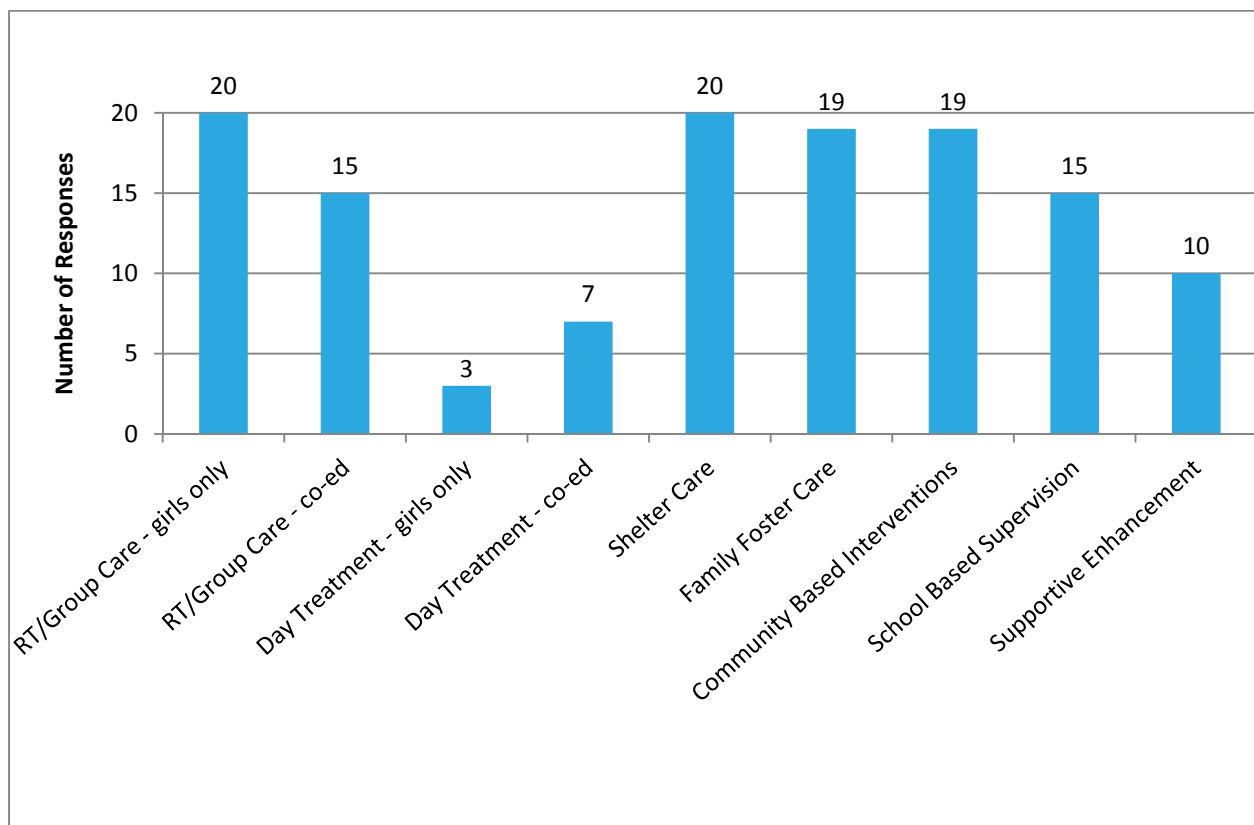


Services for Girls in Iowa: A Gap Analysis

A survey of all JCO Supervisors was conducted June, 21 - July 13, 2016. Questions ranged from service availability and satisfaction to the characteristics of an ideal system. Most were focused on those girls under Juvenile Court jurisdiction who have progressed to the deep end of services and supervision.

20 of the 26 JCO Supervisors completed the survey and the responses have been compiled below.

