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Research Analysis Shows Highly Disproportionate Treatment for Native American Youth in the Juvenile Justice System

The National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) has just released a review of national data on the disparity of treatment between Native American youth and others racial and ethnic groups.

Some of the analysis findings are as follows:

- At the points of arrest and formal processing Native Americans and Whites are equally likely to be arrested and, once referred, to be petitioned (similar to indictment for adults).
- However, Native Americans are 50% more likely than Whites to receive the most punitive measures, namely, out-of-home placement after adjudication or waiver to the adult criminal justice system.
- The differential for these two most punitive measures are larger for Native Americans than for African Americans.

	White	Native American	African American	API
Arrests per youth in population	1.0	1.0	1.9	0.3
Referrals per arrest	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.2
Diversions per referral	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.8
Detentions per referral	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.2
Petitions (formal processing) per referral	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.1
Adjudications per petition	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.0
Probation per adjudication	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0
Placement per adjudication	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.0
Waiver to adult court per petition	1.0	1.5	1.4	0.6

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A copy of this report is available on NCCD's website at: <http://www.nccd-crc.org>.