



Making the Case for Youth Right's Training: A study of youth and police personnel's attitudes on youth rights.



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Communication Material



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if you are not happy
with what happened, talk to the
children's ombudsman
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Ni'n na teluekey nutqo'ltijik apoqnmagil




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Mu wite'tmu'n ta'n
kis-tla'lulk
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nutqo'ltiliji apoqnmuaaji.
Ma'kijitukw wen

Nous avons le temps



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Si vous n'êtes pas satisfait(e)
de ce qui s'est passé, parlez-en à
l'Ombudsman des enfants
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CHILD AND YOUTH LOG RECORDING FORM

CASE NO: _____ JAIL FILE NO: _____ DATE: _____

YOUNG PERSON: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ARRESTING OFFICER: _____ DIVISION: _____

BROUGHT IN BY: _____ TIME: _____

OFFENCE / REASON FOR DETAINING: _____

Conditions of Release:

PARENT / GUARDIAN CONTACTED: (Name, Response, Contact Phone Number) _____

Officer: _____**Time:** _____

Video Tape #	Time On:	Time Off:	Cell #:																				
Jailer																							
<i>NOTE: TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFICER IN CHARGE AT THE TIME OF YOUTH'S ARRIVAL</i>																							
CONDITION ON ARRIVAL:																							

<p style="text-align: center;">NOTIFIED OF RIGHT TO CONTACT CHILDREN'S OMBUDSMAN</p> PHONE NO. 1-888-839-6884 YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> IF NO, PLEASE STATE REASON: _____																							
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GUARD _____ RELEASED TO: _____

TIME: _____

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Proactive presence in policing

- Training
- Youth Voice



Research Topic

An exploration of whether the existence of the Ombudsman's Office has an impact (positive or negative) on how the police carry out their work.

Themes



- Youth experience with police.
- Police experience with youth.
- Ombudsman's Office serving as a preventative measure through proactive education on youth rights and police accountability.

Methodology



Youth Sample

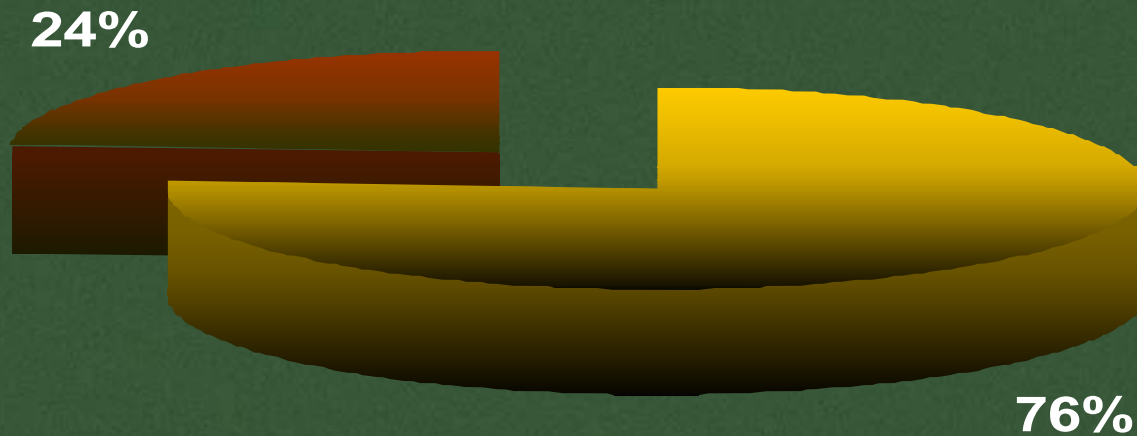
- 25 young persons
- Information session
- Confidentiality

