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Focus Topics

- Trauma Responsive Interventions
- Cultural Programming
- Tribal Diversion



Trauma Responsive Interventions

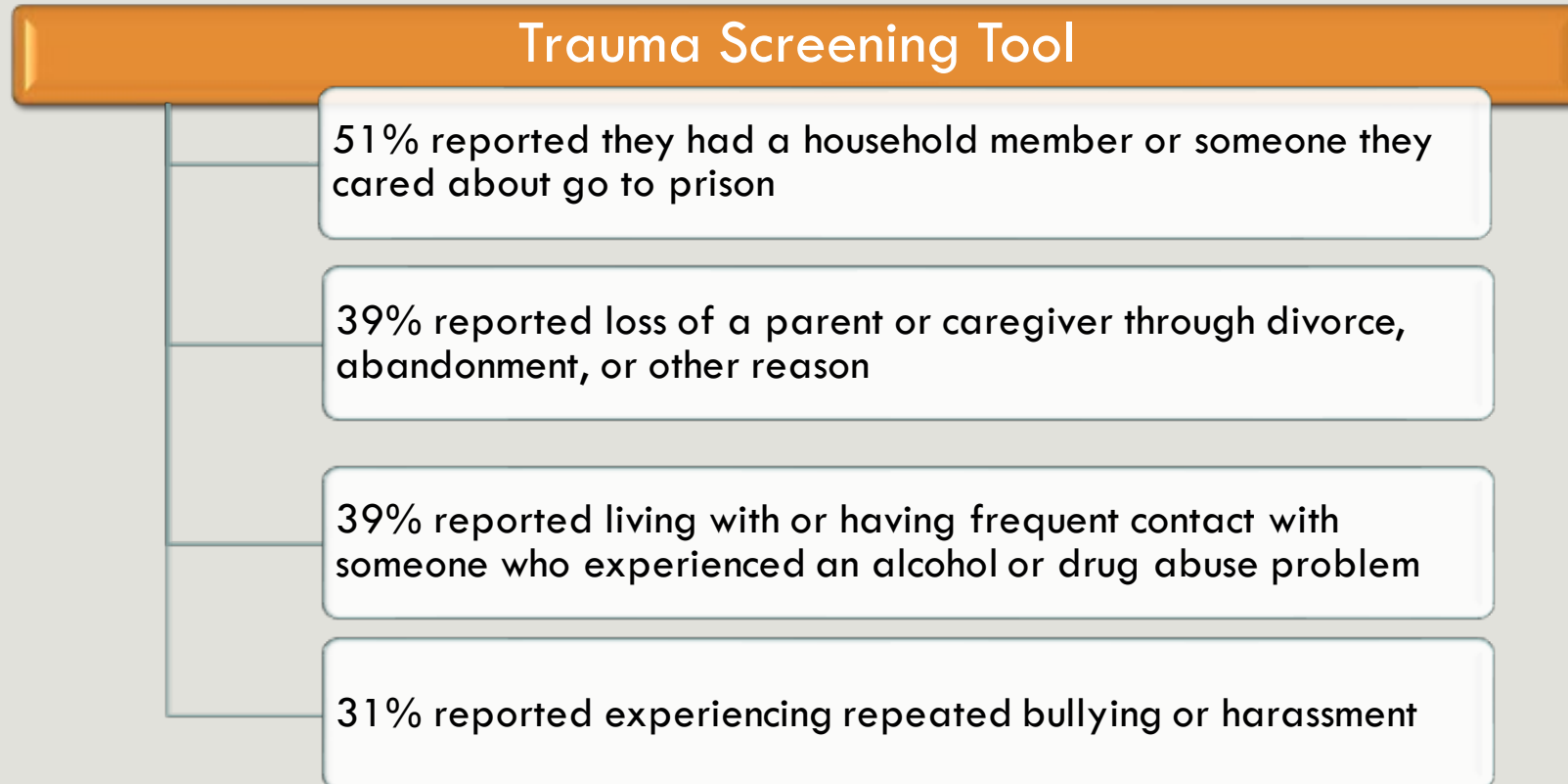
Trauma Screening Tool

- Took into consideration the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACE)
- 15 questions performed by probation or facility staff
- The higher the score the more trauma indicated
- Help understand past trauma of the youth, guide intervention strategies and responses to behavior, and assist in treatment planning

STAFF READ TO YOUTH:			
<i>"I am going to ask you a series of YES or NO questions to help guide our work with you, please answer truthfully. If you answer yes to certain questions I may ask follow up questions to determine if it is necessary to make a report to the Office of Children's Services or law enforcement. You have the right to refuse to answer any of these questions."</i>			
Youth Name:		JOMIS:	
Staff Name:		Date:	NO YES
1.*	Did a parent or other adult that you had frequent contact with swear at you, put you down, or humiliate you? Or act in a way that made you afraid that you might be physically hurt?		
FSR Follow Up	<i>Would you like to tell me more?</i>		
2.*	Did a parent or other adult that you had frequent contact with push, grab, slap, or throw something at you? Or ever hit you so hard that you had marks or were injured?		
FSR Follow Up	<i>Would you like to tell me more?</i>		
3.*	Did an adult or older youth ever touch you or have you touch their body in a sexual way? Or force or try to force you to have sex?		
FSR Follow Up	<i>Would you like to tell me more?</i>		
4.	Did you sometimes feel that no one in your family loved you or thought you were important?		
5.*	Did you feel that you didn't have enough to eat, had to wear dirty clothes, or had no one to protect you? Were your parents ever too drunk or high to take care of you or take you to the doctor if you needed it?		
FSR Follow Up	<i>Would you like to tell me more?</i>		
6.	Did you ever lose a parent or caregiver through divorce, or other reason?		

Trauma Responsive Interventions

Trauma Screening Tool FY20 Data



Trauma Responsive Interventions

Trauma Informed Effective Reinforcement system (TIERS)

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is an effective alternative to compliance-focused behavior management systems

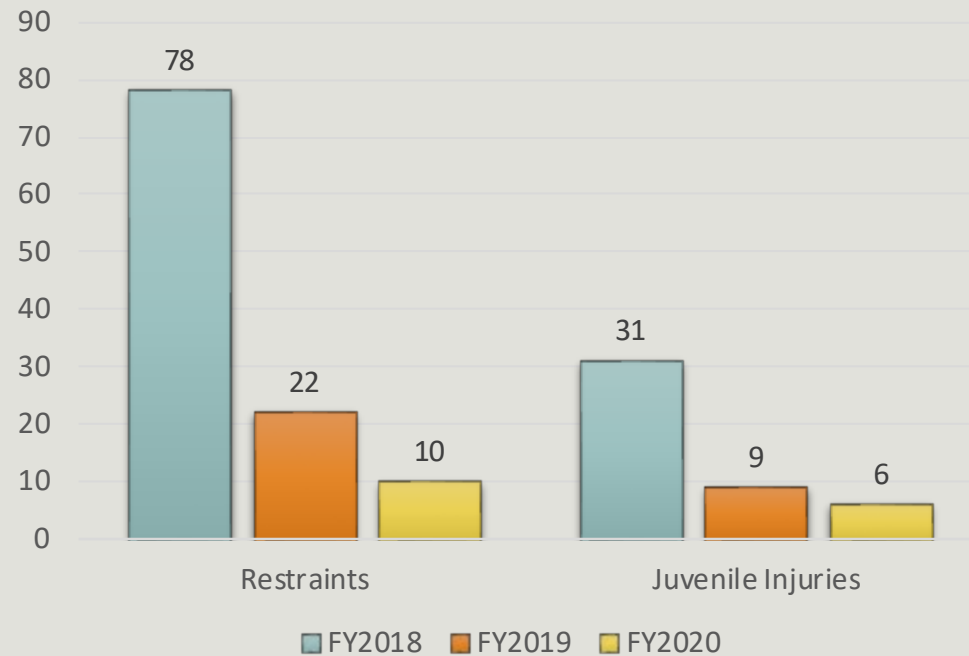
teaches staff skills that are more effective in motivating positive behavior with clients than traditional points and level systems

the key principle is creating and maintaining a safe program culture, which is outlined in a series of program expectations and taught to clients in the program

