

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

JUVENILE JUSTICE  
REFORM AND  
THE USE OF RISK  
ASSESSMENTS IN  
ARKANSAS

**EXHIBIT F**





# History

- 2015 Juvenile Justice Reform Board and pilot sites formed
- 2016 OYAS and SAVRY fully introduced to pilot sites
- 2017 AOC employee position created by Legislature  
AOC builds SAVRY application  
Funding received to expand pilot sites
- 2019 Mandatory Use of Risk Assessment Legislation
- 2020 AOC completed statewide training on SAVRY and OYAS before June 2020 Implementation date



# Snapshot of Juvenile Justice Reform Efforts

	Total Cases Filed	DYS Commitments	OYAS Data Recorded	SAVRY Data Recorded	Diversions (only 1/3 of counties recorded)
2015	14,196	530	288	129	No significant data
2016	10,508	471	542	637	“
2017	9,711	409	528	864	“
2018	9,350	374	373	1133	“
2019	8,626	336	1847	1428	350
2020	5,377	292	1746	1730	776
2021	5,758	294	2666	2705	1347
2022	6,668	399	3033	3039	1431
2023	7,792	466	2670	3298	1824
2024	7,610	436	2571	3332	1706
2025	6,353	404	2696	2892	1590
change	55%	24%	836%	2142%	354%



# Juvenile Officers Utilize 4 Assessments

## **OYAS (Ohio Youth Assessment System)**

- *To identify youth who can be safely diverted from detention or divert altogether from contact in the system*
- *Consists of 6 items and is completed through a brief face-to-face interview, which takes about 10 minutes to complete.*

## **SAVRY (Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth)**

- *To evaluate and determine a juvenile's risk for violent behavior*
- *To aid in developing interventions to manage and reduce violence risk in youth*
- *Requires parent interviews, juvenile interviews, police records, and school reports, to complete the 24 risk and 6 protective factor items.*

**MAYSI-2-** *to identify mental health disorders*

**CRAFFT-** *to identify high risk substance use and substance abuse disorders*



# Priority Need Areas- as Identified by SAVRY

	Behavior	Attitude	Mental Health	Family	Education	Peer Relations	Substance Use
2016	7	5	4	1	2	2	4
2017	299	190	213	143	240	192	222
2018	559	292	342	241	310	242	359
2019	673	362	420	274	396	268	439
2020	766	423	530	311	405	330	569
2021	1306	655	840	482	644	422	834
2022	1386	655	902	451	661	489	926
2023	1484	758	1031	436	753	581	996
2024	1618	764	1143	474	790	622	1037
2025	1389	631	945	430	629	477	877
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9487</b>	<b>4735</b>	<b>6370</b>	<b>3243</b>	<b>4830</b>	<b>3625</b>	<b>6263</b>



# Total Delinquency Cases Filed

	Felony	Misdemeanor	Revocation	Total
2015	1,531	9,534	3,131	14,196
2016	1,252	5,994	3,262	10,508
2017	1,241	5,468	3,002	9,711
2018	1,279	5,255	2,816	9,350
2019	1,135	4,825	2,666	8,626
2020	803	2,924	1,650	5,377
2021	973	3,479	1,306	5,758
2022	1,091	4,138	1,439	6,668
2023	1,163	4,822	1,807	7,792
2024	1,196	4,584	1,830	7,610
2025	952	3,771	1,630	6,353
change	38%	60%	48%	55%



# DYS Commitment Data FY2015-2025

FY	Felonies	Misdemeanors*	Probtn Revo/ Aftercare Violations
2015	230	160	150
2016	237	169	71
2017	246	133	59
2018	224	120	61
2019	185	102	63
2020	166	88	62
2021	151	63	52
2022	218	98	67
2023	212	118	86
2024	257	112	78
2025	237	97	108
change	3%	39%	28%

*\*Juvenile could have been charged with a felony, but was committed on a misdemeanor plea or misdemeanor true finding.*

*\*Battery, theft, minor in possession of a handgun, disorderly conduct, terroristic threatening, criminal mischief, possession of a controlled substance, disorderly conduct-account for more than 90% of misdemeanor commitments.*



# School Arrest Data and FINS

	FINS Truancy	FINS	FINS Diversion
2020	1672	1299	576
2021	2446	2096	1278
2022	2212	2073	1477
2023	2199	2606	1376
2024	1859	2480	1236
2025	1764	2165	970

School* Related Incident	
2020	132
2021	174
2022	146
2023	168
2024	159
2025	82

**\*Only 10 counties currently use “school arrest” data point.**