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Perceptions of FINS Statewide Practice: Preliminary Assessment Results

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Presentation Outline

- Process and Methodology
- Survey Results
- Conclusion



Process and Methodology

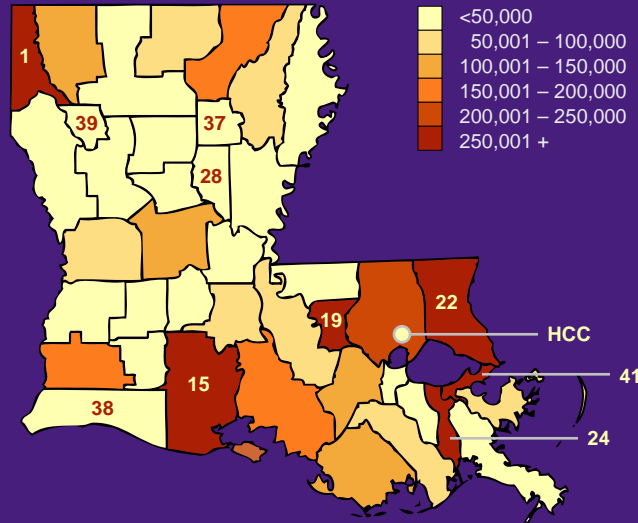
- Telephone survey of 42 judicial districts
- Initial contact via the Supreme Court
- Interviewed primary FINS officers (with some exceptions)
- Qualitative and quantitative



Survey Results: Staffing and Resources

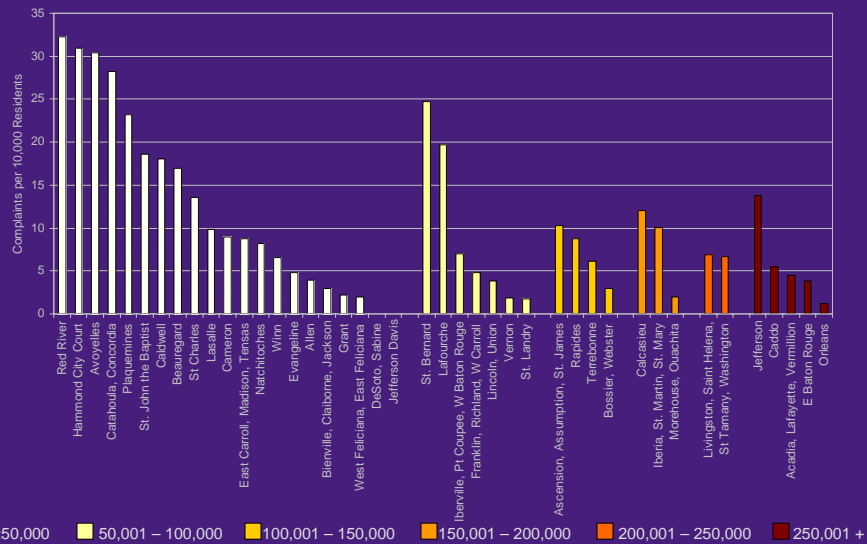
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Louisiana Population by Judicial District



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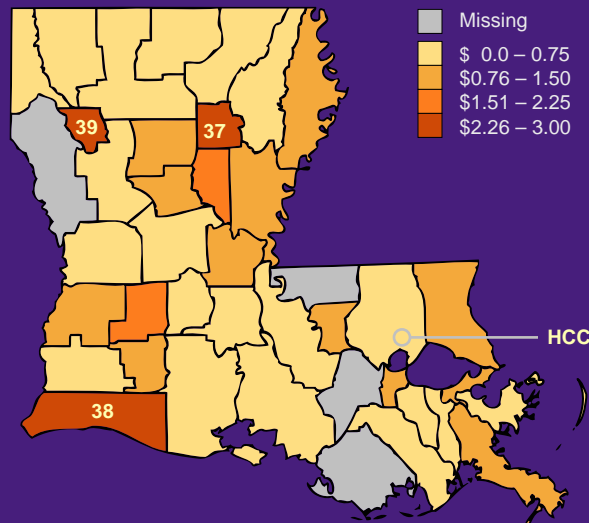
FINS Complaint Rate (by district population)



