

Family Treatment Court

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What Is Family Treatment Court

- Family Treatment Court (FTC) is a specialized court program for parents with substance use disorders who are involved with the child welfare system.
- It is an alternative to regular Dependency Court for parents who need access to drug and alcohol treatment, judicial monitoring of their sobriety, and individualized services to support the family. It is a "drug court" for families involved in the child welfare system.
- Through a collaborative, non-adversarial approach, the Family Treatment Court integrates substance abuse treatment and increased accountability into the process. The court's first preference is always to help make families whole or to find children a stable environment with their own relatives.
- Each family has an FTC team that reviews parents' participation and recommends services. This is a multidisciplinary team that includes the parent, the Judge, treatment and service providers, child welfare workers, the Family Treatment Court Coordinator, Clerk of Court representative, Guardian Ad Litem, Corporation Counsel, case managers, and Probation & Parole Agent (if applicable).

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Benefits of Family Treatment Court

- Increased child safety
- Higher levels of adult recovery
- Higher rates of reunification between parents and children
- Overall, higher levels of family well-being
- Getting parents into treatment faster
- Retaining parents in treatment
- Supporting completion of treatment
- Reducing children's time out of home

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Tour of Walworth County Family Treatment Court

- Family Treatment Court is held every other Friday morning, starting at 8:30am
- FTC is held in Judge Reddy's Courtroom, and he presides over all FTC cases
- The first two hours of FTC is case reviews which does not include the parents/families
- The hearings begin at 10:30am and are specifically scheduled to ensure attendance from every multidisciplinary team member
- The process is collaborative, strength based, and non-punitive
- A point system is used to reward and incentivize, which includes points for attending FTC hearings
- There are approximately 15 participants in FTC at a given time and there is no waiting list at this time
- All participants are involved in the child welfare system and FTC can be made as a condition of any juvenile court orders
- Probation & Parole can also use FTC as a condition
- The average time in FTC is 15 months and there is a graduation ceremony for each participant that successfully completes FTC

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Walworth County FTC Reunification/Permanency Data

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
FTC Participant's Children Average Time in Out-of-Home Care	N/A	10.5 Months	12.3 Months	13.4 Months	13.3 Months
Non-FTC Participant's Children Average Time in Out-of-Home Care	17.1 Months	17.1 Months	22.57 Months	22.7 Months	19.4 Months

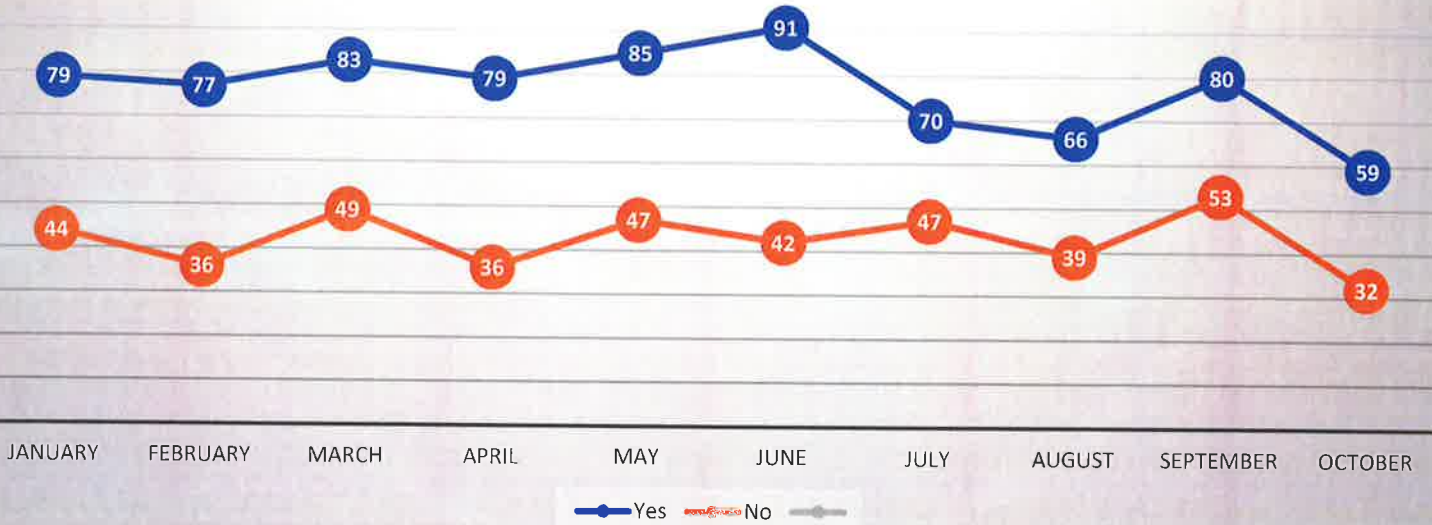
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Considerations

