



# Department of Juvenile Services

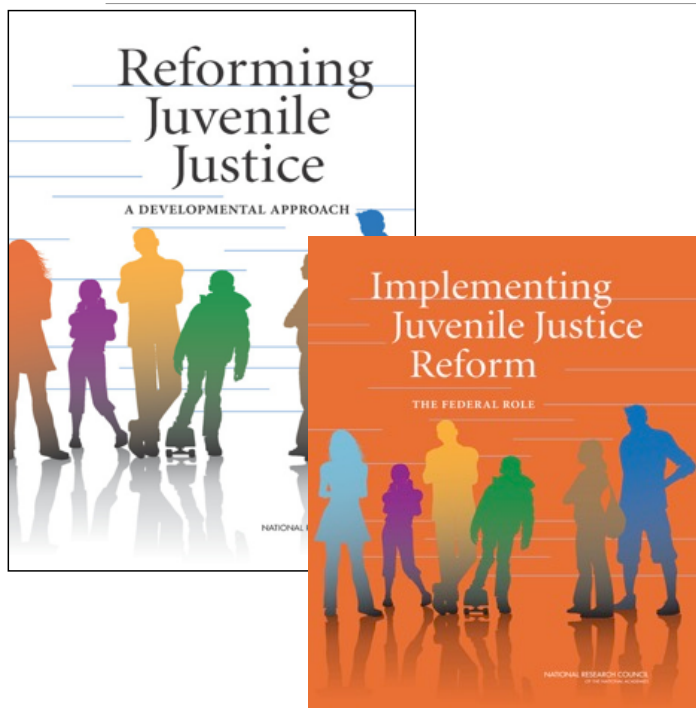


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# Developmental Approach to Juvenile Justice Reform

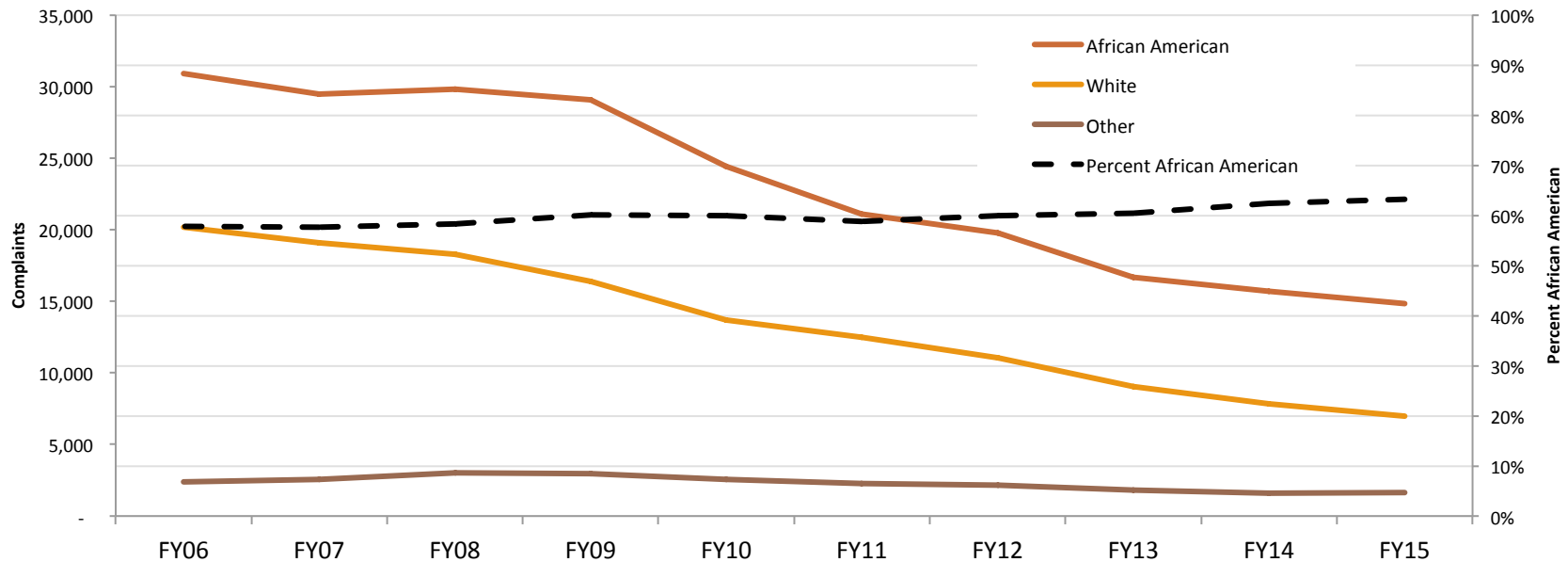


## Hallmarks of the Developmental Approach

- Accountability Without Criminalization
- Alternatives to Justice System Involvement
- Individualized Response Based on Assessment of Needs and Risks
- Confinement Only When Necessary for Public Safety
- A Genuine Commitment to Fairness
- Sensitivity to Disparate Treatment
- Family Engagement

## Juvenile Complaints Have Declined for All Race/Ethnicities Since FY06

- Complaints for African American youth declined 52.1%, and declined 65.4% for white youth.
- African American youth comprise 63.1% of complaints, up from 57.8% in FY06.
- African American youth comprise 32.0% of the general population.



