

inResults from our initial surveys of system impacted youth:

Even though we've only interviewed 6 youth, I think the results are interesting thus far and I pulled out what I thought were the most interesting. This makes me want to continue interviewing youth and pushing through on this project!!

Here are the results I pulled out:

- 3 out of 6 think everything you tell the PO is confidential
- In response to what is the most confusing thing:
 - When they (the judge) just keep telling you to come back to court, it builds stress and is confusing.
 - Why can't you cut your hair or shave in Juvenile Hall? Why charge minors as adults?
 - All the codes and numbers (penal code, etc)
 - The way that they take long to process paperwork when you're going to be released. Does not understand why it takes so long.
 - they take too long (with transportation, waiting for food, to be called), they are not fair (sentencing kids for minor things), it is ghetto (gang-banging, stinks, writing/tagging everywhere).
 - the court not a lot of communication about what's happening, just waiting for outcome
- Who was the most helpful to you:
 - 2 out of 6 said attorney
 - One said DMH
 - 2 said non-profits
 - 1 said friends/family/community
- 3 out of 6 said they understood less than half of what their attorney told them
- 3 out of 6 answered "false" when the question said "It would help your case to tell your lawyer all of the information your lawyer wants to know"