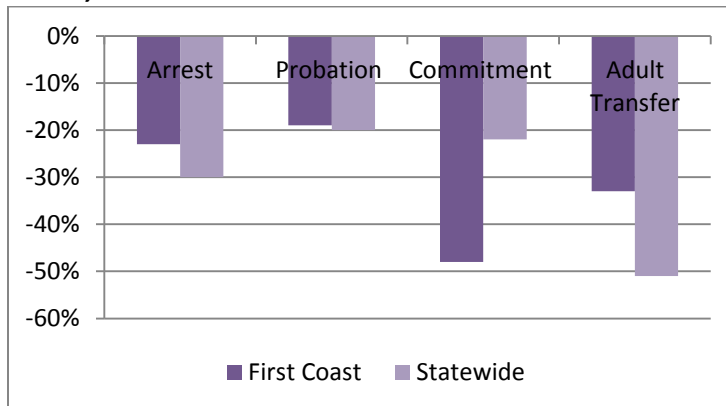
31% Alcohol Problem **79%**

52% Drug Problem **93%**

64% Witnessed Violence **93%**

Source: Data extract provided by DJJ Research Department, January 2016

Significant Reduction in the Number of Girls Committed on the First Coast, 2011-12 to 2014-15

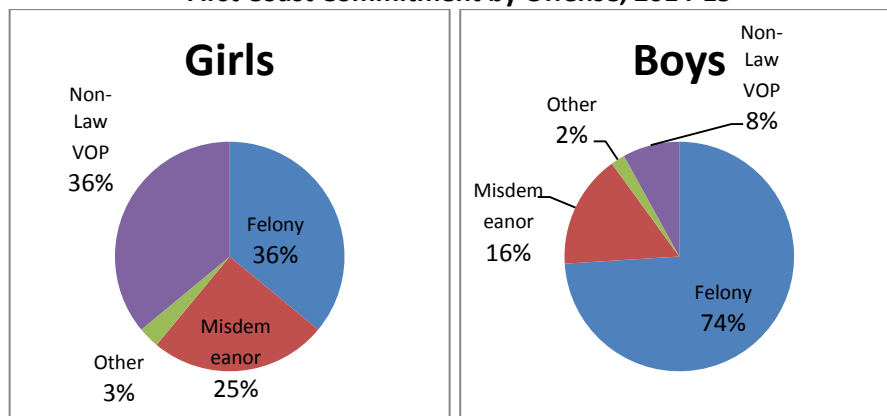


Source: Authors' analysis of Department of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Profile Data, 2015

- In 2014-2015, there were 28 girls committed on the First Coast¹ compared to 54 girls in 2011-2012 (a 48% decrease). This is more than double the decrease for girls statewide in Florida (48% vs. 22% reduction).
- The number of girls arrested, placed on probation, and transferred to adult court on the First Coast is decreasing at a slower rate than statewide.

Disparities in the Reason for Commitment by Gender Continue

First Coast Commitment by Offense, 2014-15



Source: Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Profile, 2015

- 64% of girls versus 26% of boys were committed for less serious offenses (misdemeanors, violation of probation).
- 36% of girls versus 8% of boys were committed for a non-law violation of probation as their most serious offense at time of disposition.

¹ First Coast represents the following counties in northeast Florida: Duval, Nassau, Clay, Baker, and St. Johns