



# School Justice Partnership Update

Juvenile Jurisdiction Advisory Committee Meeting  
August 28, 2020



# SJP News



## **SJP Toolkit Release Press Conference (August 12, 2019)**

- Chief Justice Cheri Beasley, Governor Roy Cooper, and NCAOC Director McKinley Wooten, along with several other state and local officials announced the official release of the SJP Toolkit at Eastern Guilford High School.

## **Chief District Court Judge Convening and Workshop (November 14, 2019)**

- Chief Justice Cheri Beasley convened CDCJs for a workshop on SJPs and recovery courts.

## **New SJP Program Manager (February 2020)**

- DeShield Greene, Court Management Specialist, AOC Court Programs Division

# SJP Video



# SJP Progress & Expansion



**36 counties** now have signed SJP agreements/resolutions.

- 27 SJPs have been added since Aug. 2019 toolkit release

20 additional counties are in the development stage.

Visit our website at [SJP.nccourts.gov](https://sjp.nccourts.gov) for a full list of existing SJP counties.

# SJP Research Project



- Completed by NCAOC's 2020 Summer Intern
  - Neisha Williams, Graduate Research Assistant, UNC Greensboro (*Ph.D expected 2021*)
- Data analysis focused on 7 counties with an SJP in existence for at least 2 years:
  - Brunswick
  - Greene
  - Lenoir
  - Mecklenburg
  - New Hanover
  - Stanly
  - Wayne

# Overall Trends



## **SBOs in 5 of the 7 counties have decreased since the year before implementation:**

- Brunswick County (*est. July 1, 2017*)
  - 79% decrease from 2016 (366 total) to 2020 (74 total)
- Lenoir County (*est. March 16, 2018*)
  - 74% decrease from 2017 (100 total) to 2020 (26 total)
- Mecklenburg County (*est. January 28, 2016*)
  - 39% decrease from 2016 (866 total) to 2020 (528 total)
- New Hanover County (*est. November 2, 2015*)
  - 23.4% decrease from 2016 (141 total) to 2020 (108 total)
- Stanly County (*est. July 1, 2018*)
  - 20.3% decrease from 2017 (59 total) to 2020 (47 total)

# Overall Trends



**SBOs in 2 of the 7 counties have increased since the year before implementation:**

- Greene County (*est. March 16, 2018*)
  - 24% increase from 2017 (25 total) to 2020 (31 total)
- Wayne County (*est. April 12, 2018*)
  - 15.1% increase from 2017 (66 total) to 2020 (76 total)



### Brunswick County

	School Based Offenses	% Change
<b>2016</b>	366	-
<b>2017</b>	141	-61.48%
<b>2018</b>	110	-21.99%
<b>2019</b>	81	-26.36%
<b>2020</b>	74	-8.64%

### Greene County

	School Based Offenses	% Change
<b>2017</b>	25	-
<b>2018</b>	49	96%
<b>2019</b>	22	-55.10%
<b>2020</b>	31	40.91%

### Lenoir County

	School Based Offenses	% Change
<b>2017</b>	100	-
<b>2018</b>	56	-44%
<b>2019</b>	32	-42.9%
<b>2020</b>	26	-18.8%





### Mecklenburg County

	School Based Offenses	% Change
<b>2015</b>	-	-
<b>2016</b>	866	-
<b>2017</b>	801	-7.51%
<b>2018</b>	592	-26.09%
<b>2019</b>	323	-45.44%
<b>2020</b>	528	63.47%

### New Hanover County

	School Based Offenses	% Change
<b>2014</b>	-	-
<b>2015</b>	-	-
<b>2016</b>	141	-
<b>2017</b>	189	34.04%
<b>2018</b>	110	-41.8%
<b>2019</b>	133	20.91%
<b>2020</b>	108	-18.8%



### Stanly County

	School Based Offenses	% Change
<b>2017</b>	59	-
<b>2018</b>	47	-20.3%
<b>2019</b>	26	-44.7%
<b>2020</b>	47	80.77%

### Wayne County

	School Based Offenses	% Change
<b>2017</b>	66	-
<b>2018</b>	60	-9.1%
<b>2019</b>	45	-25%
<b>2020</b>	76	68.89%

# Disproportionality



- On average, Black students are **twice** as likely as their peers to receive a SBO.
- Based on **2019 calendar year** data, black students are referred to court at the following rates:
  - Brunswick – 2x more likely
  - Greene – 1.4x more likely
  - Lenoir – 1.9x more likely
  - Mecklenburg – 2x more likely
  - New Hanover – 4x more likely
  - Stanly – 2.5x more likely
  - Wayne – 1.6x more likely

# Next Steps



- Share data analysis with applicable counties for SJP program evaluation and review
- Develop plan for ongoing, statewide data collection and analysis
- Revise and update SJP Toolkit in collaboration with SJP stakeholders
- Consider legislative proposals to strengthen the SJP program



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