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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
- ❑ Gather your ideas and identify next steps

Goals:

- ❑ Be Informed on Act 185
- ❑ Identify how you can support Milwaukee County's reform efforts

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.

SRCCY 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

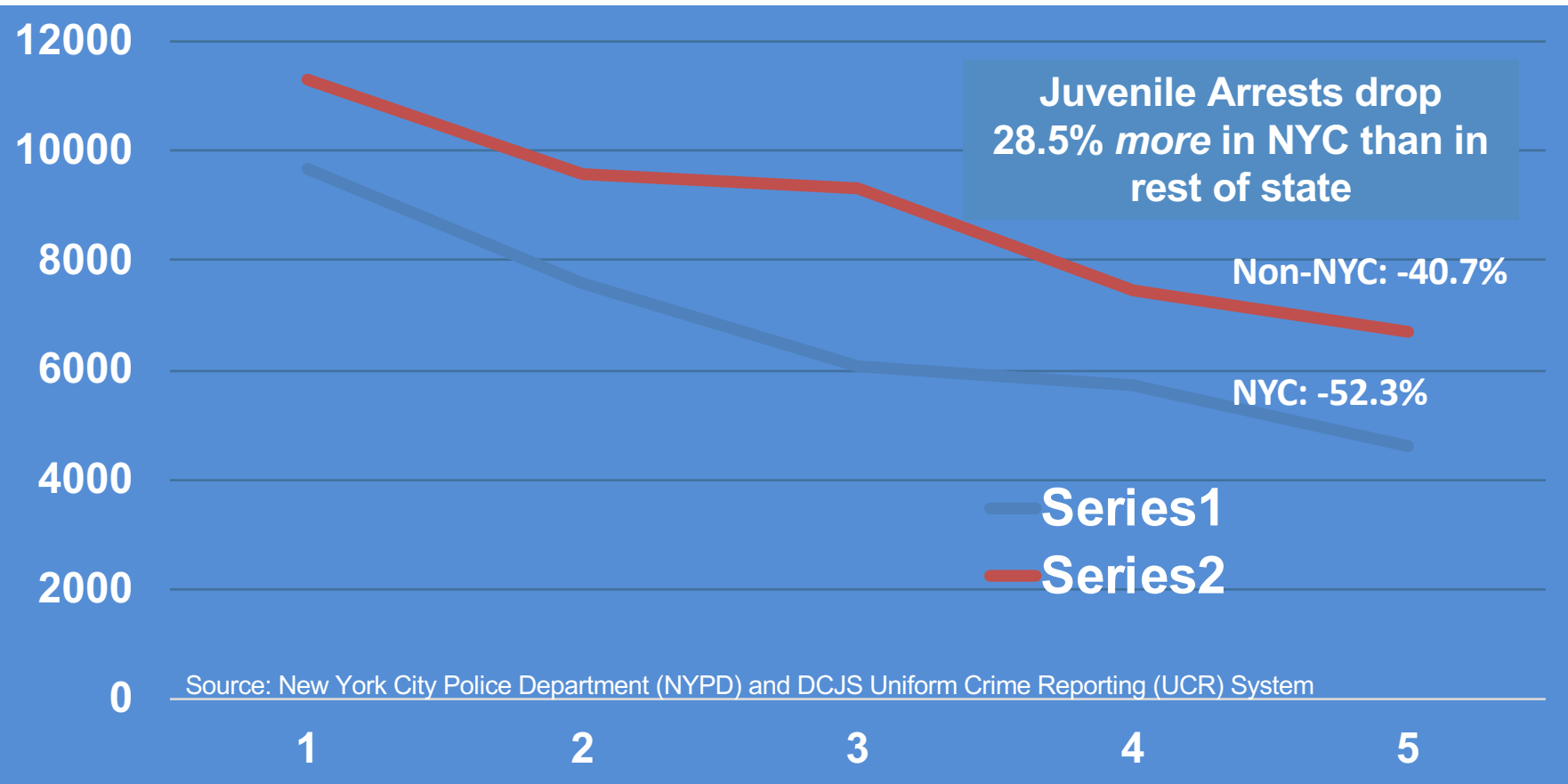
SRCCCY Project: Challenges

- “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

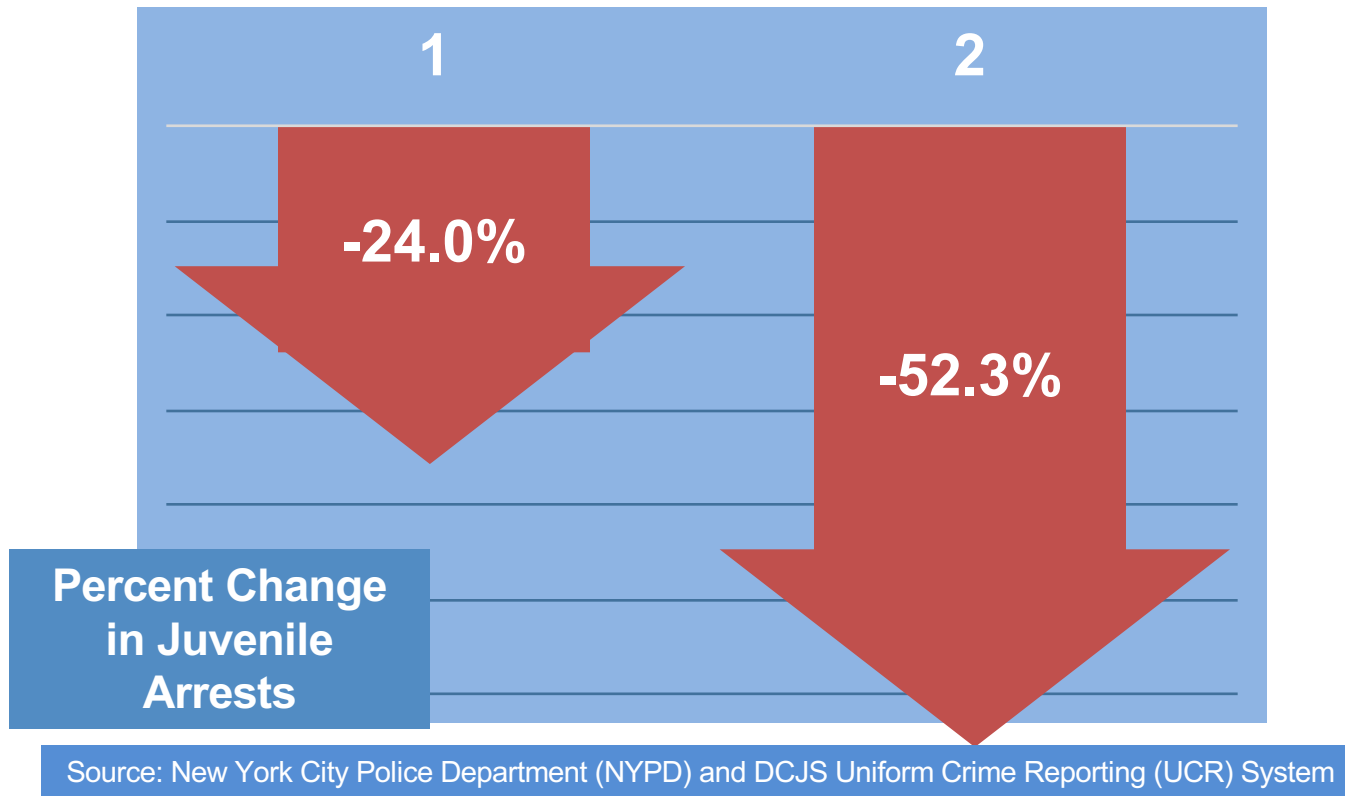
SRCCCY Project: A Look at Other Cities' Reforms

