JCPC Funding Allocation & Strategic Plan RtA Workgroup
JCPF Funding Formula Workgroup

- Reviewed historical principles for county allocation of state funds
- Understand General Statutes & Administrative Code pertaining to county allocation formula
- Consider formula for allocation expansion distribution
- Consider county match requirements
Began in 1975 with the establishment of Community-based Alternative programming in partnership with local county governments.

Allocation increases were based on juvenile justice statistics, i.e. three-year commitment rate.

Direct appropriations became part of the allocation for some counties.

There were years where additional funds were appropriated to increase the availability of certain program types.
GS 143B-1104(a)(1-4)  
Funding for Programs

(1) Fund effective programs. – The Division shall fund programs that it determines to be effective in preventing delinquency and recidivism. Programs that have proven to be ineffective shall not be funded.

(2) Use a formula for the distribution of funds. – A funding formula shall be developed that ensures that even the smallest counties will be able to provide the basic prevention and alternative services to juveniles in their communities.

(3) Allow and encourage local flexibility. – A vital component of the State and local partnership established by this section is local flexibility to determine how best to allocate prevention and alternative funds.

(4) Combine resources. – Counties shall be allowed and encouraged to combine resources and services.
The Department may apportion expansion funds with either:

1. an equal amount per county;
2. a proportionate amount per county based on the county population that is 10-17 years of age; or
3. a combination of the two.
Proposed Recommendations

- Hold counties “harmless”

- Based on Administrative Code parameters, formula employs a base + population increase
  - Allows for funding to follow population; and
  - Small base increase - allows for some continuum services in the smallest counties
Proposed Recommendations

- Equitable access to Restorative Justice
- Increase Base in each county
- With uncertainty of detention costs pursuant to RtA implementation:
  - No Match required on Yr 1
  - Reconsideration of match in Yr 2
JCPC Expansion Recommendations

1st Year

- Increase base by $6,600
  - Approximately 15.7% of $4.2 M used for initial base increase
  - Brings base from $31,500 to $38,100

- Distribute the balance based on population
JCPC Expansion Recommendations

2nd Year

- Base amount remains $38,100
- Distribute the balance on population
- Possible realignment of county match percentages
JCPC Expansion Funding Priorities

- Require access to Teen Court services in all 100 counties
- Prioritize funding for
  - Other restorative justice models
  - Capacity building for 16 and 17 year olds in new and existing program models
  - Services to support the School Justice Partnership initiative