



Monroe County Legislature

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Via Electronic Mail

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County Executive Bello,

I commend you for creating the Juvenile Enhanced Diversion and Stabilization (JEDS) program to provide additional services, supervision, and stabilization to justice-involved youth. I have questions about recent statistics reported in the news media. Specifically, News 8 reported:

Data obtained by News 8 shows nearly 600 juveniles have participated in the program since it launched, with only one percent of teens reoffending.

FULL DATA FROM MONROE COUNTY:

- *To date, 599 juveniles participated in the program*
- *52% completed the stabilization period*
- *1% of juveniles re-offended while they were in the program*
- *Average age is 15.3 years old*
- *Car thefts reduced 61% (Overall YTD 2023 vs 2024)*

Here are my questions:

- How many children under probation supervision *did not* complete or participate in the program? In other words, what percentage of children under supervision participate?
- Only about half of children complete the “stabilization period.” What is that period, and why is the completion rate so low?
- How many children reoffend after they complete the program?
- Are you including children at the detention center, who would not be in a position to reoffend?
- Can you provide any other data about the program?

I look forward to learning more about JEDS, obtaining a full picture of its performance, and how I can better support this program and others to help youth in crisis transform their lives.

Sincerely,

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