- 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

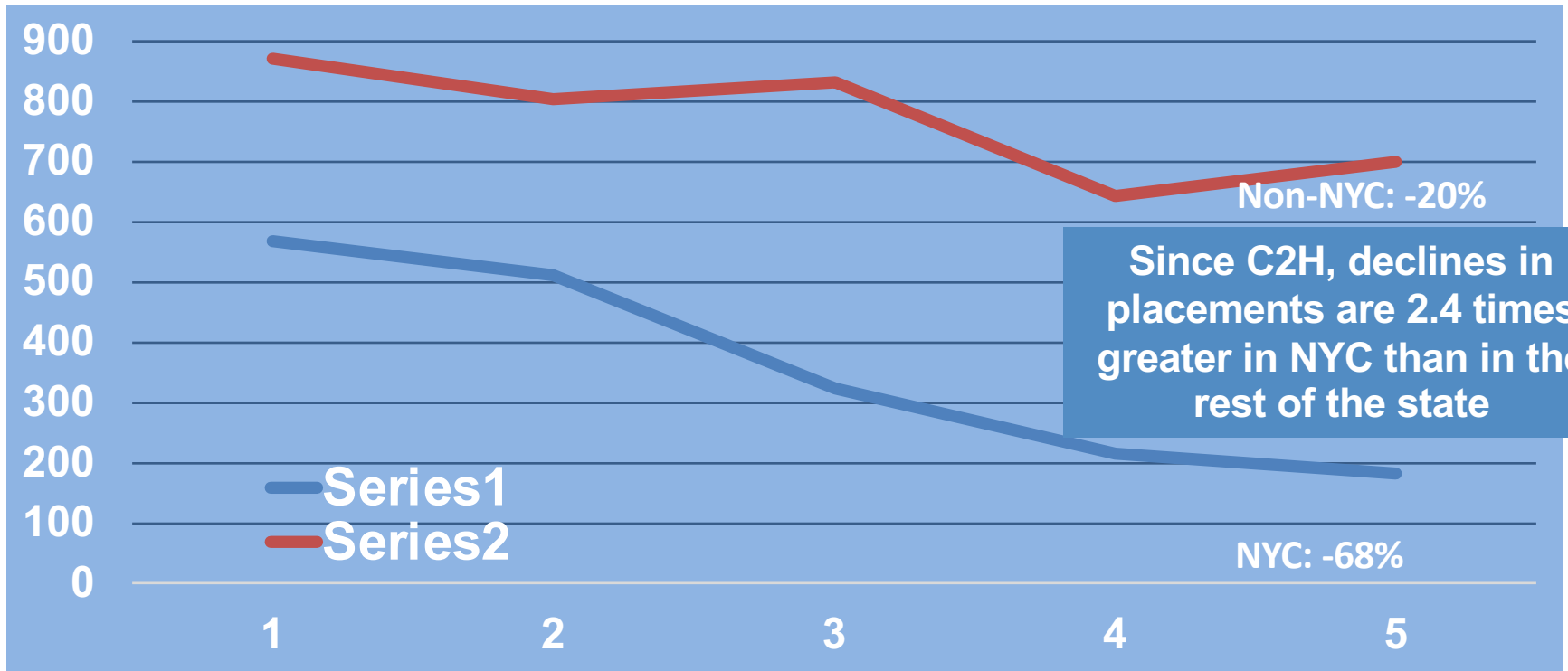
The *Close to Home* Era: New York City Leads in Declining Juvenile Arrests



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

Your ideas are needed!

In small groups at your table take 10 mins to discuss what you believe to be the most important considerations for us to keep in mind in this process. Be prepared to have someone from your group report out on a short summary of the ideas generated at your table.

Questions/Answers

- Time for Q & A
- In the event you did not get a chance to ask your question, there are note cards on your table. If you would like to submit a card we will compile all of the questions along with the answers and send them out to the group via e-mail

Thank you for your time, interest and commitment to the future and well being of our youth and communities!



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