Police Sample

- 15 police personnel
- Information session
- Confidentiality

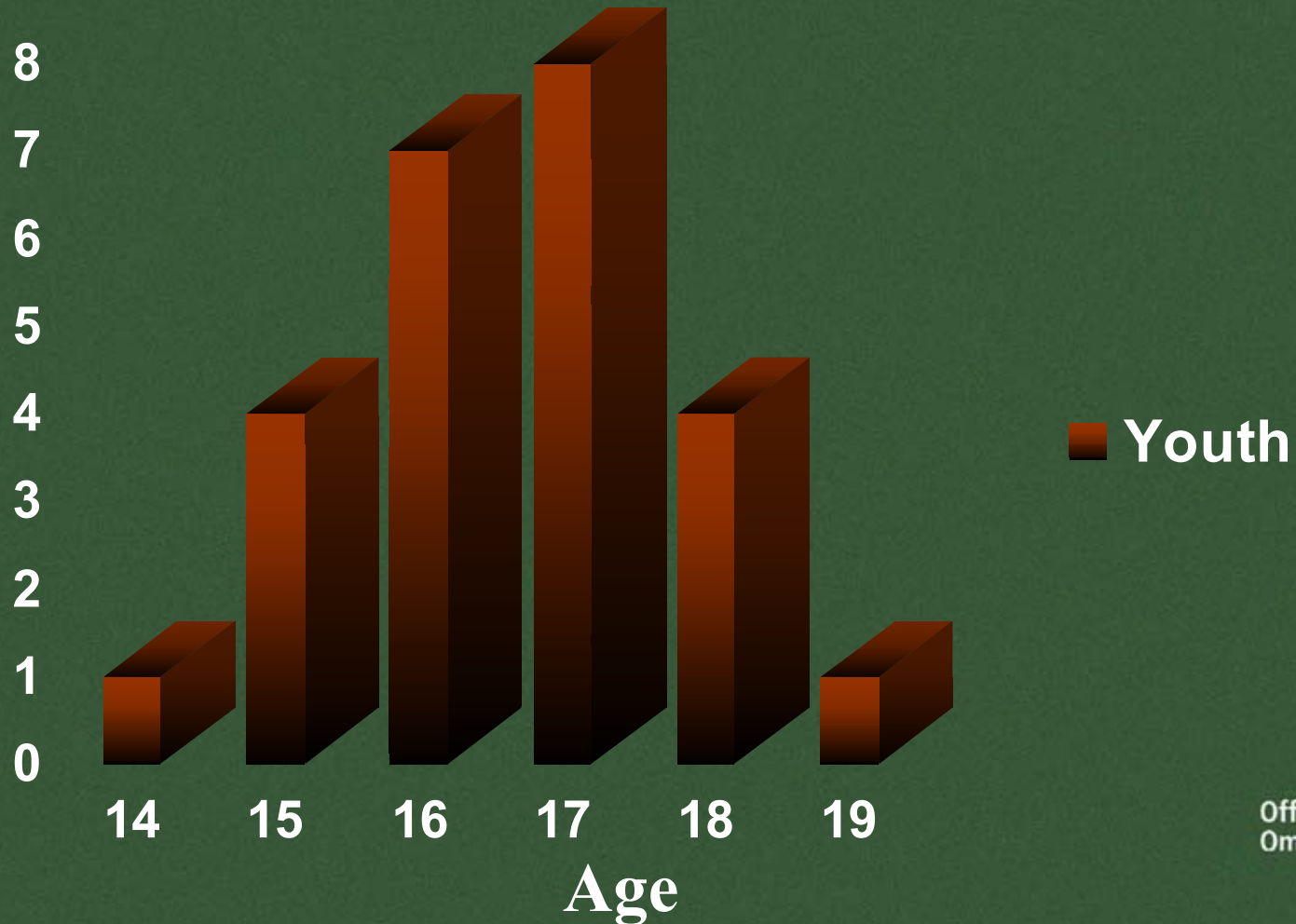


Gender of Youth Interviewed



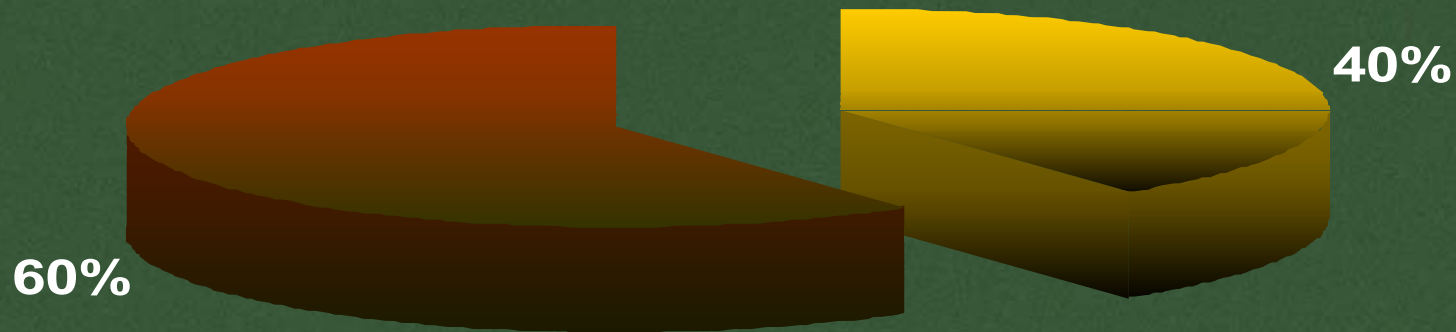
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- Female