FINS Funding

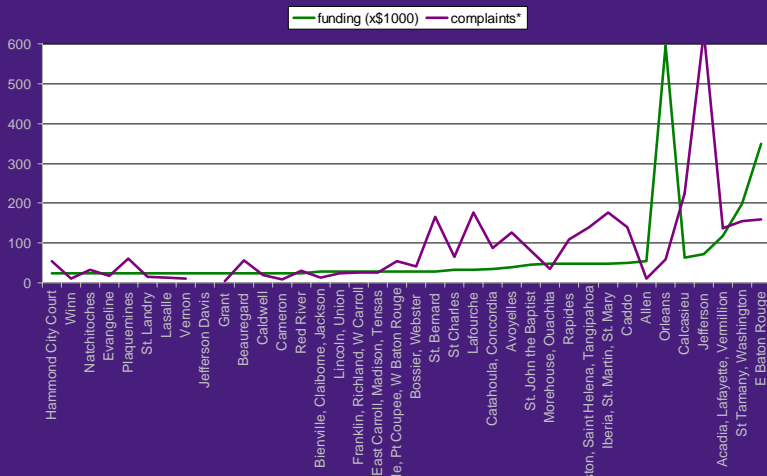
- Range \$24,000 to \$596,000
- Mean=\$63,768
- Median=\$28,000
- 3 highest
 - St. Tamany, Washington \$198,000
 - E. Baton Rouge \$350,000
 - Orleans \$596,000

FINS Funding per Capita



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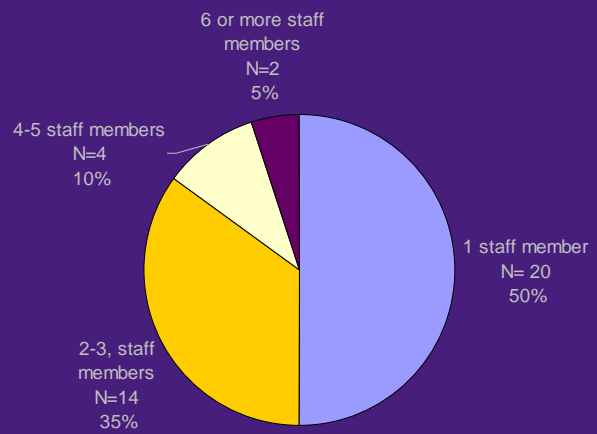
FINS Funding per Complaint



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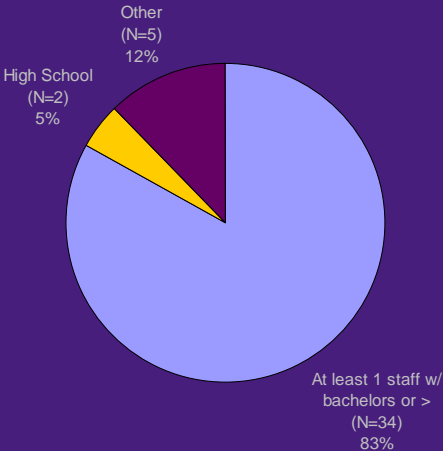
Staffing



N=41, missing=1



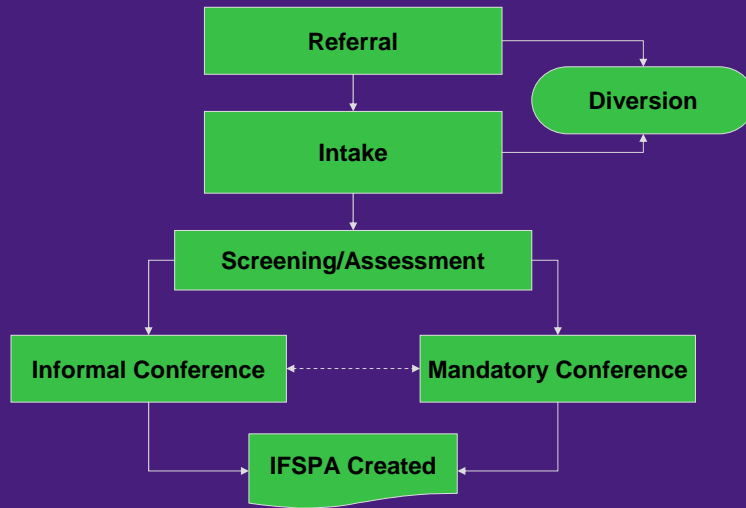
Staff Level of Education



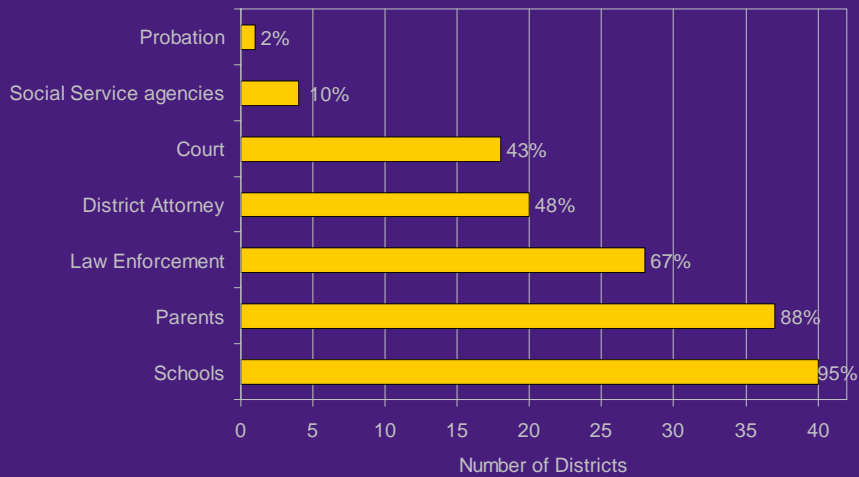
Survey Results: Informal FINS Processes & Outcomes



Informal FINS Process

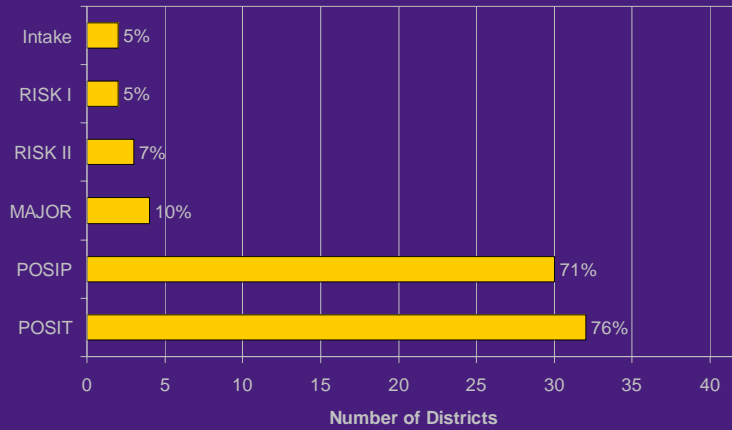


Referral Sources



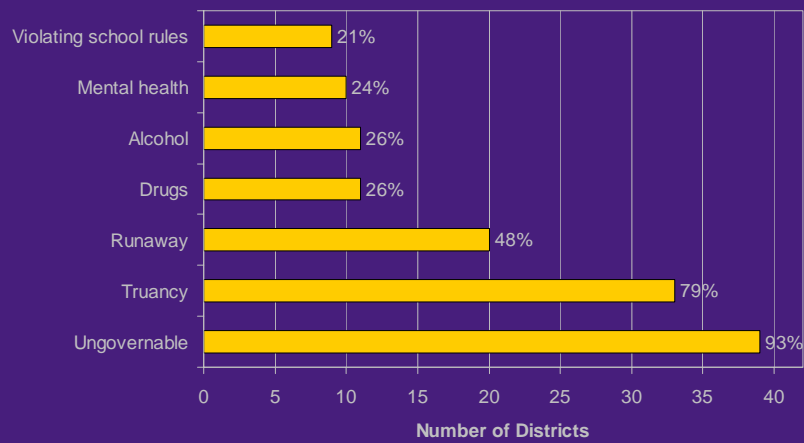
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Screening & Assessment



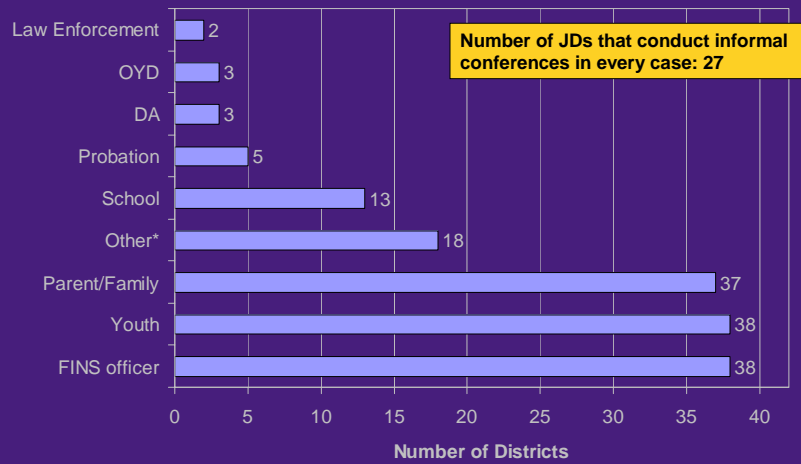
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Presenting Behaviors



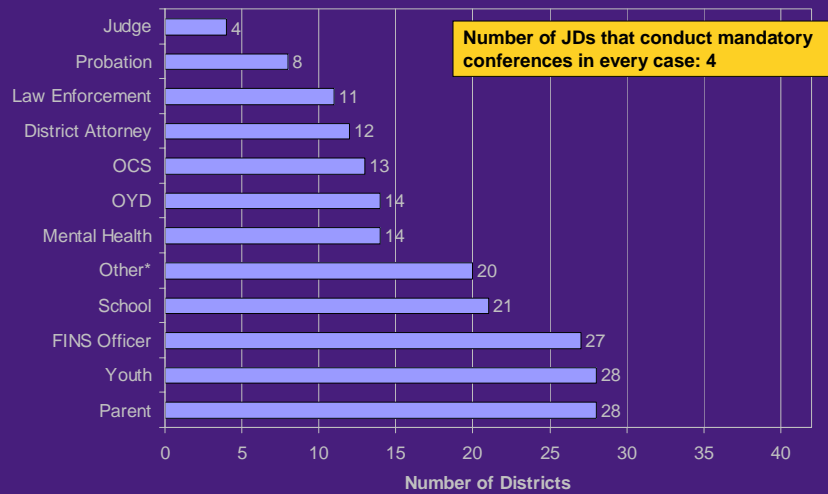
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Informal Conference Attendees



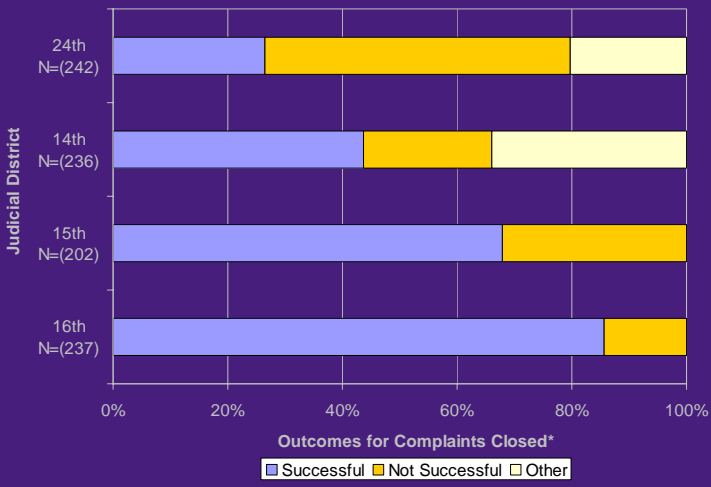
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Mandatory Conference Attendees





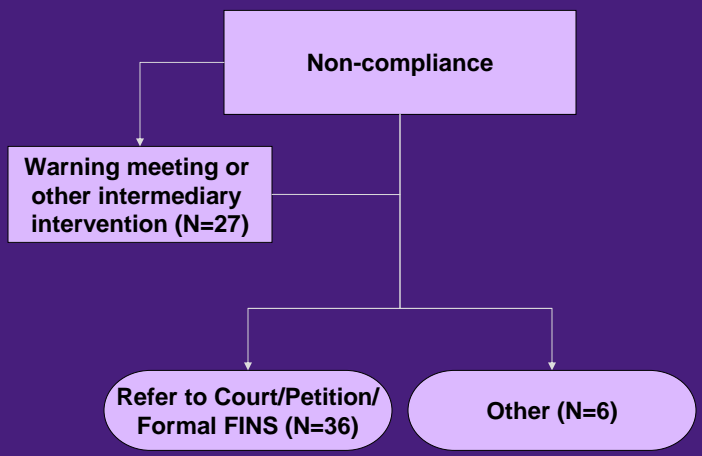
Informal FINS Outcomes



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Non-compliance





Survey Results: Informal FINS Services

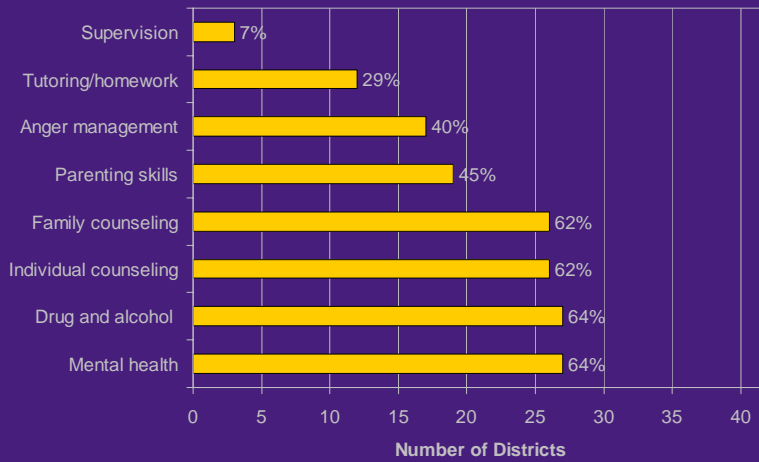


Informal FINS: Direct Services

- 12 provided direct services to informal FINS
 - Mental health/counseling
 - Tutoring
 - Mentoring
 - Parenting
 - Anger management
- 5 unsure

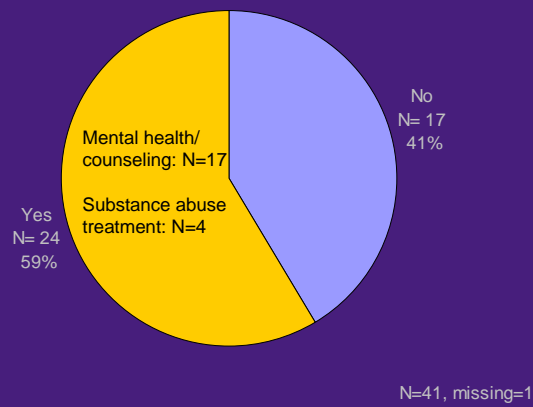
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Informal FINS: Referred Services



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Waitlists For Services





Service Gaps

- Mental health (N=22)
- Substance abuse (N=9)
- Transportation (N=6)
- Services for girls (N=3)



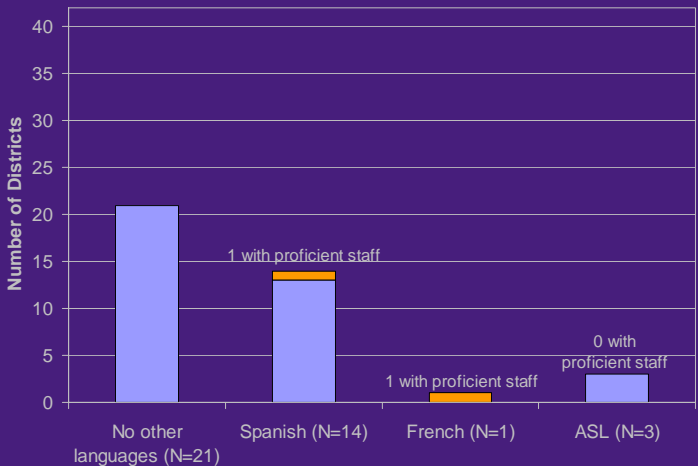
Survey Results: Formal FINS



Survey Results: Languages



Languages



Languages Encountered N=38; missing=4



Survey Results: Data Collection and Systems



Data Collection and Systems

- 14 districts primarily use paper files
- 35 districts store screening & assessment data
- 21 districts use ACT
 - 1 thought it was not feasible
- All send FINSAP data
 - 12 found some FINSAP requests difficult
 - Tracking # of case contacts (N=3)
 - Referral source (N=2)
 - Type of closure (N=2)



Information Sharing

- 36 districts share information about their informal FINS cases
 - 24 by written consent
 - 3 informally



Conclusion



Implications and Conclusions

- Process
 - Standard and varied practices
- Funding
 - Disparities in Supreme Court funding and access to OYD, local, and private funding
- Gaps in resources
 - Mental health services
- Data
 - Using the Supreme Court database (ACT)