



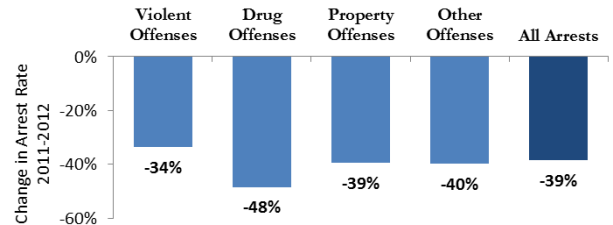
# Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services 2012 MID-YEAR PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

September 2012

The Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) is committed to promoting public safety through the effective rehabilitation of the youth in its care. There are many factors that influence the public safety outcomes for youth in the District of Columbia, including several that are beyond DYRS's control. Nevertheless, through effective engagement, proper supervision and appropriate treatment, DYRS has a direct role in guiding court-involved youth toward better decision-making. While there are many possible causes, the data for the first eight months of calendar year 2012 show clear and significant public safety gains for DYRS youth.

## Re-Arrest Rates are Down for DYRS Youth

District Arrests, CY 2011-2012, January thru August



### ARREST RATES ARE DOWN

Fewer DYRS youth are being re-arrested and as a result DYRS youth represent a significantly smaller portion of overall arrests in the District. Comparing January through August of 2011 and 2012, the overall re-arrest rate for DYRS youth is down by 39%. This is true across all major offense categories:

- Violent offenses (-34%)
  - Robberies (-32%)
- Drug offenses (-48%)
- Property Offenses (-39%)
- Other Offenses (-40%)

Even accounting for the 18% decrease in the number of youth under DYRS supervision during this period, the trends in arrest rates are still downward. As a result, even as arrest rates are falling city-wide, DYRS youth have accounted for a smaller portion of overall arrests, down a projected 29% from the first three quarters of 2011.

### ABSCONDENCE RATES ARE DOWN

An abscondence occurs whenever a youth under DYRS supervision is not where he or she is supposed to be. So far in 2012, the average daily population of youth on abscondence is down 26%, from 58 youth to 43 youth.

### NO INVOLVEMENT IN DEADLY VIOLENCE

Through the first seven months of 2012, no youth under DYRS supervision have been arrested in a homicide investigation, nor have any youth been the victim of a homicide. By this time last year, seven youth had been victims and four had been charged with homicide.

### A PLAN FOR SUSTAINING THE POSITIVE TRENDS

These are positive trends for the citizens of the District of Columbia, and reflect the coordinated work of many District agencies and other stakeholders. DYRS is confident that through the continued refinement of New Beginnings rehabilitative programming and further expansion of effective community services through the DC YouthLink initiative, the early trends for 2012 will result in prolonged improvements for the District's court-involved youth and general public.

### Public Safety Statistical Comparison CY 2011 and CY 2012 January - August

	2011	2012	% change
<b>Arrest Statistics</b>			
DYRS youth arrests	436	268	-39%
% of DYRS young people re-arrested	23%	19%	-17%
DYRS portion of city-wide arrests, under age 21 <sup>^</sup>	9.3%	6.6%	-29%
<b>Abscondence Statistics</b>			
Average daily abscondence pop	58	43	-26%
<b>Homicide Statistics</b>			
DYRS youth charged with murder	4	0	-100%
DYRS victims of murder	7	0	-100%

Arrest data drawn from the city-wide JUSTIS database.

<sup>^</sup>City-wide statistics for all arrests of individuals age 20 and younger have historically been tracked by DYRS on a quarterly basis. Data reported here represent a projection for CY2012 through September, based on a continuation of current trends in the quarter.