Question 1: Which of the following types of services can your staff access for girls? (Select all that apply)

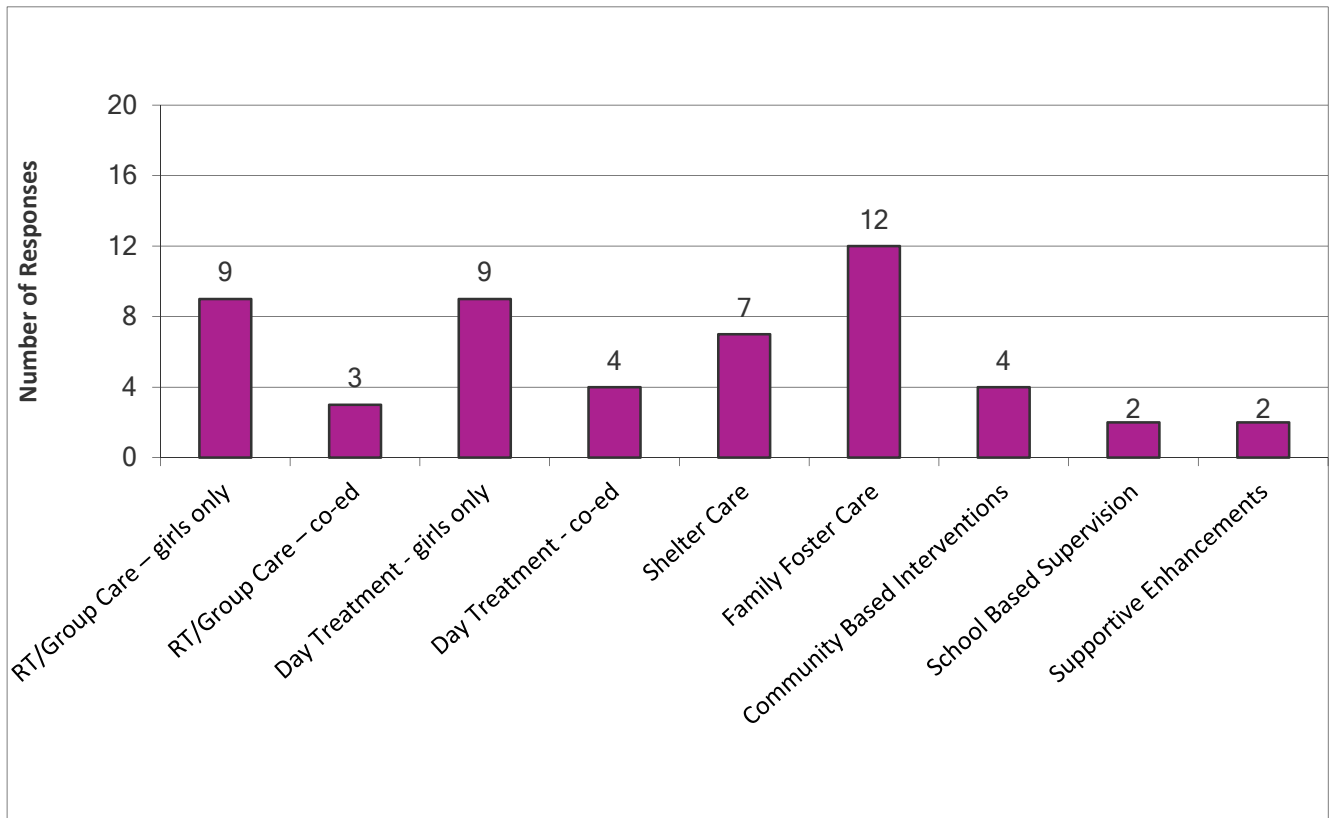


Total Number of Respondents: 20

Key takeaways:

- Day treatment was the most difficult to access, particularly in a single gender environment.

Question 2: Which of the services available to your staff are difficult to access for high risk and high needs girls? (Select all that apply)



Total Number of Respondents: 16

Key Takeaways:

- Girls-only residential and day treatment services are among the most difficult for JCO’s to access for high risk, high need girls. When compared to accessibility in Question 1, this difference becomes especially noteworthy for residential treatment settings.
- Family foster care is the most difficult service to access for high risk, high need girls.
- Shelter care was listed by one-third of respondents as difficult to access for deep end girls.
- Under “Other”, respondents listed a State Training School, female sex offender treatment, and programs that address mental health and intellectual disabilities as also being difficult to access.

Question 3: When seeking services for a girl with any level of risk or need, what is the importance of each of the following criteria?

