



CHOICES

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Creating

Hope

Opportunities

Inspiring

Change

Excellence &

Success

Vision:

A community where high risk youth are not limited by their circumstances and are supported in accessing resources that create pathways to success.

Mission:

To reduce criminal and other high risk behaviors through the introduction of new life skills, community connections and relationships, and simultaneously enhancing youth's confidence, self actualization, and well being.

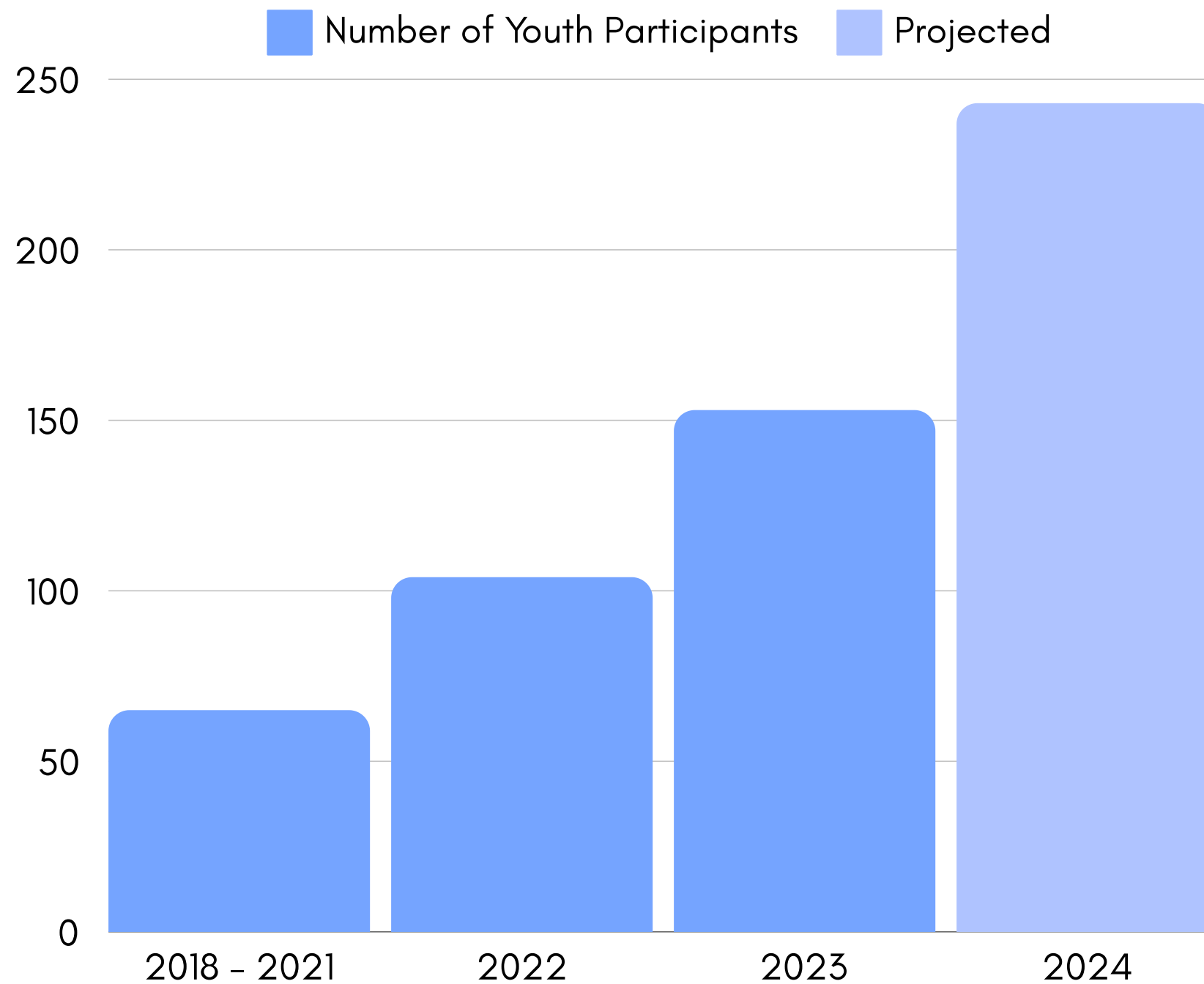
Overall Goal:

Through mentorship and community connection, CHOICES' mission is to build relationships/trust with Manchester's highest risk youth and actively engage them in building individual pathways to success. Choices embraces the values of respect, responsibility, accountability, individuality and community connection in hopes of enhancing participant's confidence, self actualization and well being through positive choices.

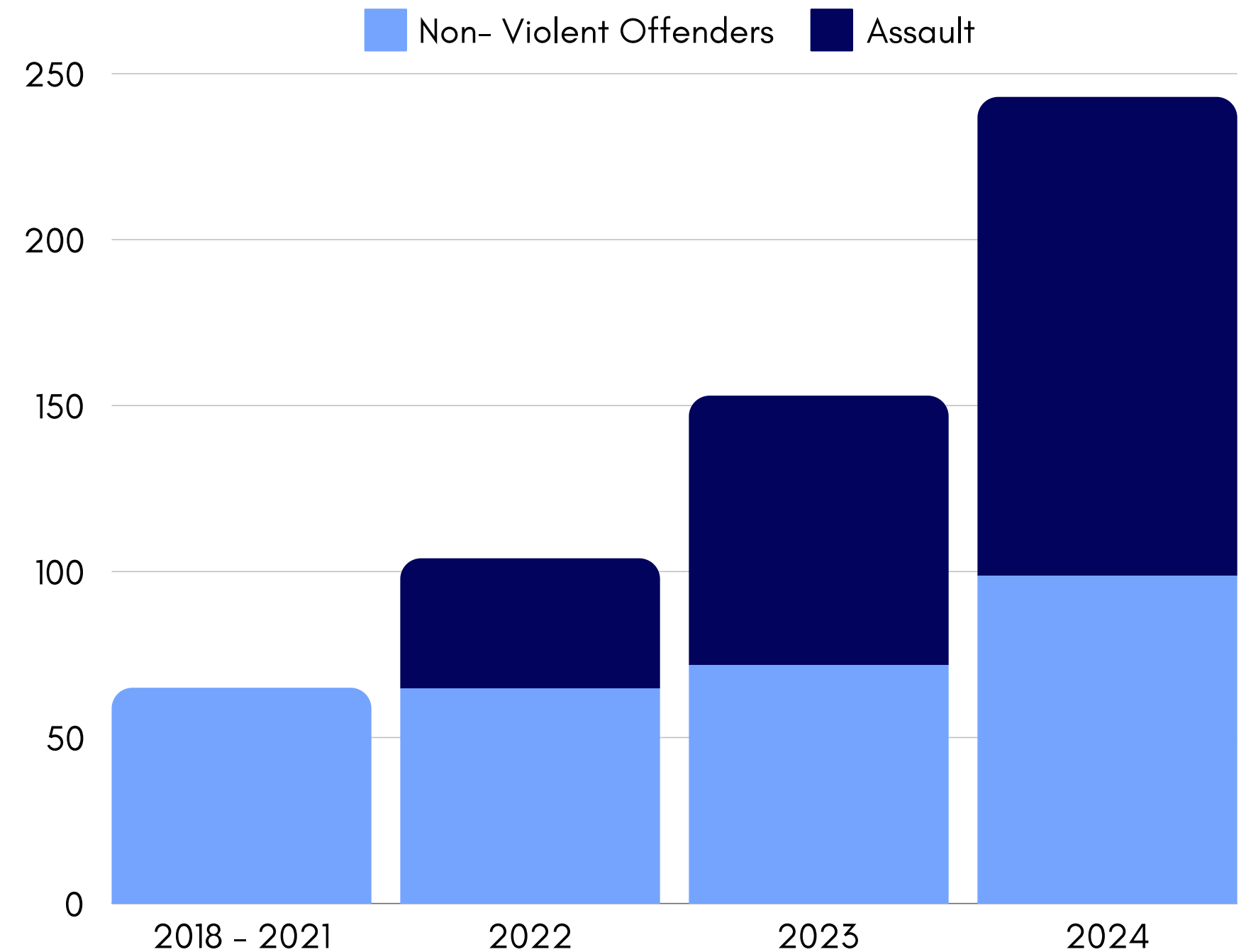
The need:

2023 State Probation Transformation Impact

Increased number of referrals:



Increased violent offenders:



Evidence Based

Problem:

Based on negative individual/ familial/ environmental factors and poor life skill attainment, high risk youth are engaging in criminal activity and gang involvement as a way to cope with their current circumstances.

*ACES

What we know:

Creating a strong, trusting mentoring relationship between high-risk youth and a positive adult, who shares similar life experiences and ethnicity can help create pathways to success for both youth and returning citizens.

*Credible Messenger

A collaborative approach between community members, nonprofit service providers, Juvenile Justice stakeholders, and policy makers is essential to support youth in choosing alternatives to violence and making a safer community.

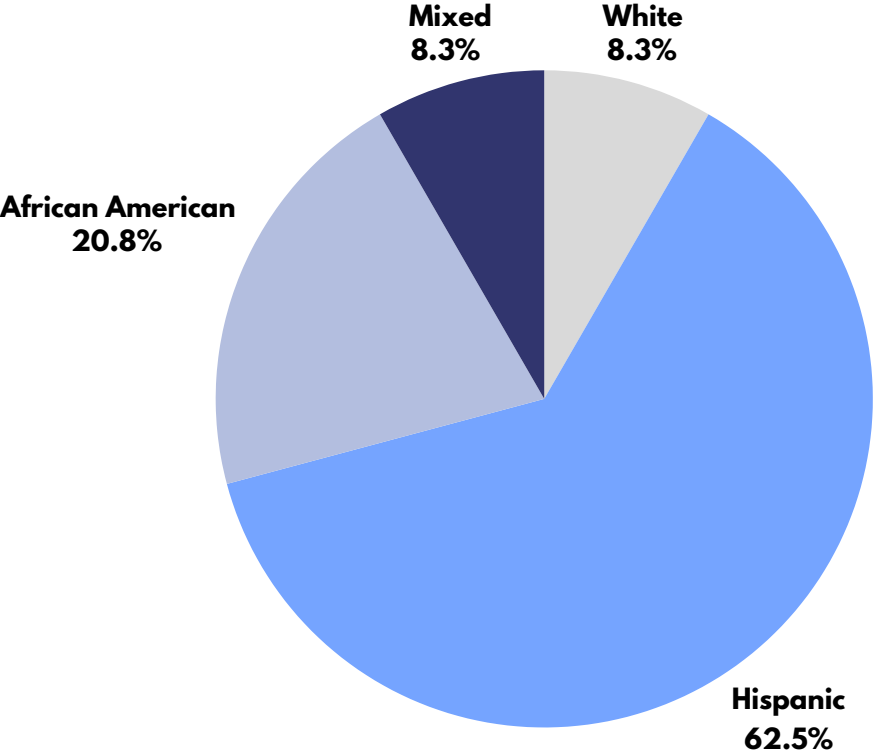
*OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model

Choices Program Structure

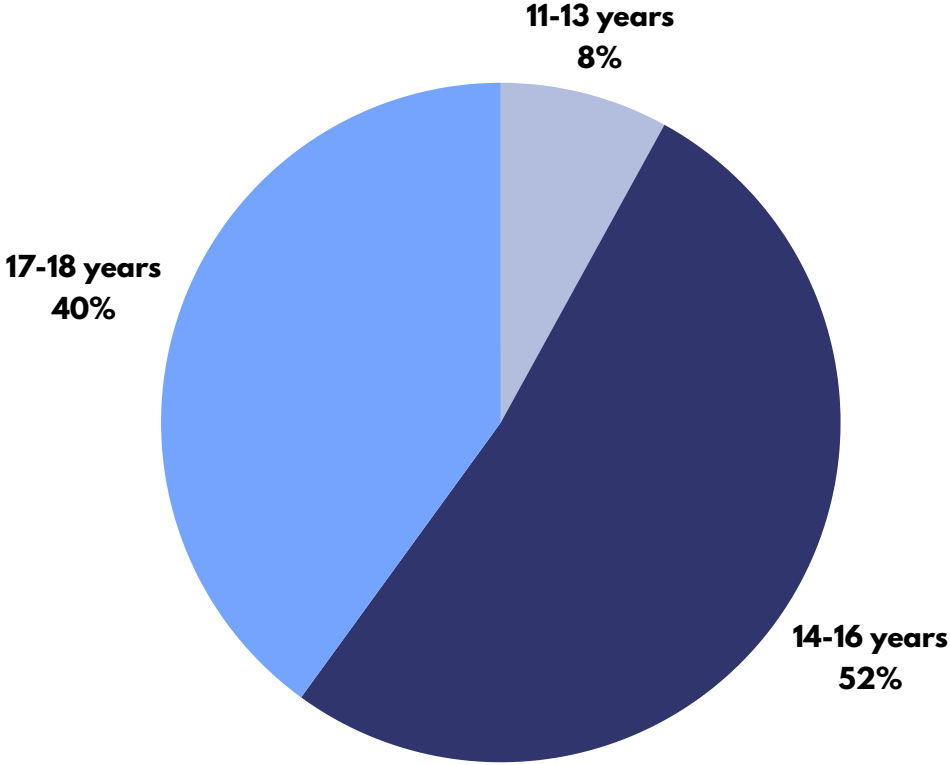
Education	Mediation	Mentorship	Community Connection
Deprogramming false perceptions of street culture, Skills enhancement, Community awareness, Goal setting, & Future mapping	Brokering communication between participants & peers, school, family & community service providers	Building relationships, Serving as a positive role model, Actively coaching new skill set, Being a consistent presence in the participant's life	Identifying individual needs & connecting with appropriate support services. Utilizing business & university partners to spark interest in a career path
Vehicle of Services			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual & group education• Individual mentorship/goal setting• Mobile Service-Community Resource for MPD, School, SYSC, Juvenile Probation• Mom/Father/Guardian Support Groups• Structured Recreational Time		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organized Community Outreach Events• Guest Speakers• MPAL Futures & Diversion Program Support• Exposure to Trade & University Opportunities• Leadership/Teamwork Training Opportunities/Experiences	

