

# Los Angeles County Department of Youth Development Diversion Quarterly Dashboard December 31, 2023

## Section 1. Overview of all Referrals Received by DYD Providers

**3017**

Youth referred to DYD Diversion Providers

**1768**

Youth have enrolled in formal and DA diversion programming

**1188**

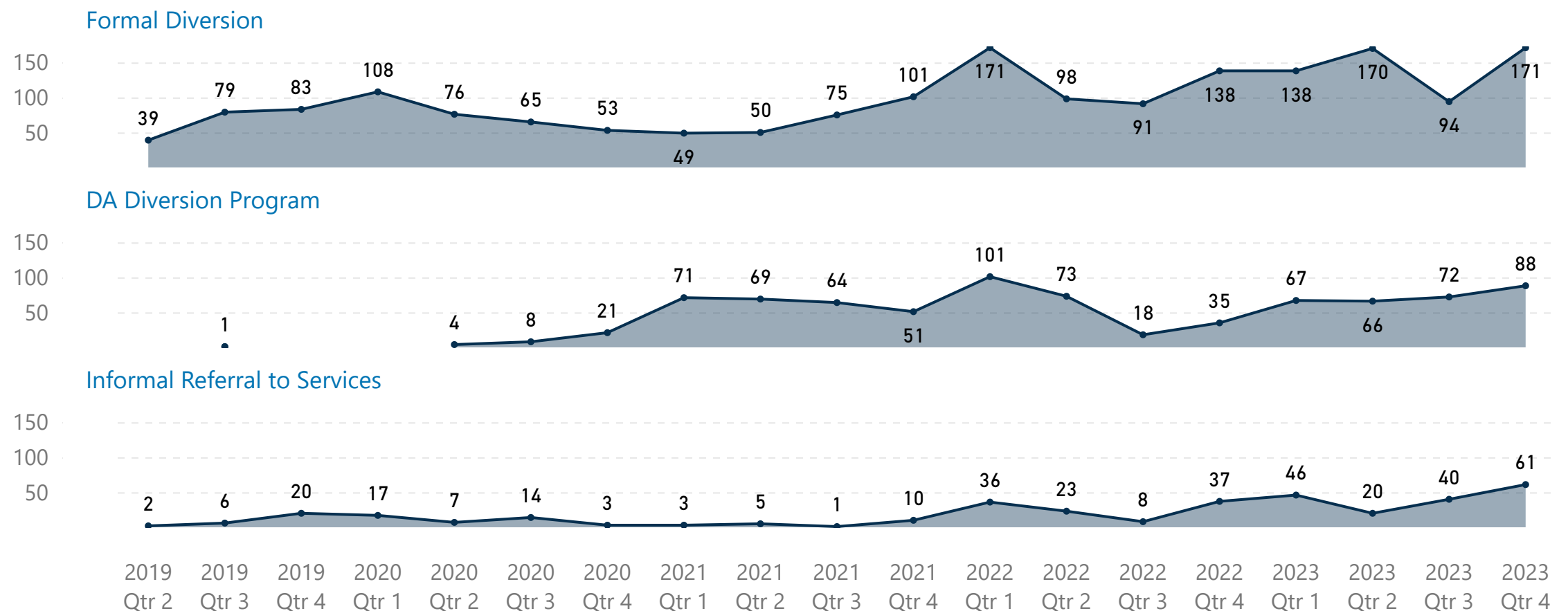
Youth have substantially completed formal and DA diversion programming

As of January 1, 2024, the organizations across DYD's 2 cohorts received 3,017 total youth referrals from Culver City Police Department, El Monte Police Department, Pasadena Police Department, Huntington Park Police Department, Long Beach Police Department, Hermosa Beach Police Department, Manhattan Beach Police Department, Santa Monica Police Department, Pomona Police Department, Claremont Police Department, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the District Attorney's Office (Figure 1).

2,416 informal referrals from the Probation Citation Diversion Program are not reflected throughout this dashboard.

Launched in November 2021, DYD is in year 2 of its participation in the District Attorney's Restorative Enhanced Diversion for Youth (REDY) program, extending eligibility for diversion services. There have been 54 youth referred through the REDY program.

