

## **Student Leaders:**

**Will you help  
make a  
difference?**

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All young people need  
safe places to go,  
worthwhile things to do,  
a sense of belonging,  
a sense of competence,  
a feeling of hope,  
and relationships with people  
who can help  
make a difference in their lives

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# 2007 Juvenile Offense Data and Delinquency Prevention Plan for Alachua County

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## 2007 Juvenile Offense Data

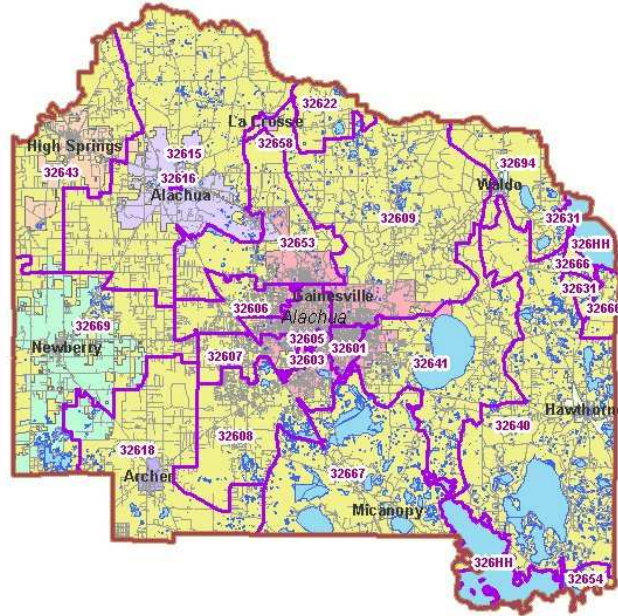
- ✓ Data reflects 2,031\* offenses entered into SAO STAC in which a juvenile committed an offense between January 1 and December 31, 2007 in Alachua county (2,377 offenses in 2006)
- ✓ Total Number of offenses committed by 1,282 youth.
  - ✓ 941 youth were charged with only one offense, (73%)
  - ✓ 335 youth committed 2 or more offenses, (26%)
  - ✓ 6 youth committed 10 or more offenses.

\* The total number of 2006 juvenile offenses were committed by 1,498 juveniles; 1,091 youth were charged with only one offense in 2005, 407 youth committed 2 or more offenses, 8 youth committed 10 or more offenses.

Total Juvenile Offenses, 2007: **2,031**  
 346 fewer offenses than 2006  
 (14.5% reduction)

| YEAR                      | 2000          | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006         |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| # OF OFFENSES             | 2,373         | 2,250 | 2,308 | 2,138 | 2,180 | 2,150 | <b>2,377</b> |
| CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR | Not available | -123  | +58   | -170  | +42   | -30   | <b>+227</b>  |

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## Zip code and Offenses

| Zip code | # of 2007 Juvenile Offenses |
|----------|-----------------------------|
| 32601    | 241                         |
| 32605    | 98                          |
| 32606    | 44                          |
| 32607    | 238                         |
| 32608    | 154                         |
| 32609    | 267                         |
| 32615    | 144                         |
| 32618    | 49                          |
| 32640    | 45                          |
| 32641    | 395                         |
| 32653    | 63                          |
| 32669    | 38                          |

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## 2007 Age and Gender at time of Offense

| Def Age: | Female  | Male      | Total |
|----------|---------|-----------|-------|
| 7-10     | 7       | 29        | 36    |
| 11       | 8       | 24        | 32    |
| 12       | 36*     | 52        | 88    |
| 13       | 50      | 144       | 194   |
| 14       | 85      | 251       | 336   |
| 15       | 107     | 290       | 397   |
| 16       | 146*    | 319       | 465   |
| 17       | 121     | 359       | 480*  |
| 18       | 2       | 1         | 3     |
| Total    | 562 28% | 1,469 72% | 2,031 |

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## Juvenile Race 2007

**Black: 1,459 (72%)**

**White: 567 (28%)**

| Race of defendant | Number of offenses 2004 | Number of offenses 2005 | Number of offenses 2006 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Black</b>      | <b>1,508 (69%)</b>      | <b>1,422 (66%)</b>      | <b>1,600 (67%)</b>      |
| <b>White</b>      | <b>667 (31%)</b>        | <b>724 (34%)</b>        | <b>766 (32%)</b>        |
| <b>Other</b>      | <b>5 (--)</b>           | <b>4 (--)</b>           | <b>11 (--)</b>          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>2180</b>             | <b>2150</b>             | <b>2,377</b>            |