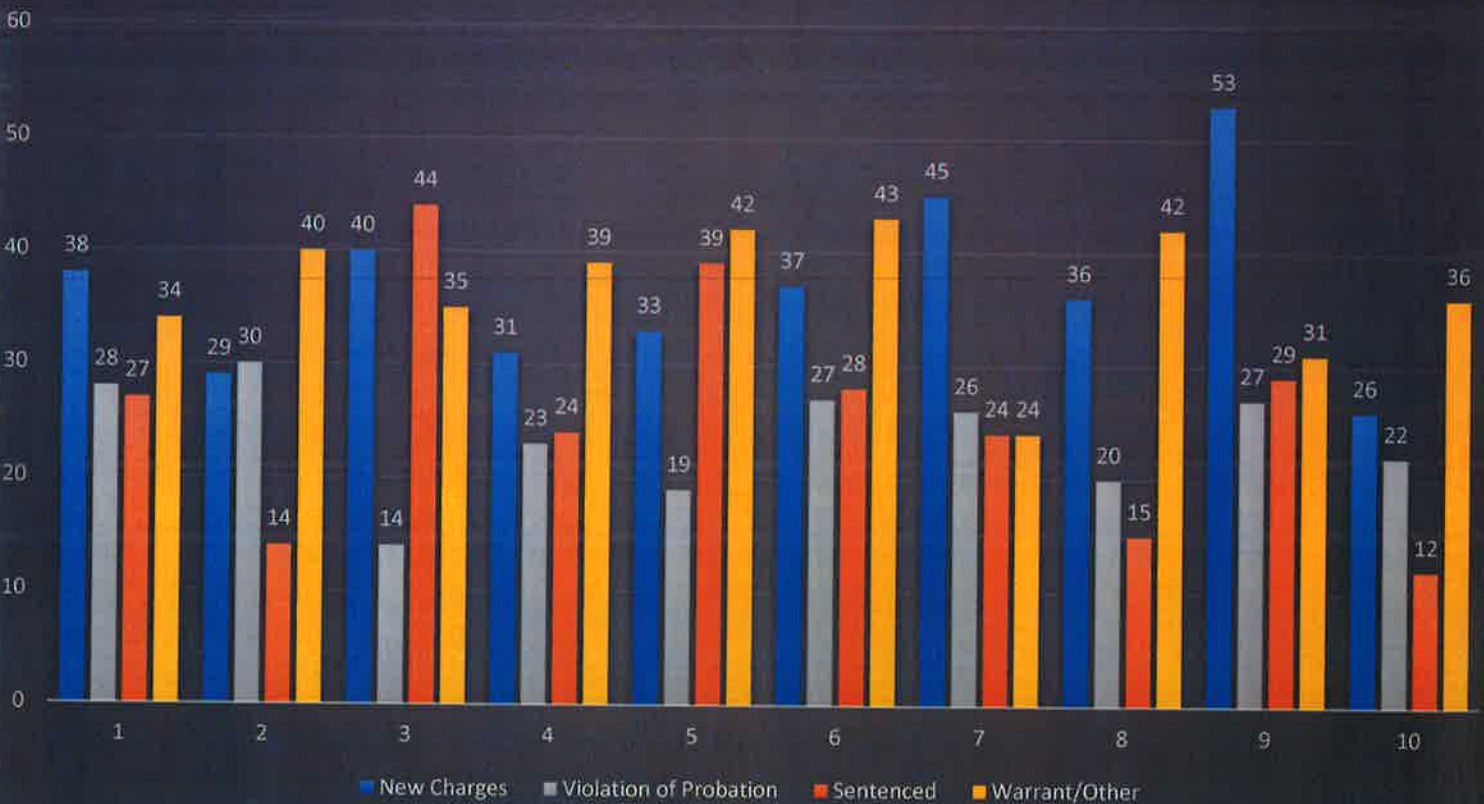
- Funding
 - Full-time FTC Coordinator
 - Incentivization
 - Drug testing
- Court Scheduling
 - Tab system will be implemented as of 2024
 - Scheduling considerations for Judges, Clerk of Courts, Corporation Counsel, GAL's, Adversary Counsel, etc.
- Creating the Multidisciplinary Team
 - Judges
 - Clerk of Courts
 - Corporation Counsel
 - Probation & Parole
 - Child Welfare Staff
 - Behavioral Health/Division Staff
 - Treatment Staff

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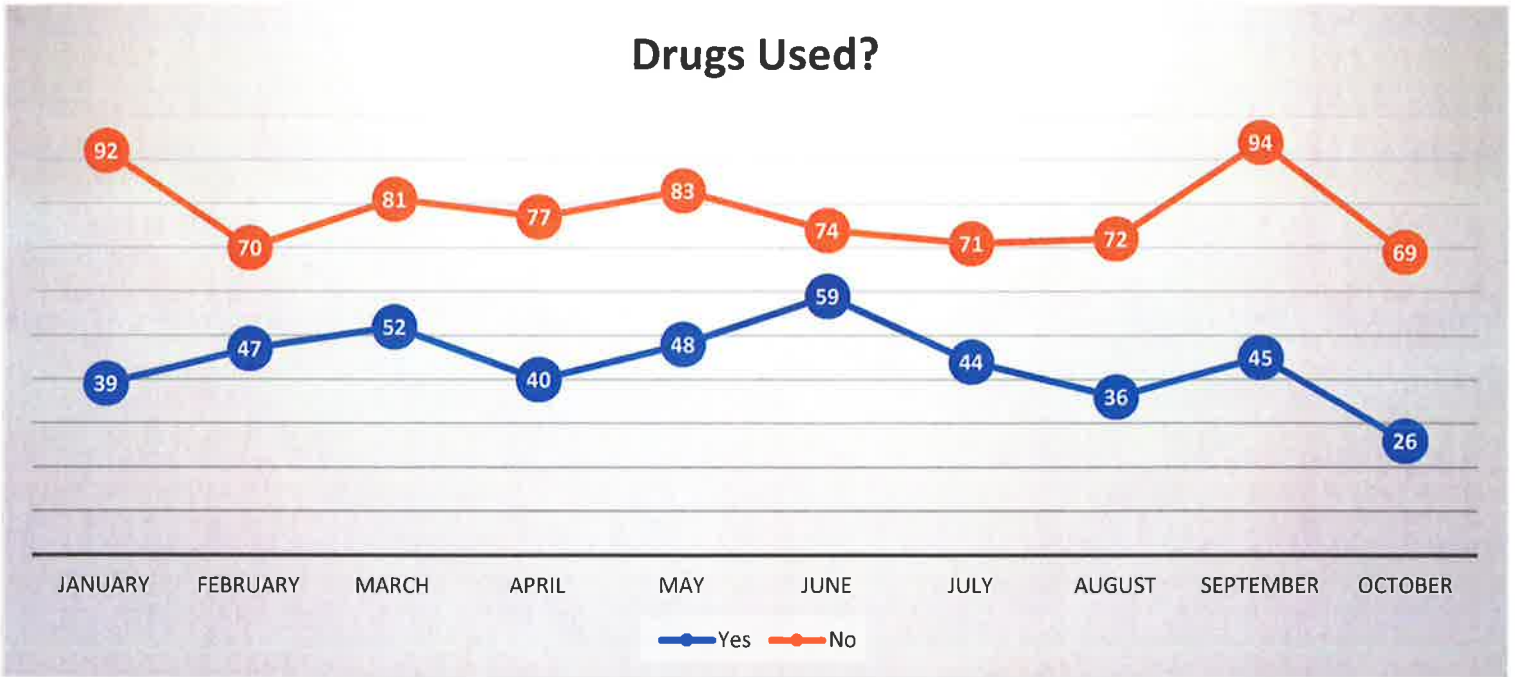
Incarcerated at JESO within last 3 years