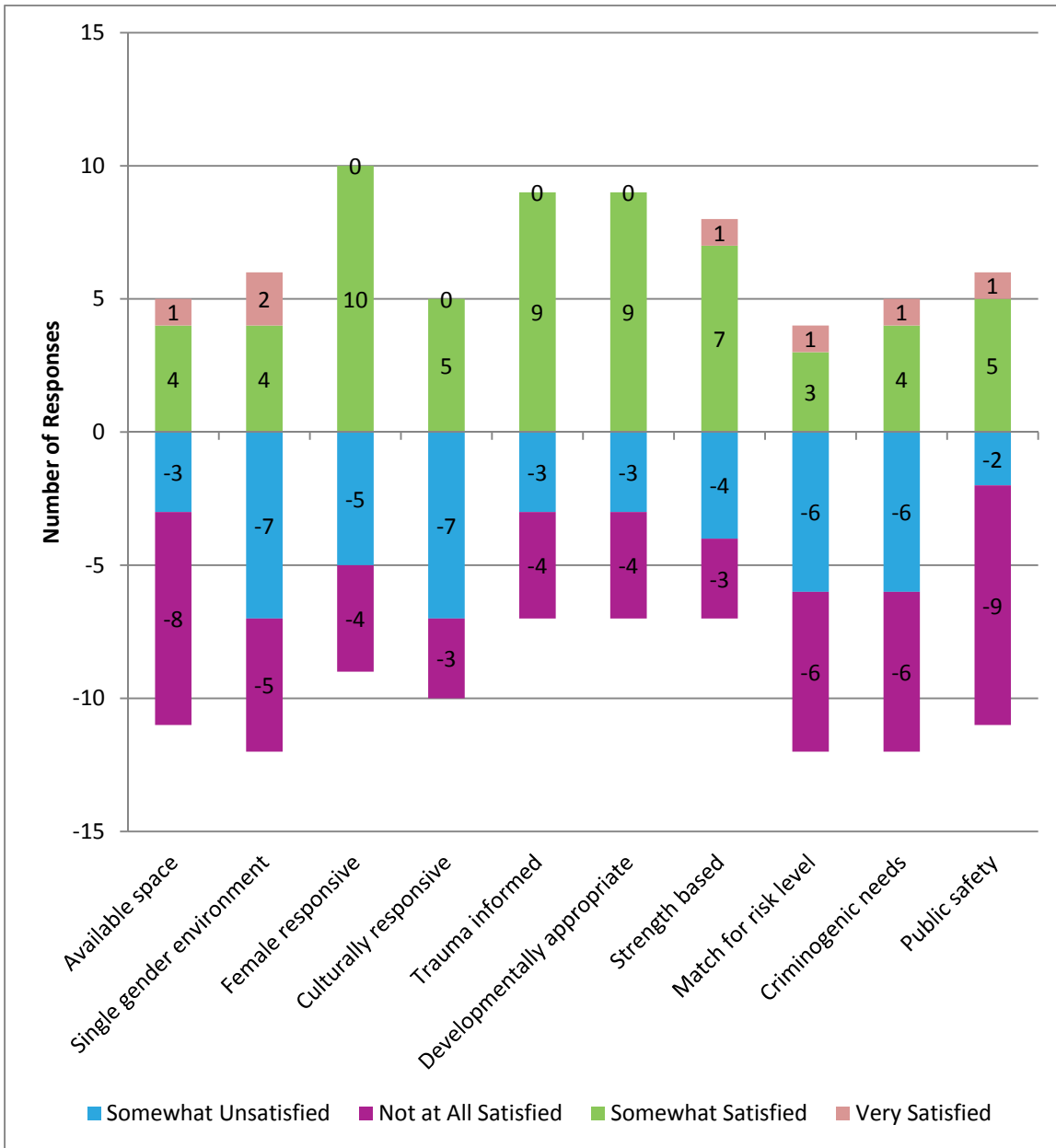
Response options:

Available space	Developmentally appropriate
Single gender environment	Strength based
Female responsive	Match for risk level
Culturally responsive	Criminogenic needs
Trauma informed	Public Safety

Key Takeaways:

- Respondents weighted all criteria nearly equal in importance; all options were rated as high in importance.
- “Strength based” and “match for risk level” scored as the top two responses by the slimmest of margins.

Question 4: When seeking services for a girl with a high level of risk and need, what is your level of satisfaction that the services currently available meet the following criteria?



Total Number of Respondents: 20

Key takeaways:

- Single gender environment, Match for risk level, and Criminogenic needs received the highest combination of unsatisfied responses (Somewhat Unsatisfied and Not at All Satisfied).
- However, Available space and Public safety received the most Not at all Satisfied responses, with 8 and 9, respectively.