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## Types of Offenses: Categories

- **Property**  
Criminal Mischief, Burglary, Theft (petit, retail, grand), Fraudulent use of credit card, Forgery, Arson, Dealing in stolen property, worthless check
- **Personal**  
Domestic violence, Robbery, Affray, Battery, Assault, Resisting arrest w/ violence, Kidnapping, Culpable negligence, Attempted carjacking with a weapon
  - **Sex Crime** Sexual Battery, lewd and lascivious, indecent exposure, voyeurism
  - **Gun** Firearm related offense
  - **Dom** Domestic battery or assault
- **Other**  
Disorderly conduct, Trespassing, loitering, resisting arrest w/o violence, Giving False Information, disrupting a school function, possession of weapon at school, Juvenile escape.
- **Drug**  
Alcohol or other illegal Drug offense (possession, sale or paraphernalia)
- **Multiple types of offenses**  
Case involves multiple charges involving a Combination of offenses which include at least one property or one personal offense category

## 2007 Juvenile Offense categories

| Type of Offense            | Frequency    | Percent      |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Property</b>            | <b>787</b>   | <b>39%</b>   |
| <b>Domestic*</b>           | <b>36</b>    | <b>2%</b>    |
| <b>Gun*</b>                | <b>15</b>    | <b>.7%</b>   |
| <b>Sex*</b>                | <b>19</b>    | <b>1%</b>    |
| <b>All Other Personal*</b> | <b>549</b>   | <b>27%</b>   |
| <b>*Total Personal</b>     | <b>619</b>   | <b>30.7%</b> |
| <b>Drug</b>                | <b>250</b>   | <b>12%</b>   |
| <b>Other</b>               | <b>335</b>   | <b>16.5%</b> |
| <b>Combination</b>         | <b>40</b>    | <b>2%</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>2,031</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

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## Time of Day 2007/ 2006

Note: The first category is a six-hour time period.

| TIME                   | FREQUENCY        | PERCENT              |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 12:01am – 6:00am       | <b>233 / 267</b> | <b>11.5% / 11.2%</b> |
| 6:01am – 9:00am*       | <b>181 / 163</b> | <b>9% / 7%</b>       |
| 9:01am – noon          | <b>265 / 323</b> | <b>13% / 13.5%</b>   |
| 12:01pm – 3:00pm       | <b>344 / 393</b> | <b>17% / 16.5%</b>   |
| <b>3:01pm – 6:00pm</b> | <b>356 / 471</b> | <b>17.5% / 19.8%</b> |
| 6:01pm – 9:00pm        | <b>311 / 385</b> | <b>15.3% / 16.2%</b> |
| 9:01pm – midnight*     | <b>341 / 375</b> | <b>16.8% / 15.8%</b> |
| TOTALS                 | <b>2377</b>      | <b>100%</b>          |

# Juvenile Delinquency Prevention

Long term: 3-10 years  
Community wide Support  
Building on Protective factors

## Alachua County Vision and Mission

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**Vision:**

End juvenile delinquency in Alachua County.

**Mission:**

The mission of Alachua County's youth Delinquency prevention partners is to collaborate with and empower organizations and individuals to eliminate Youth Delinquency in our communities through advocacy, education, and training.

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## Areas of Our Delinquency Prevention Focus:

- **School Attendance**
- **Teenage pregnancy**
- **Drug/alcohol/substance abuse**
- **Juvenile violence and property crime**
- **Mental Health needs**
- **Academic Success: Tutoring/Mentoring**
- **Other: Parenting skills, Job Skills,  
recreational/after school programming**

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## Who's most at risk of delinquency?

**It is Critical.....Identify kids EARLY**

### **1. Key Indicators...**

**Track and analyze data**

### **2. Address with Appropriate, Early Intervention**

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♦ Two 8th grade factors gave students at least a 75% probability of dropping out of school: 1) attending school less than 80% of the time in 8th grade (that is, missing at least 5 weeks of school), and 2) receiving a failing final grade in mathematics and/or English during 8th grade. Of those 8th graders who attended school less than 80% of the time, 78% became high school dropouts. Of those 8th graders who failed mathematics and/or English, 77% dropped out of high school. Importantly, gender, race, age, and test scores did not have the strong predictive power of attendance and course failure.

