



Child Welfare Implementation Support Metrics

Dashboard Quick Reference Guide (Youth Justice Views)

Purpose

The Child Welfare Implementation Support Metrics dashboard highlights key measures related to core child welfare objectives in the state of Wisconsin. The three Youth Justice (YJ) views included in the dashboard include information related to effective YJ response at intake.

Division of Safety & Permanence data dashboards are intended to prompt questions, encourage reflection, and provide information to assist with data-driven decision-making.

Included YJ data

- The first delinquency referral in a YJ episode (from eWiSACWIS), and the timing of its “matched” YASI prescreen assessment (from CaseWorks).
- The intake recommendation made for the first delinquency referral in a YJ episode (from eWiSACWIS), and the risk level of its “matched” YASI prescreen assessment (from CaseWorks).

Data considerations

- Because YJ referrals and YASI assessments are entered and tracked in separate systems, the YJ views use **episode logic** to compare received delinquency referrals with YASI prescreens completed within the same timeframe. While there is *small* room for error, after repeated testing, overall, we have found the match provides a general but accurate sense of how frequently YASI work happens when we expect it to happen.
 - A YJ “**episode**” is an uninterrupted period of involvement in the youth justice system. Each episode begins with an initial delinquency referral and ends when the last delinquency referral in the episode closes.
 - The **episode logic used in this report identifies the first delinquency referral in an episode that is open during the reporting period and looks for YASI prescreen work from a similar timeframe**. Using this method allows us to narrow the focus of the YJ views to only include the portions of the YJ intake process where we would expect a YASI prescreen to happen.
- While we know there are specific situations in YJ standards where it would not be appropriate to complete a YASI prescreen (for example, a youth receives a JIPS referral, youth is under age 10, youth is found not competent, etc.), we are not able to filter out all these reasons in this version of the dashboard. Our hope is that these situations would be edge cases (in other words, not common).
- The YJ views do not include data from Milwaukee as they are still in process of migrating to the state of Wisconsin’s CaseWorks server.
- The dashboard is refreshed with new data quarterly (approximately a month and a half after the end of each quarter).

Access

This dashboard is only available in the Child Welfare Dashboards page accessed inside of eWiSACWIS or eWReports. Access to this dashboard is restricted to eWiSACWIS users and can be requested from a county security delegate or the DCF Child Welfare Research and Analytics ([CWRA](#)) team.

Navigation

The Child Welfare Implementation Metrics dashboard includes a landing page and 3 YJ views.

- A summary of the data included in each view can be found by hovering over the orange question mark in the upper right corner of the page.
- A brief description of charts or filters on the page display when hovering over the blue dot next to a title.
- Most filters on this dashboard are dynamic – meaning turning on a filter will apply it to the current dashboard view.
- Many of the charts are also dynamic – hovering over a chart may reveal additional data and clicking portions of a chart may apply a filter to the whole page.
- You can always undo these filters by clicking the same portion of the chart again.

Additional guidance about hover helps and turning on filters can be found in DCF's [dashboard user guide](#).

Dashboard YJ views

YJ YASI Timely Prescreens

Provides information about the completion status and timing of expected YASI Prescreen assessments for all delinquency referrals received during the reporting period.

- This view is using logic to compare received delinquency referrals with YASI prescreens completed within the same timeframe.
- Key terms used in this view:
 - **Timely** = the delinquency referral is matched to a YASI prescreen with all 33 items completed within 40 days of receipt of referral.
 - **Late** = the delinquency referral is matched to a YASI prescreen with all 33 items completed, but at least one item was completed more than 40 days after receipt of referral. Ideally, the YASI prescreen would be completed within the 40-day intake window so prescreen results can be used to guide and support intake recommendations.
 - **Not completed** = the delinquency referral is matched to a YASI prescreen that is missing at least 1 item or no matching prescreen assessment was found for the delinquency referral. It also could include any delinquency referral for which a county has not completed a corresponding YASI prescreen assessment.
- We do not currently have a way to tease out or filter reasons for lateness or non-completion. While a large proportion of late or not completed prescreen assessments are not necessarily cause for concern, they should prompt reflection and/or conversation. The purpose of the YASI prescreen is to use a fair, validated assessment across the state of Wisconsin to guide intake decisions. If a county is routinely forgoing the prescreen assessment, it is worth investigating why. Helpful next steps:
 - **Consult the corresponding eWReport** (referenced next page) to take a closer look at delinquency referrals to look for patterns (CWRA & BYS YJ staff are always happy to help with this if needed).
 - Using eWReport data, **look for potential technical explanations** for the issue (youth IDs not matching, forgetting to enter info for a prescreen item in CaseWorks).
 - eWReport data may also help to identify practice that falls into a “gray area” (ex. closing out some referrals when youth no show at an intake conference, or always closing referrals associated with a specific delinquency offense). While risk assessment tools like the YASI leave space for this kind of worker discretion, if a county has many referrals falling into gray area practice, it may be worth connecting with BYS for further discussion.
 - **Reach out to the CWRA team** for additional data support.