- Female responsive, Trauma informed, and Developmentally appropriate received the highest number of satisfied responses (Somewhat Satisfied and Very Satisfied), yet none of them received the Very Satisfied rating.
- “Neither Satisfied or Unsatisfied” was an optional response that is not shown in the chart, but is represented by the 0 gridline. 8 of the 10 categories had 3 or 4 of these neutral responses. Single gender environment and Female responsive had 2 and 1 neutral response respectively.

Question 5. What specific service providers for girls do you prefer and what are the characteristics the provider or the service possesses that makes it preferable?

Forest Ridge – 7
 No preference – 5
 Four Oaks – 2
 JMRT – 2
 Clarinda Academy – 2
 Cornerstone – 2
 Farrand House – 2
 Sequel Care
 Children and Families of Iowa
 Families First
 Boys Town

Note: The number to the right indicates how many respondents listed the item as an answer. If no number is listed, that item was mentioned once. Some respondents listed more than one service or characteristic.

Table 1: Service providers and the characteristics JCO Supervisors listed as making them a preferable. Characteristics in italics were mentioned by two JCO Supervisors, characteristics in bold were mentioned three or more times.

Forest Ridge	<i>Willing to work with high needs and/or high risk girls</i>	Gender specific programming	Work well on delinquent issues	Programs for victims of abuse (emotional, physical, sexual)	Ability to balance high risk with high needs	Quality staff	Mental health	<i>Trauma informed care</i>	Works well with moderate risk girls	Residential treatment program
Four Oaks	Low staff turnover	Single gender environment	Female responsive							
JMRT	Willing to work with high needs and/or high risk girls	Low staff turnover	Female responsive	Single gender environment						
Clarinda Academy	<i>Willing to work with high needs and/or high risk girls</i>									
Cornerstone	Substance abuse treatment	Mental health								
Farrand House	Gender specific programming	Works well with moderate risk girls								
Sequel Care										
Children and Families of Iowa	Willing to work with high needs and/or high risk girls	Available space	Trauma informed care	Coordinates IHH services						
Families First	Family centered approach	Culturally responsive	Available space							
Boys Town	Work well with girls of all risk levels									

Non-facility specific	<i>Safe environment</i>	<i>Addresses criminogenic needs</i>	<i>Trauma informed care</i>	Female responsive	Developmentally appropriate	Strength-based	Secure	Culturally responsive	Available space	Supportive
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Question 6. What services for deep-end girls are missing in Iowa?

State Training School/locked facility – 13
Secure placement/alternative to State Training School – 7
Mental health services – 6
Residential treatment – 5
Trauma-informed care – 4
Foster homes – 3
Gender specific programs – 3
Therapeutic foster homes – 2
SAL – 2
Well trained staff
Girl specific day treatment
Secure residential treatment
Separate residential treatment for delinquent and CINA
No eject, no reject
Community supports for runaways
Strength-based programs
Sex offender treatment

Note: The number to the right indicates how many respondents listed the item as an answer. If no number is listed, that item was mentioned once. Some respondents listed more than one service.

Question 7. What services does an ideal system for deep-end girls include?

Trauma-informed – 9
Mental health – 6
Secure program/alternative to State Training School – 5
State Training School/locked facility – 5
Female responsive – 4
Substance abuse programming – 3
Criminogenic – 3
Single gender programs – 3
Culturally responsive – 2
Strength-based – 2
Therapeutic foster homes – 2
Behavior modification programming – 2

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Education opportunities – 2
Health education – 2
Developmentally appropriate
Well trained staff
Separation in placements between delinquent and CINA cases
Evidence based practices
Programming on gang involvement
SAL
Sex offender treatment
Group foster homes

Note: The number to the right indicates how many respondents listed the item as an answer. If no number is listed, that item was mentioned once. Some respondents listed more than one service.

Question 8. Of those services that are ideal, which is most important?

State Training School – 6
Mental health services – 5
Trauma informed – 4
Female Responsive – 3
Public safety - 3
Staff training – 2
No eject, no reject – 2
Secure setting/alternative to State Training School – 2
Therapeutic foster homes
Substance abuse treatment
Criminogenic needs
Behavior modification programming
Community-based supports

Note: The number to the right indicates how many respondents listed the item as an answer. If no number is listed, that item was mentioned once. Some respondents listed more than one service.