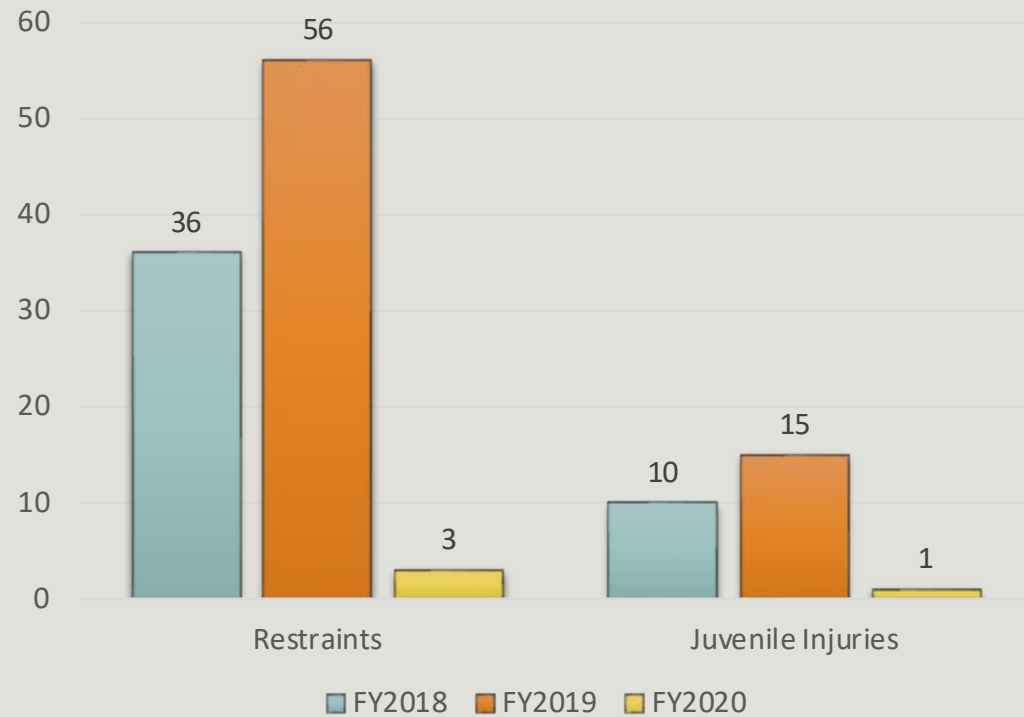
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Trauma Informed Effective Reinforcement system (TIERs)

Girls Treatment Unit



Fairbanks Treatment Unit



Cultural Programming

Using Culture as a Support Tool for Accountability

By learning skills which include working as part of a community and increasing youths' cultural identity, positive evidence based outcomes for youth can be achieved such as;

- lower rates of depression,
- decreases in alcohol and drug use,
- decrease in anti-social behaviors,
- lower rates of suicide, and
- reduction of truancy and school dropout.

Cultural Programming is an excellent opportunity for our youth to learn some traditional, yet modernized skills.

Cultural Programming Benefits

- Teach traditional Native Values
- Increase knowledge of traditional activities
- Teach skills which can provide subsistence foods for their families
- Teach skills which can provide an economic resource available in rural communities
- Positive substance free activity
- Increase positive self identity

Cultural Programming

Bethel Youth Facility

- Cultural Heritage Week
- Culture Camp
- Moose Hunt



BYF youth learning to mend a net at fish camp.

Cultural Programming

Bethel Youth Facility – Cultural Heritage Week



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Bethel Youth Facility – Culture Camp



Bethel Youth Facility Residents Learn to Catch, Clean, and Dry Fish at Culture Camp

Cultural Programming

Bethel Youth Facility – Moose Hunt



Tribal Diversion Agreements

- Akiak
- Alatna
- Allakaket
- Arctive Village
- Asa'carsarmiut
- Atmautluak
- Native Village of Barrow
- Emmonak
- Fort Yukon
- Galena (Louden)
- Holy Cross
- Huslia
- Kalskag
- Kaltag
- Kasigluk
- Kipnuk
- Koyukuk
- Kwethluk
- Lower Kalskag
- Minto
- Mountain Village
- Nikolai
- Nulato
- Nulato
- Orutsararmiut Traditional Native Council
- Qagan Tayagungin
- St. Paul Island
- Sand Point
- Scammon Bay
- Tanana
- Venetie

Final Thoughts.....