Figure 1. Youth Referred to DYD Diversion Providers by Quarter, through December 2023 (n=3017)

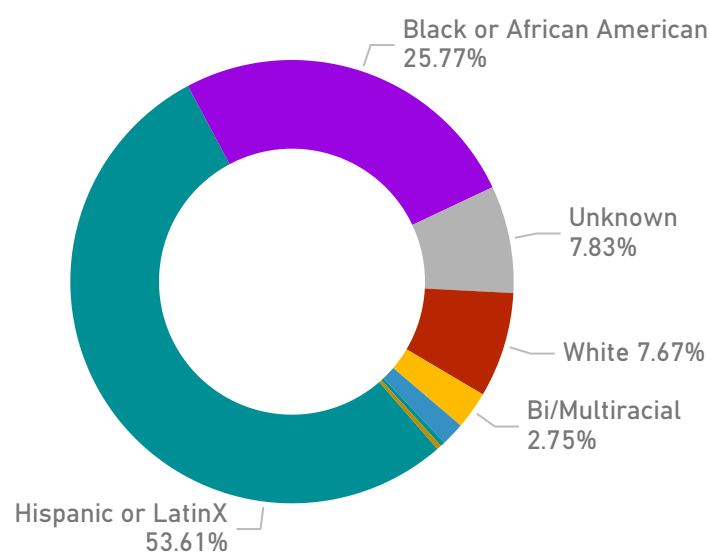


## Section 2. Demographic Information

DYD works to reduce the disproportionate arrest of Black youth and advance equitable access to community alternatives to justice system involvement by ensuring that youth are not disproportionately excluded from diversion referral, enrollment, or completion by race, age, or gender (Figures 2-4).

Amongst partner law enforcement agencies providing comparison arrest data, DYD still finds that Black youth are 1.1x more likely than non-Black peers to be arrested instead of diverted for diversion eligible charges.

Figure 2. Formal/DA Referrals by Race and Ethnic Identity, December 2023 (n=2658)



1.43% API and <1% each for Native American and Middle Eastern youth

Figure 3. Formal/DA Referrals by Age, December 2023 (n=2658)

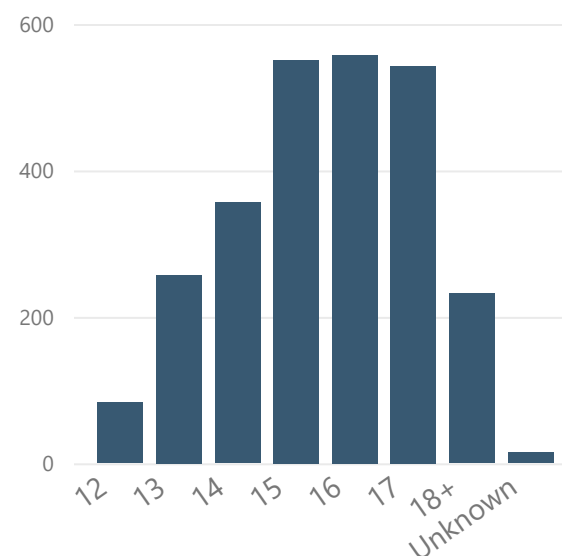
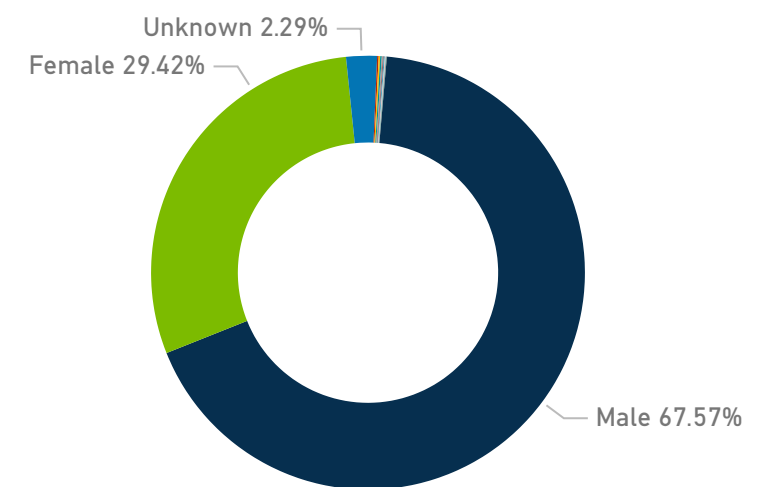


Figure 4. Formal/DA Referrals by Gender Identity, December 2023 (n=2658)