Reason for Reincarceration

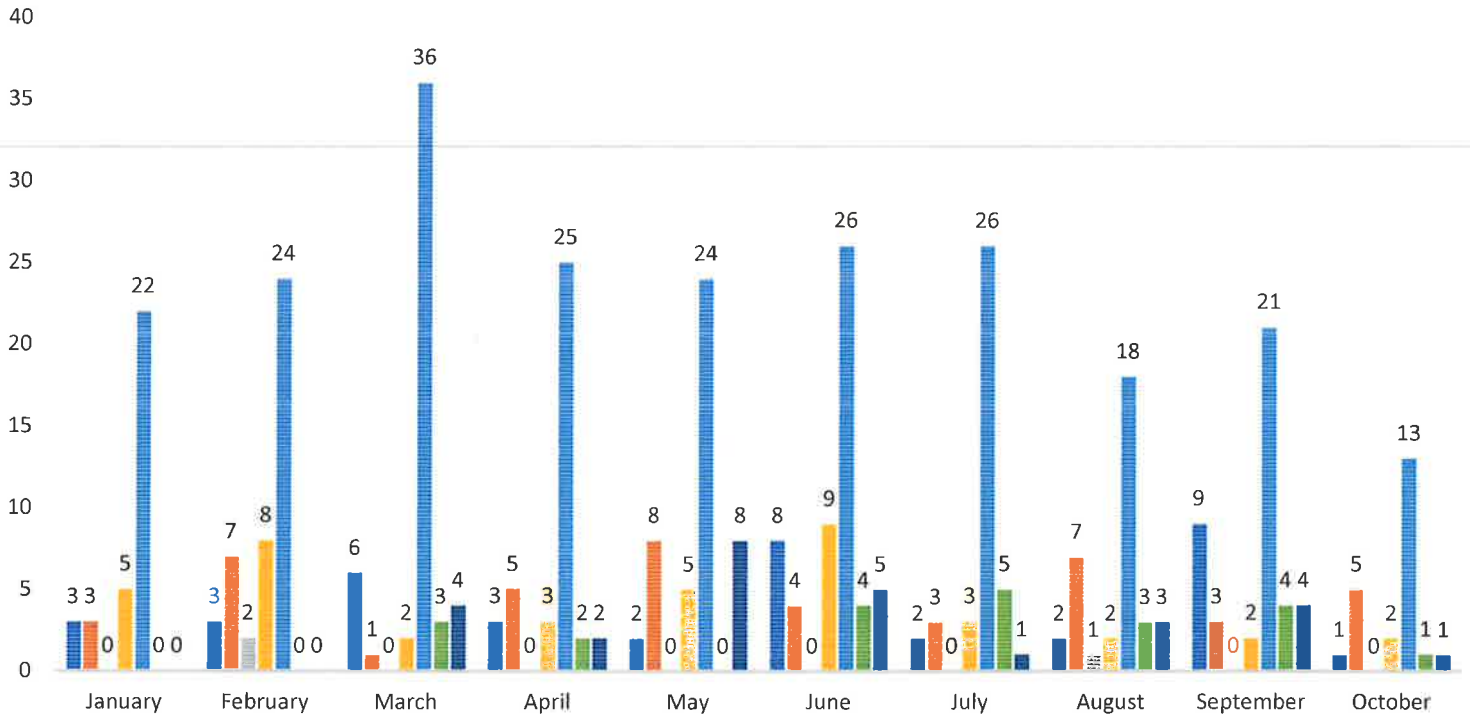


Drugs Used?



TYPE OF DRUG USED

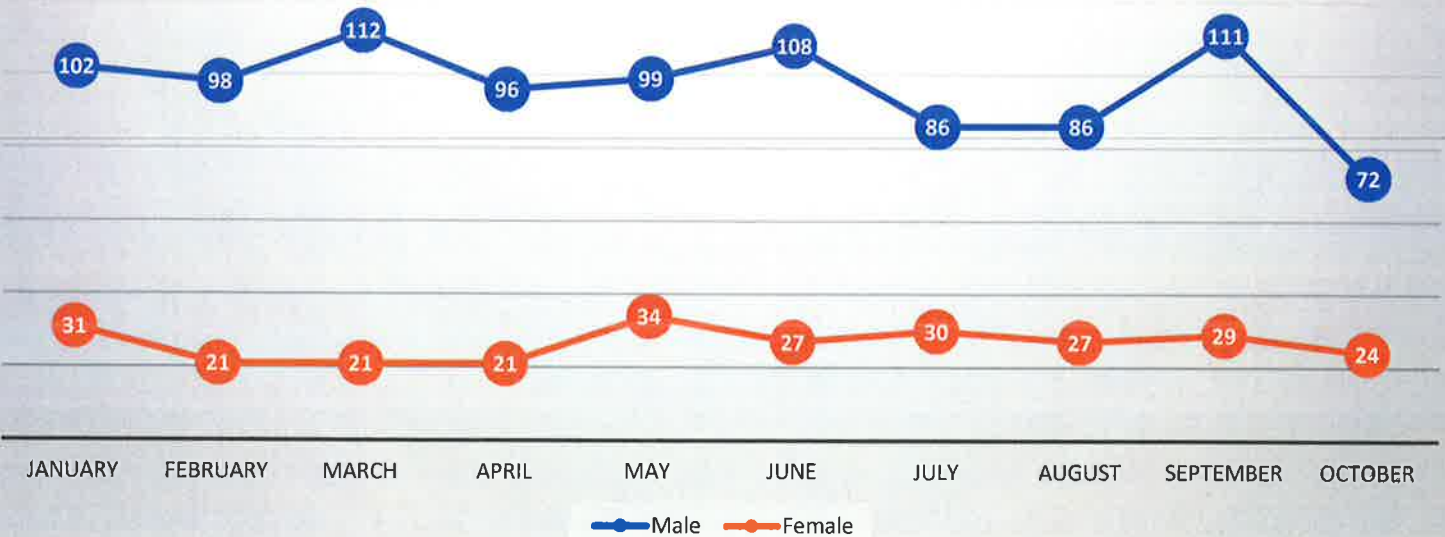
■ Marijuana ■ Cocaine ■ Heroin ■ Meth ■ Alcohol ■ Other ■ Multiple



Under Influence at Booking



Gender



Job Status - Sentenced Only