YJ Intake Decision by YASI Prescreen Risk Level

Provides information about the recommendation made by YJ intake for delinquency referrals organized by their corresponding YASI prescreen risk level.

- This view also uses episode logic (matching first delinquency referral in the episode to a YASI prescreen) but only displays YJ intake recommendations for delinquency referrals matched to a completed YASI prescreen assessment (includes both timely and late).
- While we would hope to see more low-risk youth recommended for diversion (case closure or DPA), it is important to note that there are specific situations in YJ standards where it may be appropriate to recommend low-risk youth for formal court involvement.
- This view will not capture changes made to a youth's disposition. For example, if a low-risk youth was recommended for and placed on a DPA that was later revoked, the change in their dispositional status would not be reflected in the data included in this view. Intake recommendations are considered a historical piece of information that should not be changed. Only the youth's disposition should be updated to reflect the new status in eWiSACWIS.
 - If the change in disposition triggers a YASI reassessment, those updates will be captured in a separate assessment than the one used to generate the prescreen score, so we do not expect that the youth's prescreen risk level as reported in this dashboard view would change either.
 - For counties that want to compare DA decision and disposition data with their own recommendation data, while that information is not currently included in this dashboard, those details can be found in the eWReport that compliments this dashboard (referenced below).

Race/Hispanic – Intake Decision by YASI Prescreen Risk Level

Provides information on the relationship between YJ intake decisions and YASI prescreen risk level broken down by race and Hispanic ethnicity to identify any potential disparities.

- This view also uses episode logic (matching first delinquency referral in the episode to a YASI prescreen), but only displays YJ intake recommendations for delinquency referrals matched to a completed YASI prescreen assessment (includes both timely and late).
- When describing this chart, use language like “among high-risk youth recommended for a formal petition to court, 11% were Hispanic” or “64% of low-risk youth recommended for case closure were White.”
- There is a statewide racial and ethnic breakdown view counties can use for comparison next to the dashboard's landing page.

Where to find more detail

Review of this dashboard may prompt additional questions about YJ referrals and YASI related reports. The following eWReports include more details that could be useful for answering more specific questions:

- CM22X102 – CW Implementation Support Metrics
- YM01X100 – Youth Justice Referral Report
- YM02X100 – YASI Assessment Report

Additional information about the YASI can be found in [Wisconsin's Youth Justice Standards](#).

Asking for help

Any of the options below can be consulted for help, but we would recommend starting with the DCF CWRA or YJ teams.

DCF Child Welfare Research and Analytics (CWRA) Team, DCFCWRA@wisconsin.gov

- Can answer questions about the data and logic used in this dashboard
- Can triage concerns about data included in the report and direct those concerns to the appropriate channel within DCF
- Logs dashboard enhancement requests
- Can support county navigation and use of this dashboard

DCF Youth Justice (YJ) Team, DCFYJ@wisconsin.gov

- Can answer questions related to YJ standards or policy
- Can triage concerns about data included in the dashboard and direct those concerns to the appropriate channel within DCF
- Can support county navigation and use of this dashboard

DCF Service Desk, DCFSserviceDesk@wisconsin.gov

- Can provide immediate support for issues related to eWiSACWIS/eWReports
- Service desk tickets are used to document concerns/requests, which are used to prioritize future enhancements/work

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