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Shifting the paradigm:

From “Kids in Crisis” to “Project Rise”

Milwaukee’s next steps to reform the youth justice system

Agenda

- ❑ Overview of Act 185
- ❑ Identify Opportunities for a Better System
- ❑ Review of Secure Residential Program and Grant Planning

2017 Wisconsin Act 185

- Closure of the Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake by Jan. 1, 2021
- Establishment of new Department of Corrections facilities, **State's responsibility** and new Secured Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth (SRCCCYs), **County's responsibility**
- Authorization of \$80 million in state bonding for constructing and expanding juvenile facilities.

SRCCCY = Secured Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth

2017 Wisconsin Act 185

Department of Corrections

- Establish Type 1 juvenile correctional facilities (\$25M) - Likely in SE WI
- State maintains responsibility for Serious Juvenile Offenders & youth under adult sentences

Department of Health Services

- Expand Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center (\$15M) - *No fewer than 29 additional youth*

Counties

- Create SRCCCYs - *Youth in Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake transfer to county supervision and placement*
- Supervision of all other youth not under the supervision of DOC

Juvenile Corrections Grant Program

A number of counties will be competing for limited funds

- Counties may apply for grants:
 - 95% of the costs of designing and constructing a SRCCCY
 - 95% of the costs of designing and constructing a facility that houses both a SRCCCY and a juvenile detention facility
 - 100% of costs of designing and constructing a SRCCCY or a portion of a SRCCCY for female juveniles
 - Eligible construction costs include costs of renovating an existing structure
 - Successful applicants will also be reimbursed for 95% of design costs incurred in preparing a grant application
- \$40 million in general fund supported borrowing

SRCCCY Project: Mission

Evaluate alternatives and develop programming, plan, cost, and final recommendation to the County Board, and develop a state grant application to establish an SRCCCY program for Milwaukee County that follows the timeline and requirements as outlined in Act 185.

SRCCCY Project: Opportunities

Act 185 will provide the opportunity to create a more effective juvenile corrections system:

- Focused on treatment of youth
- Skilled staff care for youth in a respectful, engaging, trauma-informed manner
- Evidence-based practices are utilized and delivered within the youth's home community
- Local education partners directly involved in treatment and transition/aftercare
- Create more effective/meaningful family engagement
- Addresses the unique needs of females in the system

SRCCCY Project: Challenges

- “Right-sizing” capacity of needed beds
- Cost and efficiency considerations: building new, renovating, or retrofitting
- Location and community acceptance
- Matching economies of scale to best practices for unit/facility capacity
- Aggressive timeframe for completion