<1% each for transgender and gender non-conforming youth

## Section 3. Incident and Enrollment Data

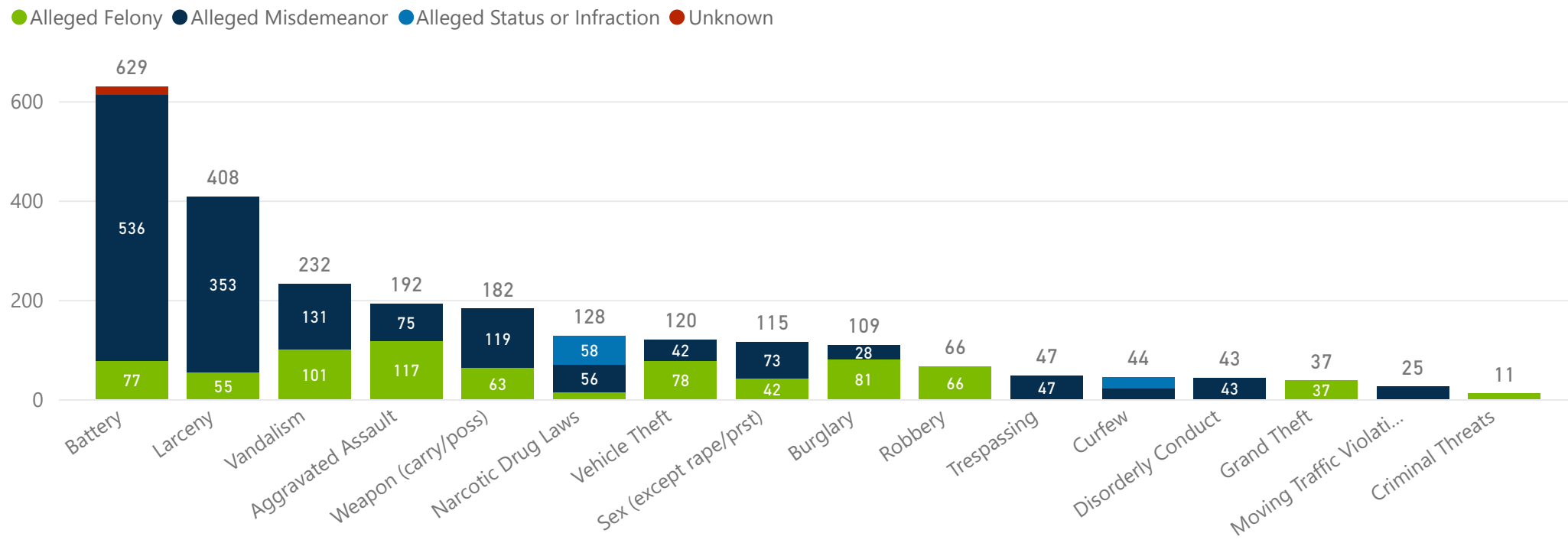
Of youth formally referred to diversion so far, on average 30% have been referred for alleged felonies and 64% have been referred for alleged misdemeanors (Figure 5). Although the percentage of referrals for alleged felonies is promising, referrals for low-level misdemeanor and status offenses or infractions are not currently aligned with DYD policy guidelines. DYD staff is working with program leadership and law enforcement leadership to transition referrals for alleged status offenses and misdemeanor petty theft offenses to the informal rather than formal participation status in alignment with the DYD model's implementation and data sharing guidelines.

Figure 5. Formal/DA Referrals by Level Alleged Offense, December 2023 (n=2658)

● Alleged Misdemeanor ● Alleged Felony ● Alleged Status or Infraction ● Unknown



Figure 6. Formal/DA Referrals by Alleged Offense Level for Categories with >10 Referrals, December 2023



DYD is committed to providing complete comparison data to better contextualize the youth diversion landscape across Los Angeles County and is continuing to build data sharing agreements with law enforcement partners.

## Section 4. Enrollment and Connections to Services Over Time

Overall, 82% of youth who enrolled and are currently inactive have completed their diversion programming (Figure 8). However, 22% of formally and DA diverted youth decide not to participate in diversion services (Figure 8). Once enrolled, youth participate in activities and services included in their individualized DYD programs aimed at supporting their needs and goals (Figure 9).

Figure 7. Formal/DA Referrals Overall Status by Alleged Offense Level (n=2658)