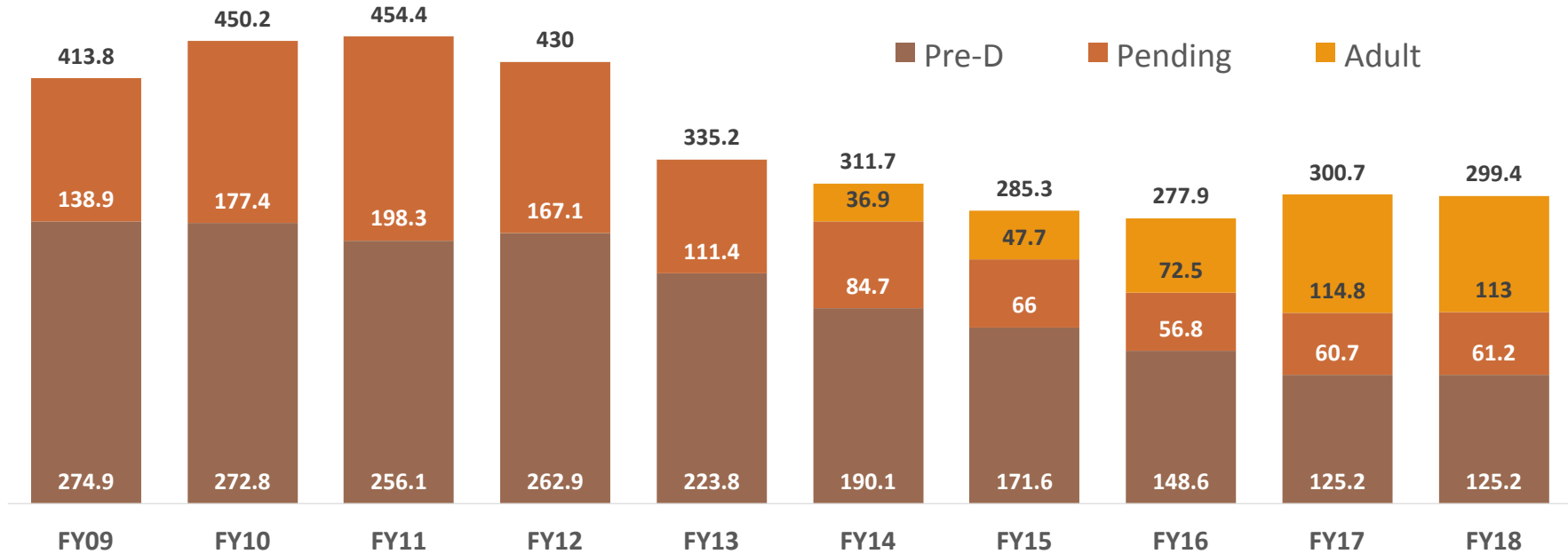
## Sensitivity to Disparate Treatment

### Embedding a Race Equity Lens in Agency Operations Through Skill-building and Policy Analysis to Mitigate Disparate Impact of Agency Operations on Youth and Families of Color

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Implementing Race Equity Training Series to “operationalize” principles and practices of race equity through increased dialogue, assessment, and policy and practice solutions</li><li>✓ Increasing regional and local capacity for race equity strategies through equity coaching and specialized technical assistance</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Vetting DJS assessment and treatment policies and procedures through the new <i>Racial Impact Assessment Lens (RIAL)</i></li><li>✓ Modifying policies and practices in order to mitigate disparate, adverse outcomes for youth of color</li><li>✓ Routine monitoring of decision point data for youth of color to assess progress and identify additional work opportunities.</li></ul> |
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# Maryland Juvenile Detention Population Declined Significantly

- The average daily juvenile court population in DJS detention declined **55.0%** over ten years.
- Cases detained for the Adult Court now make up **37.3%** of the DJS detained population.



# Resources

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## **DJS Website**

[www.djs.maryland.gov](http://www.djs.maryland.gov)

## **Data Resource Guides**

[www.djs.maryland.gov/data-resource-guides.asp](http://www.djs.maryland.gov/data-resource-guides.asp)

## **Implementing Juvenile Justice Reform, National Research Council of the National Academies**

<http://www.nap.edu/catalog/18753/implementing-juvenile-justice-reform-the-federal-role>

## For More Information

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