Age Range of Youth Interviewed





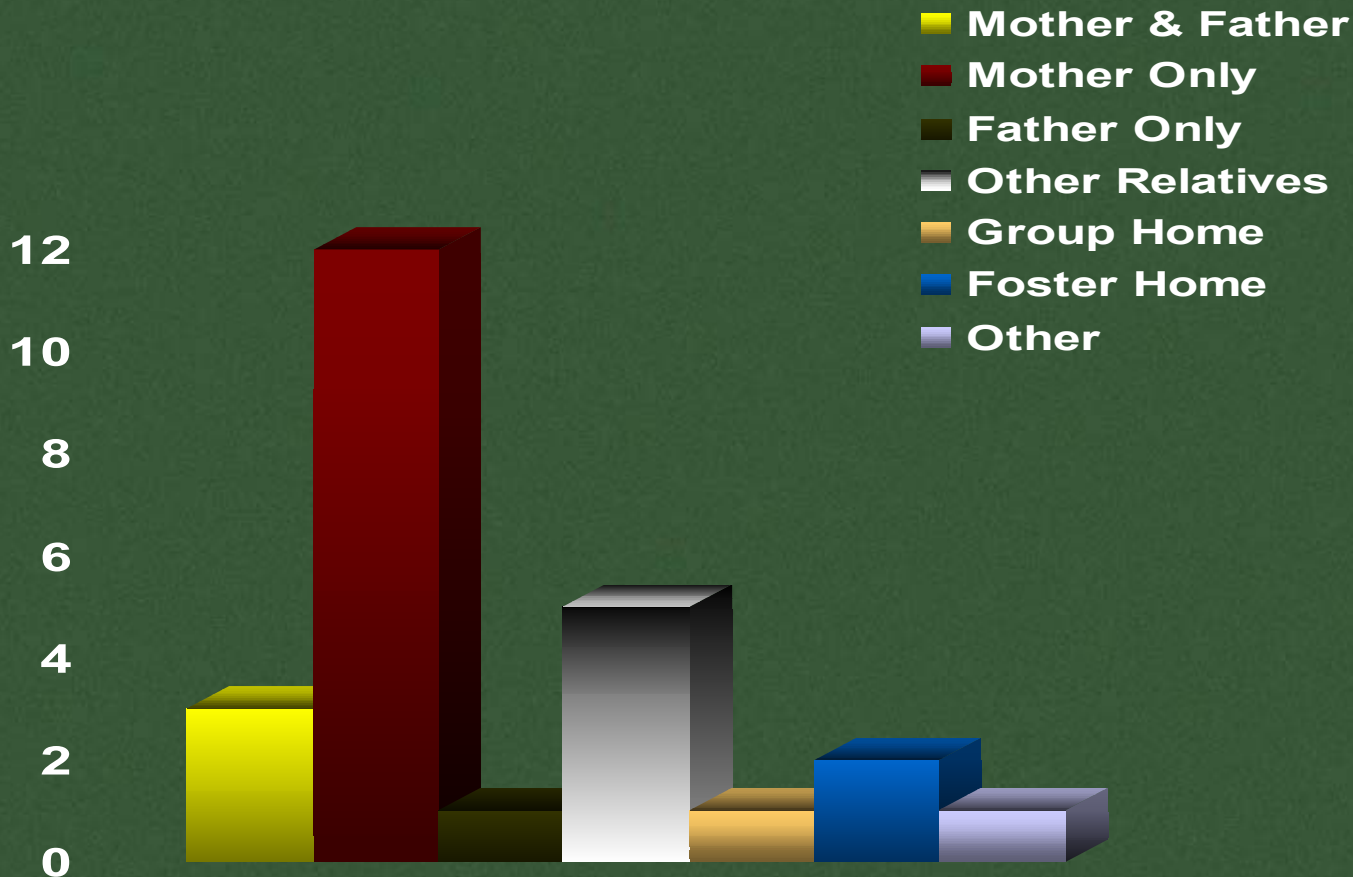
Youth Involved With Child Protection



-  Not Involved
-  Involved



Who do Youth Usually Live With?



Youth Treatment While Detained



- Supervised
- Meal
- Warm Covering
- Access to Legal Counsel
- Access to Complaint Mechanism

Findings on Treatment



Youth Rights Training

- Asked if they required anything
- Provided with warm covering
- Reported being checked on more often
- Released with proper clothing

No Youth Rights Training

- Less often
- Less often
- Less often
- Less often

Mean (Average) Regional Treatment of Youth

Area	Rated Treatment
Youth Rights Training (N=5)	2.2
Other (N=20)	3.3

Ombudsman's Office and Process

- Informed of Complaint Mechanism
- Access to Complaint Mechanism
- Privacy

Where Youth Would Complain



	Youth Rights Training (N=3)	Other (N=17)	TOTAL
Police Personnel	(1) 33	(3) 18	(4) 20
Ombudsman's Office	(1) 33	(9) 53	(10) 50
Other	(1) 33	(5) 29	(6) 30

Youth Perception of Rights



- Immediate Needs
- Substantive Rights

Police Knowledge of Youth Rights

- Majority have never received youth rights training.
- Those with training said it better equipped them to deal with youth.

Mean (Average) of Police Knowledge on Youth Rights

Knowledge	Youth Training (N=4)	No Youth Training (N=11)
Ombudsman's Office	1	3.7
Youth Rights	1.5	2.7
Providing Information to youth about their rights	1.25	3.2

Police Perception (Mean) of Youth Behaviour



Perceived Youth Behaviour	Youth Training	No Youth Training
Compliant	1	2.8
Respectful	1	2.6
Willing to act out	5	3.2
Willing to complain	4.5	2.1
Willing to provide you with more information	1.25	2.8

Rights as Perceived by Police



- All believed youth have special rights.
- Basic and substantive rights.
- What officers without the training had to say.

Discussion and Conclusion



- Needs being met more often in area where youth rights training was offered
- Positive response from both police and youth
- Prevention



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