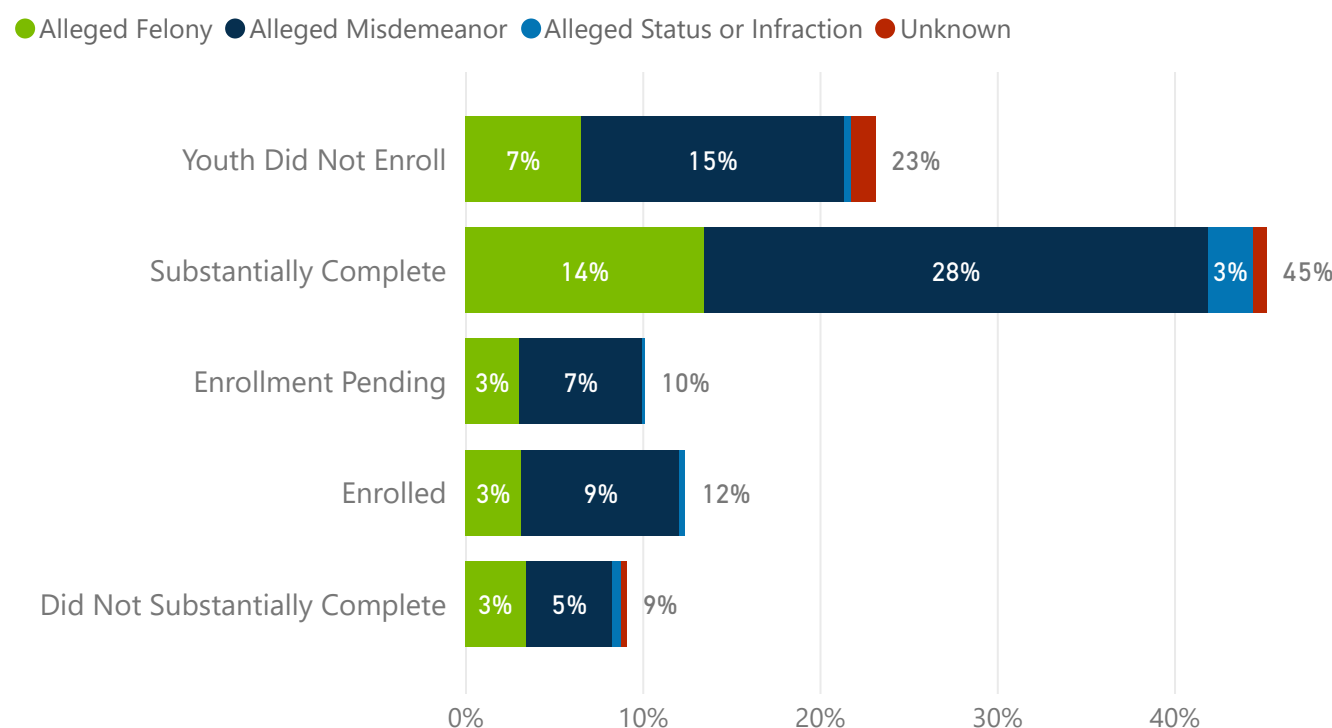


Fig. 8 Most Common Types of Care Plan Goals through December 2023

The top 5 most common care plan goals for youth participating in DYD programs are:

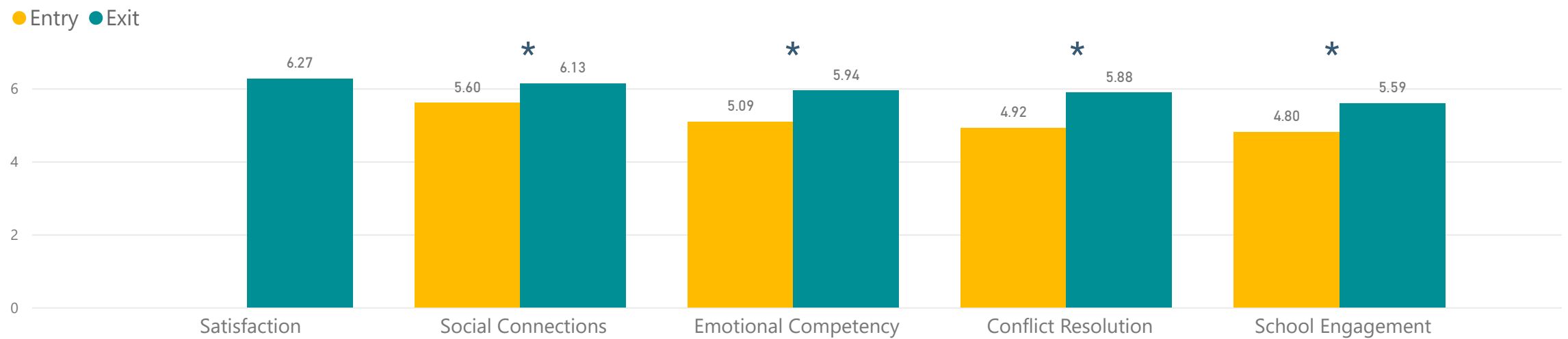
1. School-Related Goals (29%)
2. Work-Related Goals (15%)
3. Mental Health (12%)
4. Conflict Resolution (10%)
5. Recreational or Creative Goals (9%)

Remaining categories of goals in order of frequency include behavioral health, civic engagement or social justice, restorative or transformative justice, family support, physical health, support for basic needs, cultural or spiritual, and substance use.



On average, participants who have substantially completed their diversion programming have shown increases in their protective factors across the board over the course of their participation, where lower scores represent fewer protective factors in each category and higher scores represent more (Figure 10). For social connections, emotional competency, conflict resolution, and school engagement, the differences between entry scores and exit scores are significantly different at a 95% confidence level. There were no significant differences between protective factors at entry for youth who did or did not substantially complete their diversion programming.

Figure 9. Average Protective Factor Scores at Intake and Exit Assessment, December 2023



## Section 5. Current Service Coverage Area

● Alma ● AYC ● CCEJ ● CYS ● Flintridge ● HYC ● InsideOut Writers ● PCS Family Services ● RSA ● SEA ● YAP

