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Youth Violence Intervention and Prevention – MONSE Touchpoints

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MONSE Touchpoints With Youth – Engagement, Prevention, Intervention & Accountability

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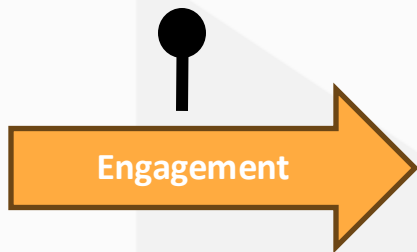


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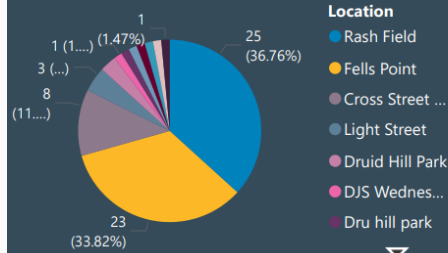


- Building on lessons learned from the past two years, the **2025 Summer Youth Engagement Strategy** continues and expands the integration of safety outreach and engagement through interagency partnership.
 - **Outreach:** Street-level relationship building and redirection from undesired behaviors, while making connections to needed services
 - **Enforcement:** Accountability for young people participating in criminal activity that jeopardizes their safety and the safety of those around them

Tracking SYE Outreach – 2025 YTD

Summer Youth Engagement 2025 Dashboard: YTD 05/09/2025

Interactions by Location



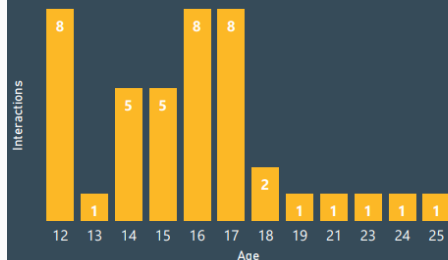
Number of Encounters

25

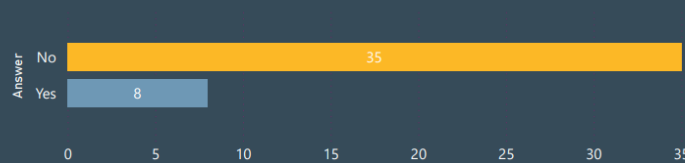
Number of Engagements

43

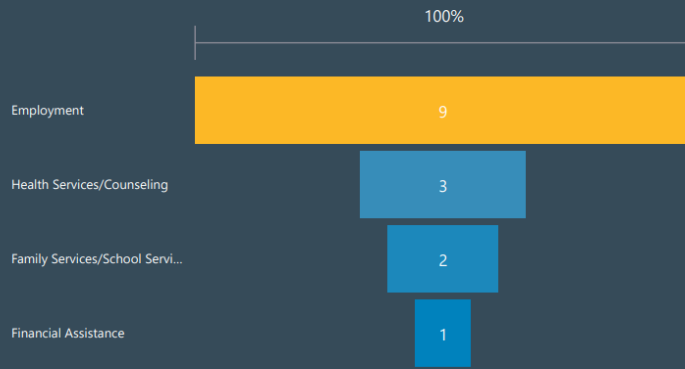
Age Breakdown



Follow-up Requested?



Priority Service Needs: All Time



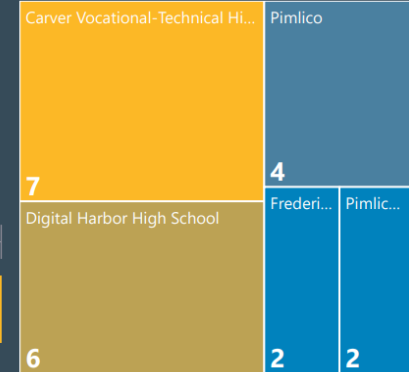
Average Size of Group

8

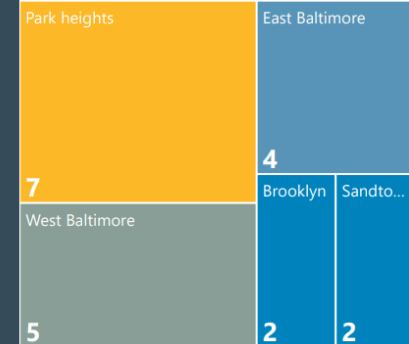
Average Age of Youth

15.86

Top 5 Schools



Top 5 Neighborhoods



Coordinated Neighborhood Stabilization Response (CNSR) Overview

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Engagement with youth identified through outreach or referred by stakeholder.



Engagement

- Coordinated Neighborhood Stabilization Response (CNSR) mobilizes resources tailored to community needs
- Stabilization work often includes interactions with young people, including:
 - Connecting youth with employment resources or working with our community-based partners to engage with young people on corners
 - Coordinating with BPD to ensure additional police presence to deter young people from criminal activity
 - Referrals to MONSE's Youth Opportunity Coordinator, external CBOs, or MONSE's victim services based on need

School-Based Violence Intervention (SBVIP) Program Overview

School-Based Violence Intervention Pilot (SBVIP):
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Prevention

Intervention

- Pilot started in four Baltimore City high schools at the top of the 2024-2025 school year.
- With technical assistance and support from MONSE, community violence intervention partners work with youth, school administrators, and families to:
 - Shift community norms about the acceptability of violence;
 - Create a positive school climate;
 - Strengthen problem-solving and conflict management skills;
 - Strengthen students' academic performance;
 - Provide counseling for students at the highest risk for violence.

SBVIP - Measure of Success

Performance Metrics To Date (Fall 2024 through end of Q1 2025)

608	Students engaged in Interventions, Lunch and Bunches, Restorative Conversations, and Home Visits
100	Reported Interventions
169	Reported Mediations



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SideStep Youth Diversion Overview

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Intervention

Eligible Category 2 Offenses

- Misdemeanor Assault
- Shoplifting
- Destruction of Property
- Larceny
- CDS Possession

- Pre-arrest youth diversion program piloted in Western District in 2022. Upon expansion, referrals will be accepted from BPD, School Police, and the community
- BPD makes referrals of eligible youth to MONSE. MONSE connects youth to service providers, conducts victim outreach, and tracks youth outcomes
- Since 2022, a total of **55** youth first-time offenders were diverted in the Western District.
- In FY24, of the **26 youth** who were diverted to SideStep, **81%** had not recidivated within 6 months of being diverted.

Group Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS) Overview

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Group-member-involved youth with an association to a recent homicide or shooting in a GVRS district.



Intervention

Accountability

- Focused Deterrence, a nationally recognized and data-driven strategy to help reduce shootings and homicides
- Daily coordination between MONSE, BPD and SAO as well as service providers (YAP and ROCA) and community moral voice

Goals

- Reduce homicides and shootings by keeping individuals safe, alive, and free
- Decrease recidivism and improve outcomes for those at the highest risk of violence
- Strengthen police-community relations and trust

GQRS – Youth Participants, 2022 – 2025 YTD

Direct Communications Summary Analytics

60	Youth participants receiving a Direct Communication (~10% of all participants)
48	Referrals came with an offer of services (full Direct Communication)
29	Youth who received a full DC who have enrolled in services and are connected with a life coach
12	Referrals were law-enforcement-only notifications



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