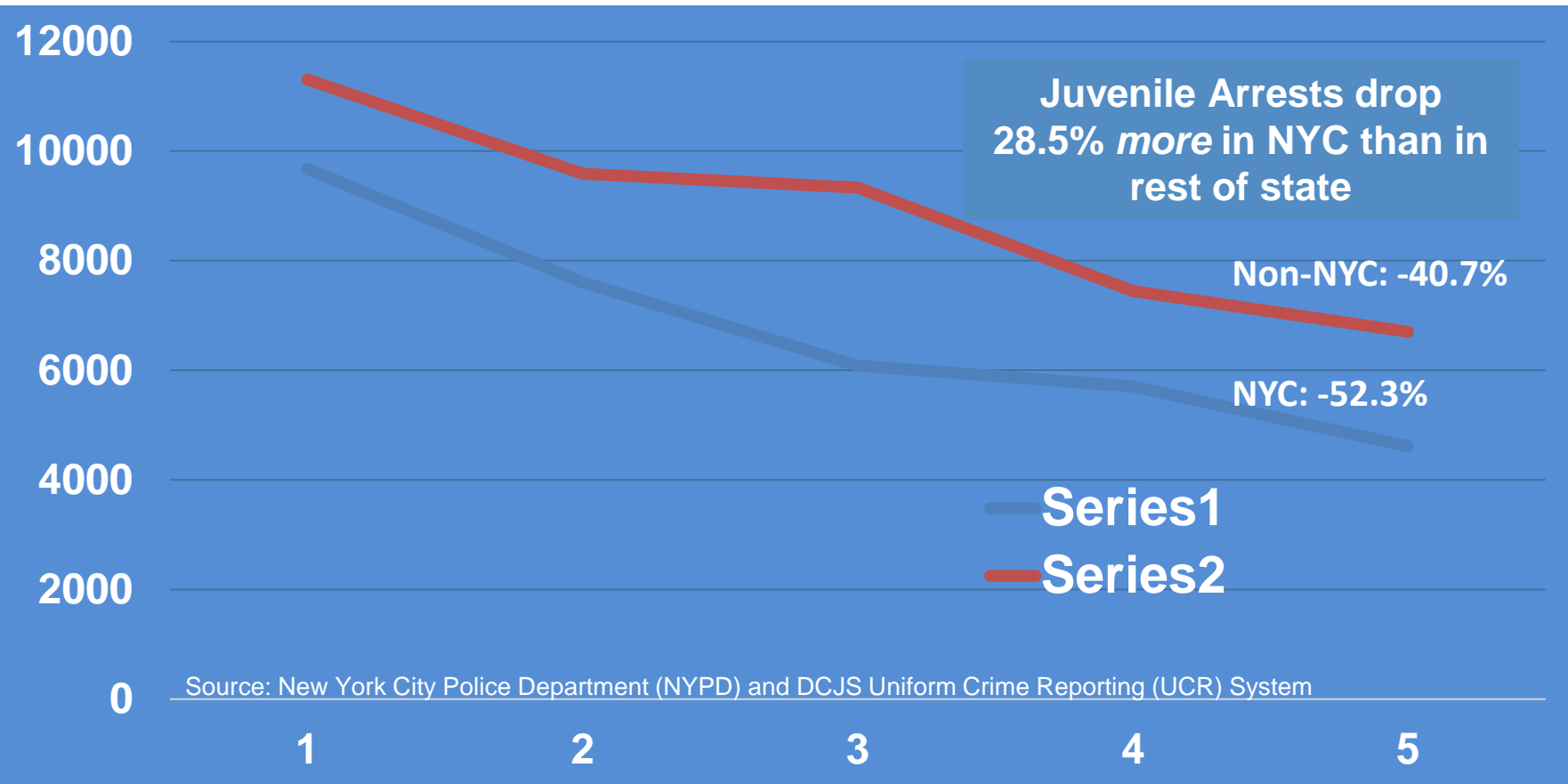
SRCCCY Project Timeline

Milestone	Description	Deadline
SRCCCY Requirements Issued	Juvenile Corrections Study Committee is charged with issuing recommendations for SRCCCY programming & services	September 1, 2018
Grant Application Submittal	Counties prepare proposal identifying design & construction costs of a SRCCCY based on State requirements	March 31, 2019
Submittal to State Joint Finance Committee for Approval	State Grant Committee submits a statewide plan of recommended grant approvals	July 1, 2019
Closure of Lincoln Hills	Transfer of youth to a SRCCCY operated by counties must occur no later than this date	January 1, 2021

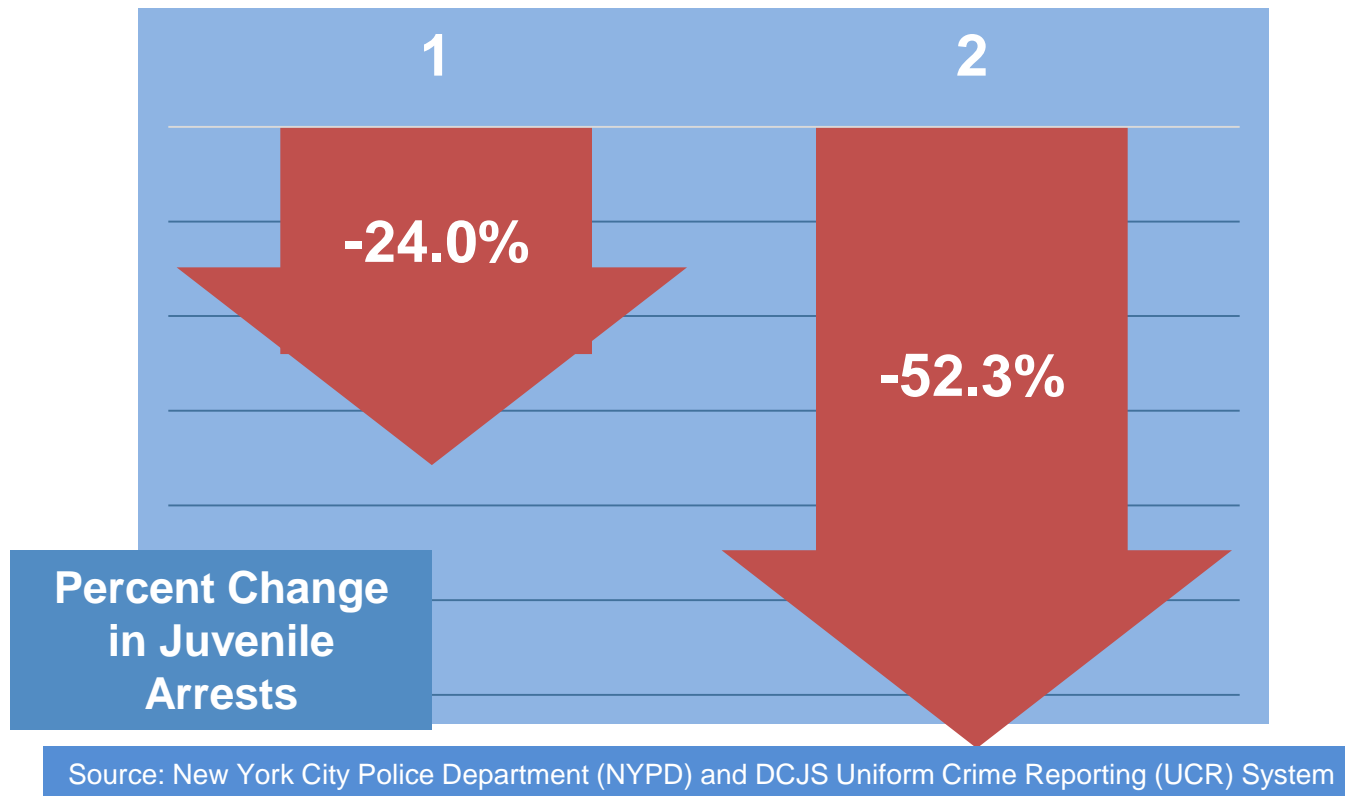
SRCCCY Project: A Look at Other Cities' Reforms

- New York City's "Close to Home" initiative
- The Missouri Model of Youth Corrections
- Connecticut's alternatives to the closed juvenile training school (4/18)
- Philadelphia's "Close to Home" replication initiative
- The youth treatment continuum in the state of Washington