Who We Serve

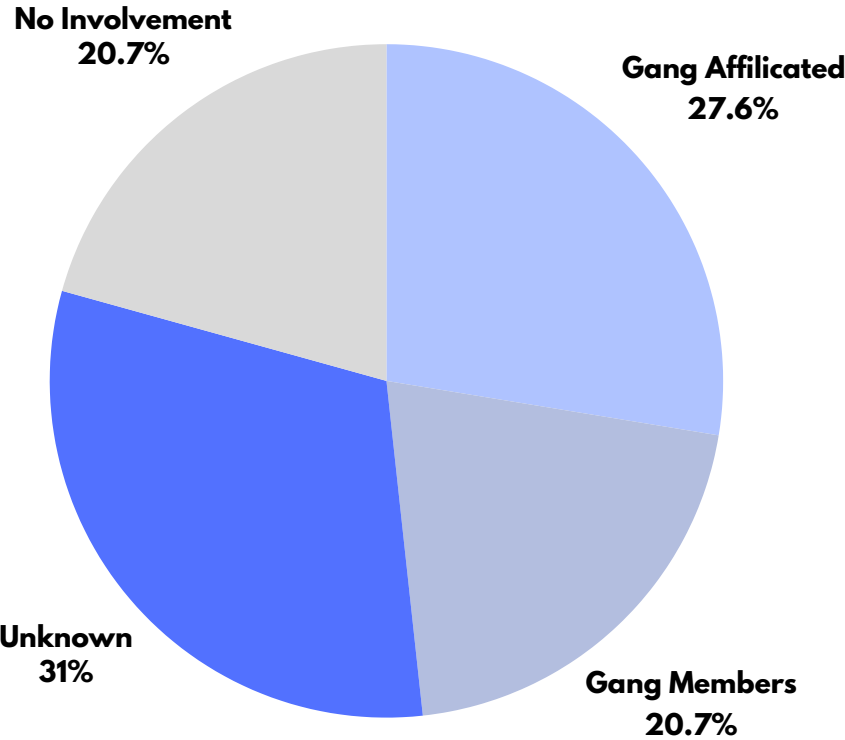
RACE/ETHNICITY



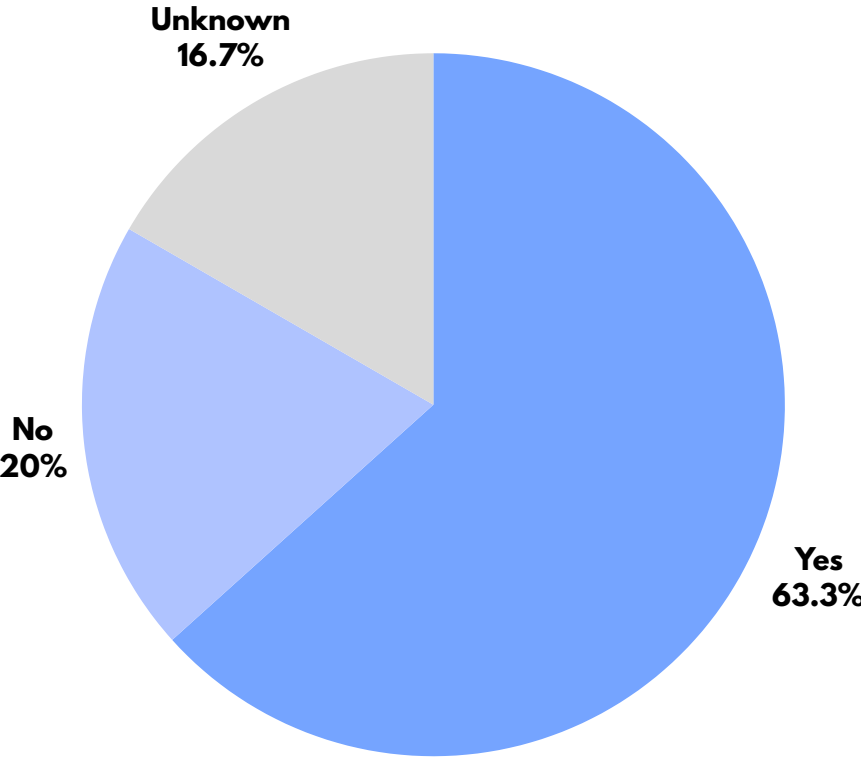
AGE



GANG AFFILIATION



SUBSTANCE USE



Community Collaboration

Education

Manchester School
District
SNHU
St. Anselms
My Turn

Career

Trades
Military
First Responder
Financial Literacy

Juvenile Justice

MPAL Diversion
Department of
Corrections
Manchester PD
Juvenile Probation
NH Juvenile Diversion
Network

Resources

Mental Health Center
Boys and Girls Club
Manchester Housing
YMCA Strive/Stay
Center for Justice and
Equity
Thrive Outdoors

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Direct 1:1 Service
Advocacy
Mediation
Education
Resource Referral
Mobile Crisis Intervention
Skills Group
Outreach



Testimonial:

“The presentation that Evenor Pineda and his two volunteers provided to all of our students (by grade) was the best assembly we have ever had in the 25 years I have worked at McLaughlin. The students were respectful throughout and demonstrated genuine appreciation for what the panel shared with them. The message that the panel shared needs to happen more often and sooner. I encourage you to support these wonderful folks and assist them in any way possible to secure additional funding that allows them to expand their reach. What they had to say needs to be heard by the students we work with.”

Bill Krantz
Principal, M.ED/CAGS
McLaughlin Middle School

Testimonials:

Participant:

"This program has helped me out a lot mentally, physically and emotionally has made me a better person a lot more opened up about myself. I don't have to feel like I'm trapped inside or feel alone. I get to be myself and express who I am in any way, shape or form. Hearing messages that I can relate to helped me a lot and I can take [my life] into my own hands and make myself a better form of me."

Participant:

"Choices impacted me in a good way. It took steps to listen and get me on the right path. I got to learn many new things like how to get on the right track and how to set those perfect amazing goals I want to accomplish. Choices is a really good program."

Parent:

"You went from this little peanut to my little baby to a young man, and now you're graduating high school... despite all the troubles you went through in school, you proved everyone wrong. I am so proud of you. You worked hard for this. You proved to everyone who thought you wouldn't make it! This is what hard work and dedication can do. Thank you Evenor Pineda for being his mentor and keeping his head right"