**Unexcused Absences,  
Frequency and Percentages  
8/20/07 – 5/8/08**

|   | 10 or more<br>Unexcused<br>Absences | 20 or more<br>Unexcused<br>Absences |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Elementary<br>1st-5 <sup>th</sup> grade | <b>1,737 (19%)</b>                  | <b>710 (8%)</b>                     |
| Middle<br>6-8 <sup>th</sup> grade       | <b>917 (15%)</b>                    | <b>488 (8%)</b>                     |
| High School<br>9-12 grade               | <b>2,739 (33%)</b>                  | <b>1,701 (20%)</b>                  |

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## Total High School Enrollment: 8440

### Breakdown by high school

students with 10+ absences for the school year  
students with 20+ absences

|                 |            |           |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| ■ Buchholz:     | 580 (25%), | 319 (14%) |
| ■ Eastside:     | 767 (33%), | 483 (27%) |
| ■ GHS:          | 530 (27%), | 328 (17%) |
| ■ Hawthorne HS: | 137 (52%), | 98 (37%)  |
| ■ Loften        | 147 (65%), | 113 (50%) |
| ■ Newberry:     | 210 (38%), | 143 (26%) |
| ■ Santa Fe:     | 368 (31%), | 217 (18%) |

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## 2007 Alachua County Dropouts by Grade

- 9<sup>th</sup>: 142
- 10<sup>th</sup>: 220
- 11<sup>th</sup>: 166
- 12<sup>th</sup>: 217

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## Ownership and Partners

Goal #2: To increase **social norms** that contribute to equality & respect and safety for men, women, and children.

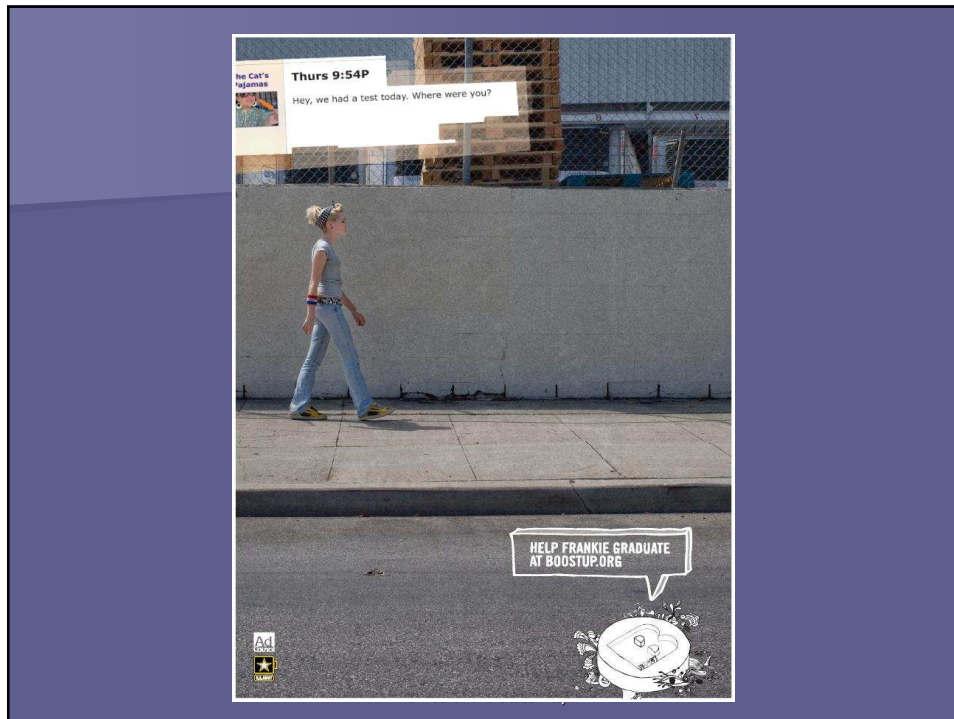
***Social norms*** are expectations of behavior that we set and practice

- Who: Parents, Youth, Faith Based
- What: PS Messages, discussions, actions, practice
- How: Talking, Letters, sharing concerns, Networking, Sermons, solutions

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| Who:                                  | What:   | When:                            |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Neighborhood Block Captains & Parents | Establishing & supporting expectations we hold for parents, youth   | 1-6 months                       |
| School Board                          |   |                                  |
| Ministers/<br>Churches                | Sermons, parent and Youth discussions, bulletin articles  | 1-6 months                       |
| Community Agencies                    |   |                                  |
| <b>High School Leaders, Athletes</b>  | <b>Developing and presenting Service Announcements and Presentations to ES and MS on Truancy, pregnancy, recreation</b> | <b>1-6 months<br/>SY 2008-09</b> |

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**"When the issue of preventing  
juvenile delinquency was  
decided... Were you involved?  
Where did you stand?"**

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