

Utah Department of Human Services

DJJS Risk Reduction Report

Overview

This document is an overview of the various elements included in the *DJJS Risk Reduction Report*. This approach depicts the same structure that providers will find in their own *DJJS Risk Reduction Report* for the collection of youth they serve.

<u>Performance</u>

This report identifies changes in risk to reoffend, for youth who received residential services from your program during the last calendar quarter. Risk to reoffend is based on results of protective and risk assessments (PRA) given to youth by DJJS Case Managers.

<u>Privacy</u>

Reports are scheduled to be distributed quarterly and will include results for youth who exited a provider's residential care. Individual providers will receive results for only their clients, who will be identified only by their CAPS PID number.



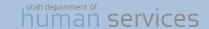
The Utah Protective and Risk Assessment (PRA) is the primary tool for DJJS to measure youth changes in protective and risk factors. PRA results are broken out by dynamic (variable or changing) and static (fixed or stable) risk and protective factors. Ideally, it is expected that youth reduce their risk and increase their protective factors. Dynamic items are expected to change over time whereas static items are expected to remain relatively stable.

Utah Protective and Risk Assessment

The PRA is designed to collect information about a youth's strengths and weaknesses in 8 life areas called the **Central-8-Categories**. Each of the 8 categories are based on identification of *protective factors* that are thought to keep the youth from problems and *risk factors* thought to increase the likelihood the youth will have problems. Understanding how categories contribute to youths' risk and protective factors aids treatment and programming.

For more information on the Central-8-Categories, see **Bonta & Andrews. (2017). The Psychology** of Criminal Conduct (6th ed.). New York, NY. Routledge.

Central-8-Categories



In this example, there were 15 unique youth with 17 assignments to Utah Youth Provider. The number of episodes is greater than the number of youths because some youth had more than one assignment.

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Utah Youth Provider

There were 15 youth (with 17 episodes) who ended service with Utah Youth Provider between 2019-10-01 and 2019-12-31. 7 episodes were excluded for not having at least one follow-up assessment for comparison. 3 episodes were excluded from the following graphics for not having a PRA assessment administered to them within 30 days prior to or 30 days after beginning service with Utah Youth Provider.

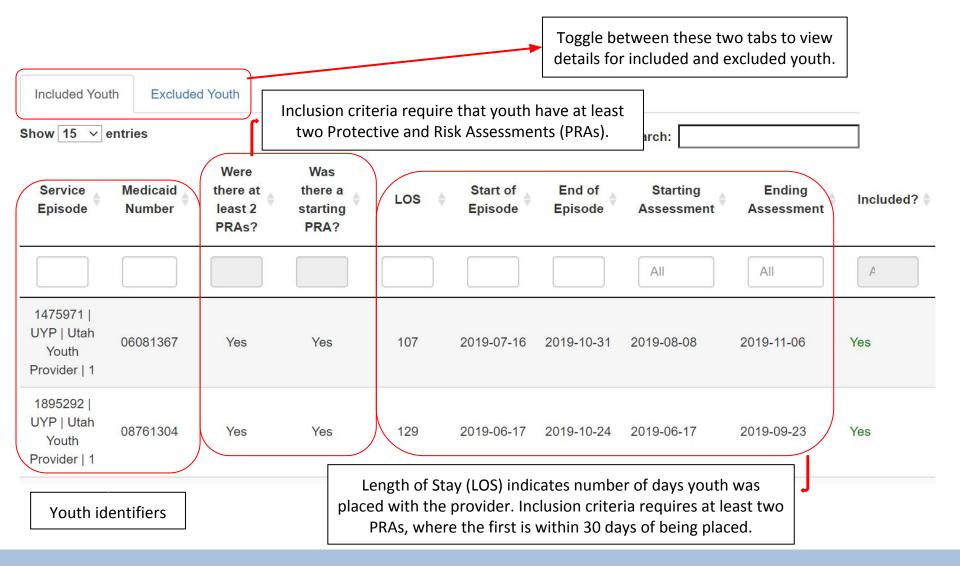
10 episode(s) was/were included in the final graphics.