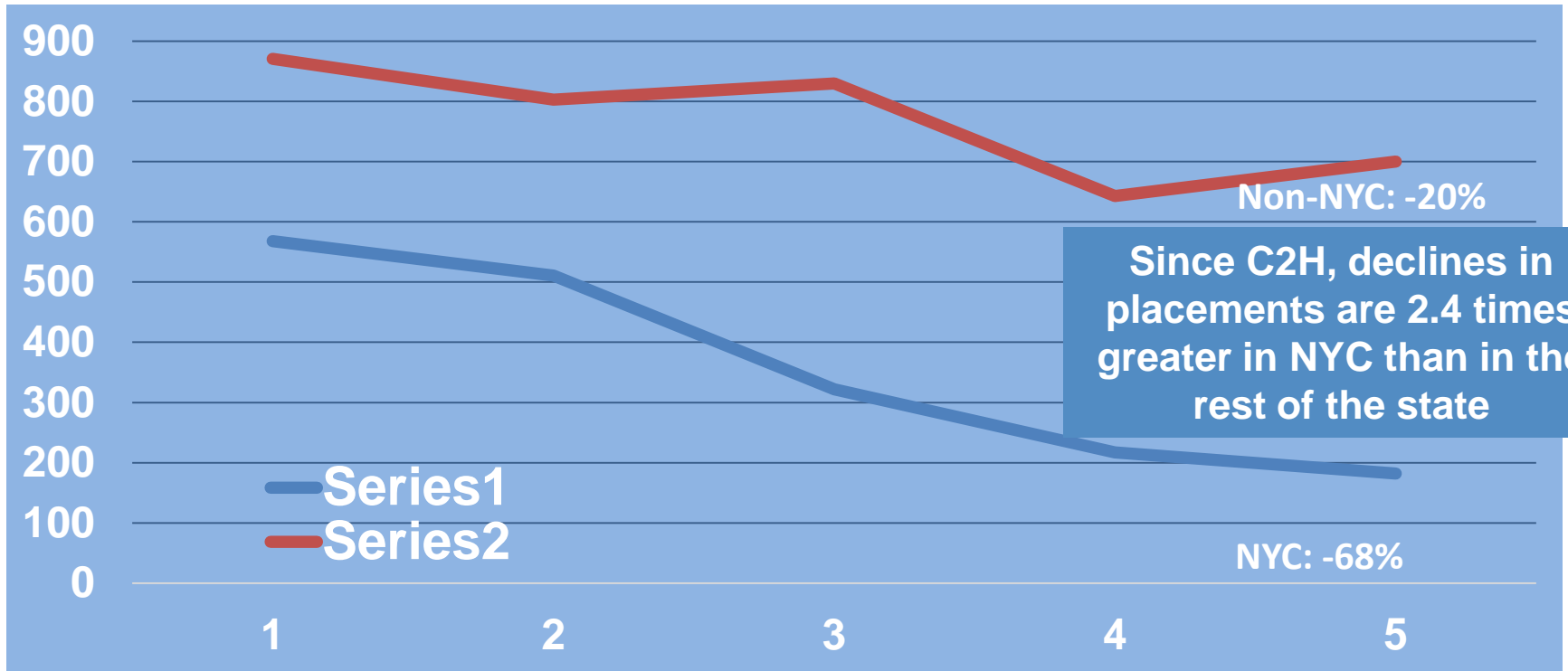
The *Close to Home* Era: New York City Leads in Declining Juvenile Arrests



The decline in juvenile arrests double after enactment of *Close to Home*



Placements decline dramatically in NYC



SRCCCY Project: Programming

- **Education program** -high quality instruction and experiences based on each youth's strengths, learning style, interests, and special needs
- **Integrated treatment model** - emphasizes emotional regulation, pro-social decision making, enhanced social competencies, and family engagement; addresses adolescent brain development and the impact of trauma on the physical, cognitive, relational, and emotional well-being of youth
- **Safe and secure living and learning environment** - staff engage youth in redirection, crisis intervention and positive reinforcement to maintain a supportive, culturally intelligent, and therapeutic milieu

Activities to Date

- *Steering Committee and work groups established*
- *Juvenile Corrections Study Committee is convening*
- *Grant writer hired*
- *Architect hired to study feasibility of Vel Phillips Justice Center as potential site*
- *Beginning to look at other sites*
- *Outreach to current providers*
- *RFI is pending*
- *Data collection and planning has begun for forecasting project with the Annie E. Casey Foundation*
- *Deadline for grant submission: March 31, 2019*

Leadership roles and calls to action

- Workgroups:
 - Community
 - Facility & Budget
 - Schedule/work plan
 - Grant Application
 - Programming
- CJC Executive Committee to serve in an advisory capacity and facilitate transparency and community input



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