

South Carolina Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Council (GJJAC) is committed to raising awareness of the issues and effects of **Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)** for the citizens of South Carolina.

For more information, please go to www.scdps.gov

Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) - Safety Opportunity & Success Project
www.juvjustice.org/sos

Federal Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention (OJJDP)
www.ojjdp.gov/dmc/

US Department of Justice
www.nicic.gov/disproportionate-minority-contact-juvenile-justice-system



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RECLAIMING THE PATHWAY FOR MINORITY YOUTH

The Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee is a part of the South Carolina Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Council



Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) occurs when minority youth and their families come into contact with the juvenile justice system at a higher rate than other youth.

How Can Communities Help?

- Become a mentor or family advocate
- Remove barriers to substance abuse and mental health treatment
- Provide access to transportation
- Provide workforce training and employment

PROMISING APPROACHES

AIKEN COUNTY

- Juvenile Arbitration
- Aiken County Public Safety & Police Activities League (PAL)
- Brothers & Sisters of Aiken County

RICHLAND COUNTY

- Juvenile Arbitration
- Richland 1 School District Family Engagement & Parental Support Services
- DJJ Project Right Turn
- Sheriff's Department (RCSD) Mentoring Matters Program

YORK COUNTY

- Juvenile Arbitration
- Truancy Alternative Programs
- Project Care
- Juvenile Ticket Procedure

Who is a Minority?

Minority is defined as any racial group other than White. Ethnicity (Hispanic or non-Hispanic) and race (White, Black, Asian, and Native American) are collected separately by the Census.

Statewide Statistics

Minority Youth Make Up
43% of Youth Under 18 in SC.

of **13,591** Juvenile Cases

Minority Youth Represent

60%

of the total cases

COST OF JUVENILE JUSTICE & CARE PER DAY



DJJ Incarceration **\$426**

DJJ Wilderness Placement **\$111**

DSS / Foster Care (ages 13-20) **\$17.84**

STATE TOP REFERRAL OFFENSES IN JUVENILE CASES

Simple Assault (fight no injury)	2,018 Cases
Shoplifting (less than \$1,000)	818 Cases
Public Disorderly Conduct	806 Cases
Simple Possession of Marijuana	773 Cases

What contributes to Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)?

- Lack of Education
- Lack of Community Resources
- Lack of Cultural Understanding

Did You Know?

South Carolina Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Council is researching the effects of **Disproportionate Minority Contact** in three selected counties.

AIKEN COUNTY

Minority Youth Population: 41%
Of 409 Youth referrals to juvenile court
69% were Minority Youth

RICHLAND COUNTY

Minority Youth Population: 65%
Of 629 Youth referrals to juvenile court
68% were Minority Youth

YORK COUNTY

Minority Youth Population: 33%
Of 787 Youth referrals to juvenile court
43% were Minority Youth