10 of the 17 episodes met the inclusion criteria for the *DJJS Risk Reduction Report*.

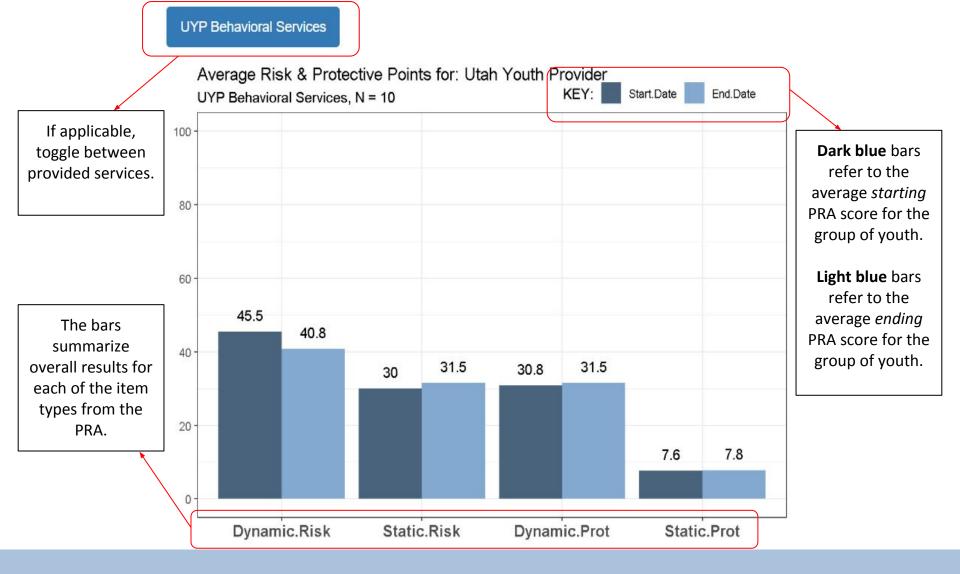
DJJS Risk Reduction Report contains risk reduction results for youth who exited a placement during the specified calendar quarter.

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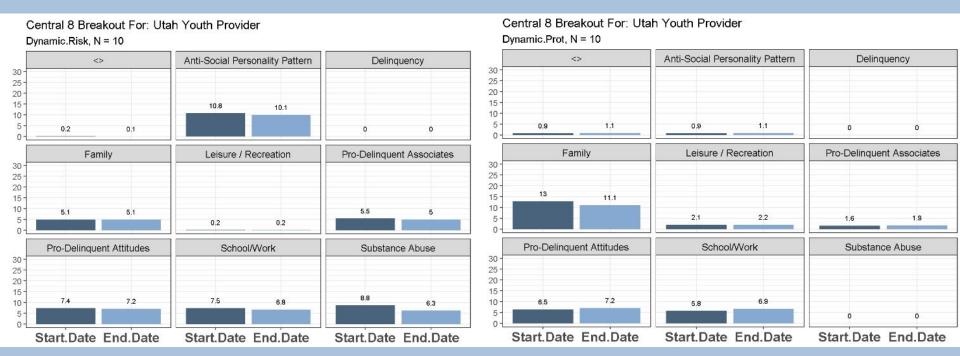




Quality Assurance



Risk Reduction Measure



These graphics identify the average starting and ending PRA results for youth who exited a particular residential service. Results are broken out into the Central-8-Categories. The graph on the left depicts changes in *dynamic risk* factors; the graph on the right depicts changes in *dynamic protective factors*.

Central-8-Categories



THANK YOU!

Our overall objective is to recognize and support the work of providers who serve DHS clients.

We recognize the complexity of this work and appreciate your efforts to help youth, young adults, and their families. No outcome measurement process will capture all of this complexity nor all the positive impact you have in people's lives. However, we hope that this information will be helpful as you evaluate your efforts and pursue improvement in outcomes over time.





We would be happy to hear from you. Please send any feedback or questions to us.

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