

Weed and Seed Preliminary Data Assessment

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Lake City Police Department

	2007	2008	2009	Percent Change
Larceny	4 (28%)	41 (21%)	86 (16%)	-14%
Vandalism	2 (14%)	16 (8%)	51 (10%)	-4%
Fraud	2 (14%)	12 (6%)	40 (8%)	-6%
Burglary	2 (14%)	18 (9%)	67 (12.8%)	-1.2%
Robbery	1 (7%)	3 (2%)	8 (2%)	-5%
Agg. Assault	1 (7%)	25 (13%)	36 (7%)	0%
Simple Assault	1 (7%)	28 (14%)	66 (13%)	+6%
Drug Related	1 (7%)	35 (18%)	103 (20%)	+13%
Forcible Sex	0	1 (0.5%)	1 (0.2%)	+0.2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	8 (4%)	8 (2%)	-2%
DUI	0	2 (1%)	4 (0.7%)	-0.3%
Arson	0	0	2 (0.4%)	+0.4%
Liquor Law Violation	0	1 (0.5%)	6 (1%)	+0.5%
Total	14	200	522	

Crime Indicators	Data for Target Area				Data for County		
	2007	2008	2009		2007	2008	2009
Murder	0	0	0				3
Forcible Rape	0	1	1				46
Aggravated Assault	1	25	36				316
Robbery	1	3	8				43
Actual Drug Arrests	1	35	103				161
Totals	3	64	148				729

Although there is a definite increasing trend in the areas of Robbery, Aggravated Assault and Actual drug Arrests, the overall data is likely skewed due to the low incidents reported in the 2007 year at only 14 contacts, with additional data for 2008 being indicating an additional low number of contacts at 200. There is a significant difference in the occurrence of LCPD contacts in the 2008 cycle at 522. As such, the data is likely not a valid indicator of the occurrence of criminal activity within the target area.

Columbia County Sheriff's Office

Of a total number of calls for the Columbia County Sheriff's Office for the reporting period from 2007 to 2010, the results are suggest that a vast majority of calls involving CCSO are initiated within the target area. Of a total of 163,903 calls/contacts, 45,130 (27.5%) occurred in the target area, suggesting that the targeted area is appropriate for inclusion as the area of focus for the program.

Excluding routine calls for transport of trustees, attempt to make contact, etc., specific targeted problematic criminal behaviors are as follows:

Crime Indicators	Data for Target Area				Data for County		
	2007	2008	2009		2007	2008	2009
Murder			2				3
Forcible Rape			12				46
Aggravated Assault			98				316
Robbery			11				43
Actual Drug Arrests			37				161
Totals			160				729

*The data for CCSO is cumulative 2007-2010 at this time for the targeted area.

Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)

The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) also shows a trend in which a significant percentage of youth referred to DJJ services occurs within the targeted area. The results are shown as follows:

	White	Percent of Referrals	Minority	Percent of Referrals	Total Referrals for Columbia County	Percent of Total for Columbia County
2006-2007*					400	38%
2007-2008	59	39.3%	91	60.7%	349	42.9%
2008-2009	59	39.8%	89	60.2%	148	38.8%

*Data reports that there were 400 Youth involvements in DJJ services for criminal behavior during this period.

Youth-Involved Crimes by Degree for Target Area

	Total	Felony	Percent of Total	Misdem	Percent of Total	Other	Percent of Total
2005-2006	144	43	29.9%	86	60.1%	15	10.4%
2006-2007	153	49	32.0%	98	64.0%	6	4.0%

If the occurrence of youth-involved criminal behaviors, there is a significant over-representation of occurrence within the targeted area. Data from fiscal year 2006-2007 suggest that of the 400 youth-involved criminally related DJJ involvement, 153 occurred within the targeted area, resulting in 38.2% of all youth-related criminal behaviors being reported for that area.

Florida Department of Corrections

Data provided by the Florida Department of Corrections (DOC) suggests that 117 offenders reside in the target area. This residency status can be suggestive of individuals placed under Community Supervision, and also includes offenders re-entering the community post-incarceration.

Offenders Residing in Target Area by Race and Sex

BM	BF	WM	WF	Other	Total
50	21	28	17	1	117
43%	18%	24%	15%	<1%	100%

The incidence of offenders residing in the targeted area, especially Black males suggests that efforts in the Weed and Seed and other community-based programs must address re-entry needs to enhance the effectiveness of the re-entry process.

Of 135 offenses by these 117 individuals, the overall data suggests the following:

Crime Indicators	Total	Percent of Total Offenses
Murder/Manslaughter/DUI Manslaughter	3	1.9%
Forcible Rape	None Reported	0%
Aggravated Assault/Aggravated Assault LEO	5	9.6%
Robbery/Theft/Grand Theft/Burglary	40	29.6%
Drug-Related	44	32.5%
Totals		

A significant number of offenders residing in the target area have been convicted of drug-related offenses. In addition to the above data, additional data suggests offenders residing in the area have been convicted of 5 incidents of child abuse or neglect, or lewd and or Lascivious Battery on a Child.

Partnership for Strong Families (PSF)

Service Referrals for Zip Code 32055

	2007*	2008	2009**
Number of Cases	162	250	203
Total Service Authorizations for Columbia County	No Data	719	1329
Percent of Total for Columbia County	No Data	34.7%	15.3%

*2007 data is reported to likely be inaccurate due to a change in Management Information system in which all zip codes were not successfully transferred

**2009 data reflects a decrease in the number of total cases as a function of the change in the manner in which Hotline cases were taken over the phone, resulting in a decrease in the number of total investigations.

Circuit 3 ACCESS Program (Food Stamps)

According the ACCESS Program in Circuit 3, zip code 32055 represents 3,189 unique cases receiving benefits. Of those 3,189 cases, 602 (18.9%) include 786 (24.7%) children age 4 or under.

Additional Recommendations

Overall, the data provided for the targeted area suggests a significant need for Weed and Seed development. Additional data that may be helpful to strengthening the application process may include:

Medicaid Recipients:

CASH Assistance:

TANF:

Other social services programs: