

Race, Class, and Family Court Involvement in Allegheny County



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INTRODUCTION:

Black youth and families, who have open CYF cases, are becoming court-involved and adjudicated dependent at a disproportionate rate. This trend has been consistent for at least 10 years. While family court-involvement and adjudication rates are decreasing overall, this racial disparity persists. Studies indicate that race and socio-economic status are primary factors impacting these outcomes, but **these factors have not been investigated in CYF from a mixed methods approach.**

DHS has publicly committed to “preventing harm and overuse of coercive services.” Therefore, this research project, which seeks to further investigate disparities relating to family-court involvement, aligns with the values and goals of the agency.

PROJECT ACTION PLAN:



EXPECTED IMPACT:

