

Anchorage JASAP: Program Overview

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Purpose of Anchorage JASAP

- ▶ To provide substance abuse screening, case management, monitoring, and accountability for youth convicted of minor consuming alcohol and minor operating a motor vehicle after consuming alcohol cases.
- ▶ To serve as a neutral link between the justice system and health care delivery systems.

Intake

- ▶ Complete an initial screening and refer youth to either education or assessment as needed
- ▶ Refer youth to community programs which address their current level of need
- ▶ Youth choose an agency to receive services from
- ▶ Youth choose to attend a Victim Impact Panel or AA meetings and write an essay about it

Case Management

- ▶ We give them time to get things done
- ▶ We help clients overcome barriers by providing transportation or financial assistance when needed
- ▶ If they don't complete what they are assigned, staff file a PTRP with the District Attorney's Office and send a copy to the Alaska Court System
- ▶ PTRPs are a means to hold youth accountable

MCA Court History

- ▶ VOA began monitoring MCA cases for court in 2001.
- ▶ In 2004, the State of Alaska DHSS invited VOA to become a JASAP.
- ▶ In 2008, ASAP authorized ANJC to provide ASAP services in rural Alaska and teach ADIS in Anchorage.
- ▶ In 2009, ANJC began providing JASAP services in Anchorage after receiving a “Community Diversion Panel” designation from the Anchorage District Court. At this time clients began to receive a choice of monitoring agencies between VOA or ANJC.

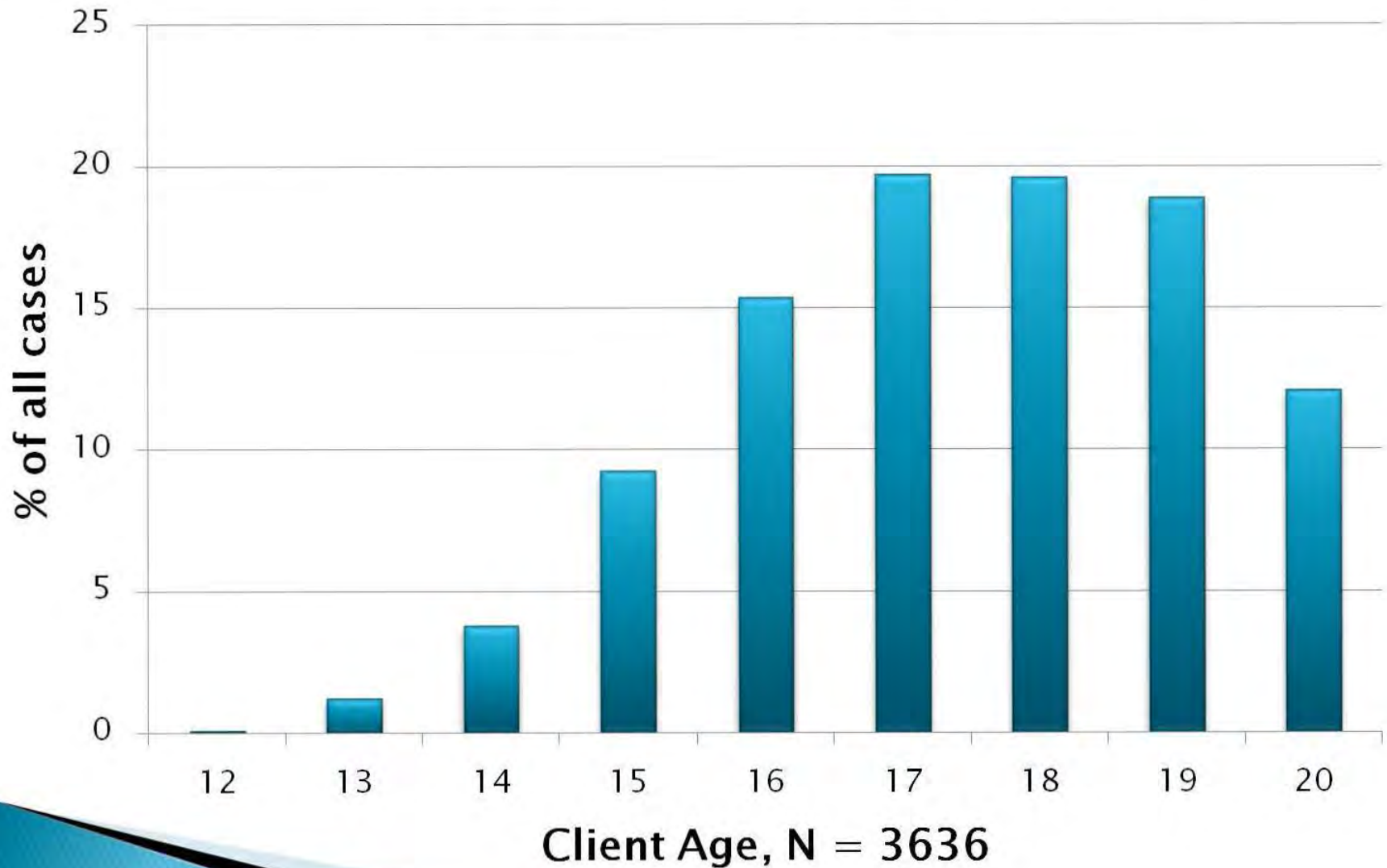
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- ▶ Youth currently still receive a choice between the two agencies at arraignment.
- ▶ Both agencies offer similar programs with a few key differences:
 - Cost
 - Screening process
 - Referral rate to treatment

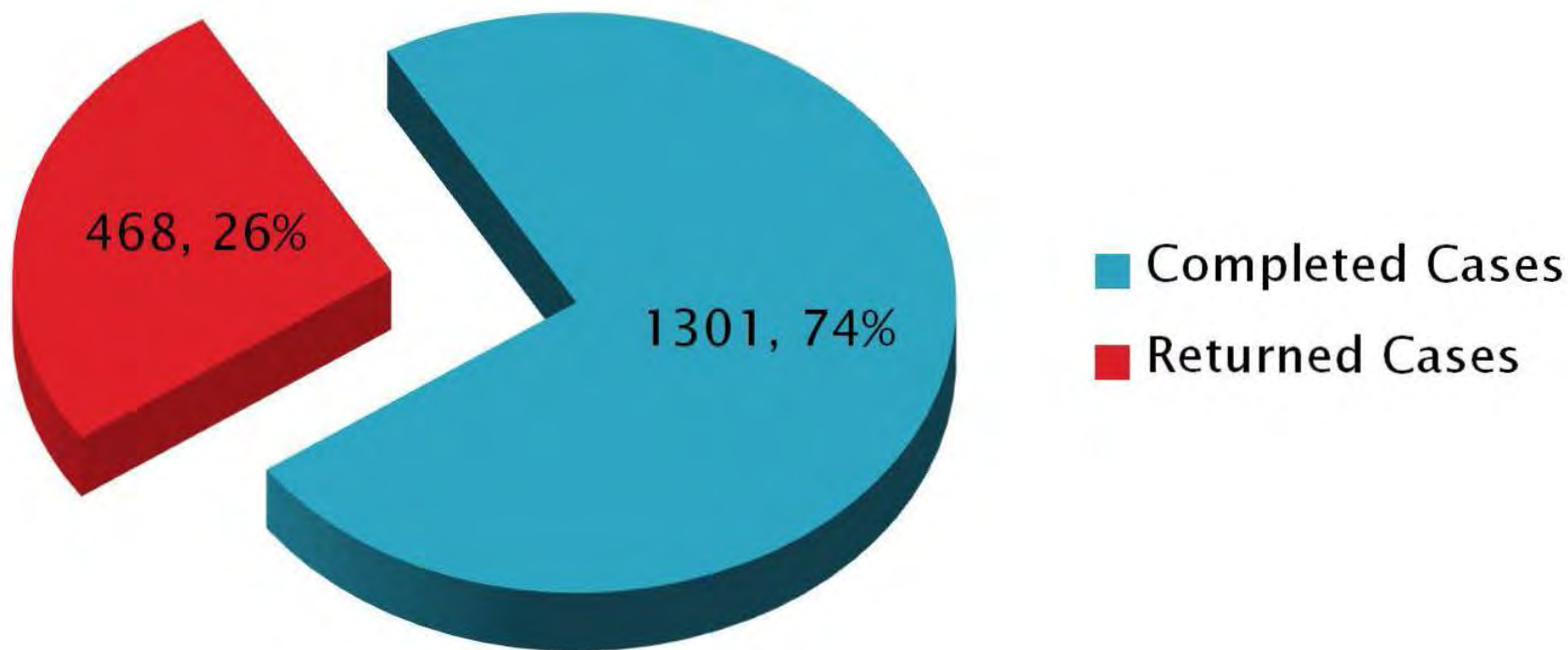
Case by case: City sees 19 homicides in 2013

- ▶ At least 4 of the 19 homicides involved youth with histories in the Anchorage MCA court.
- ▶ JASAP helps us focus our attention on the offenders most likely to commit crime so we can treat them before they commit more serious offenses, or become victims of violent crimes.

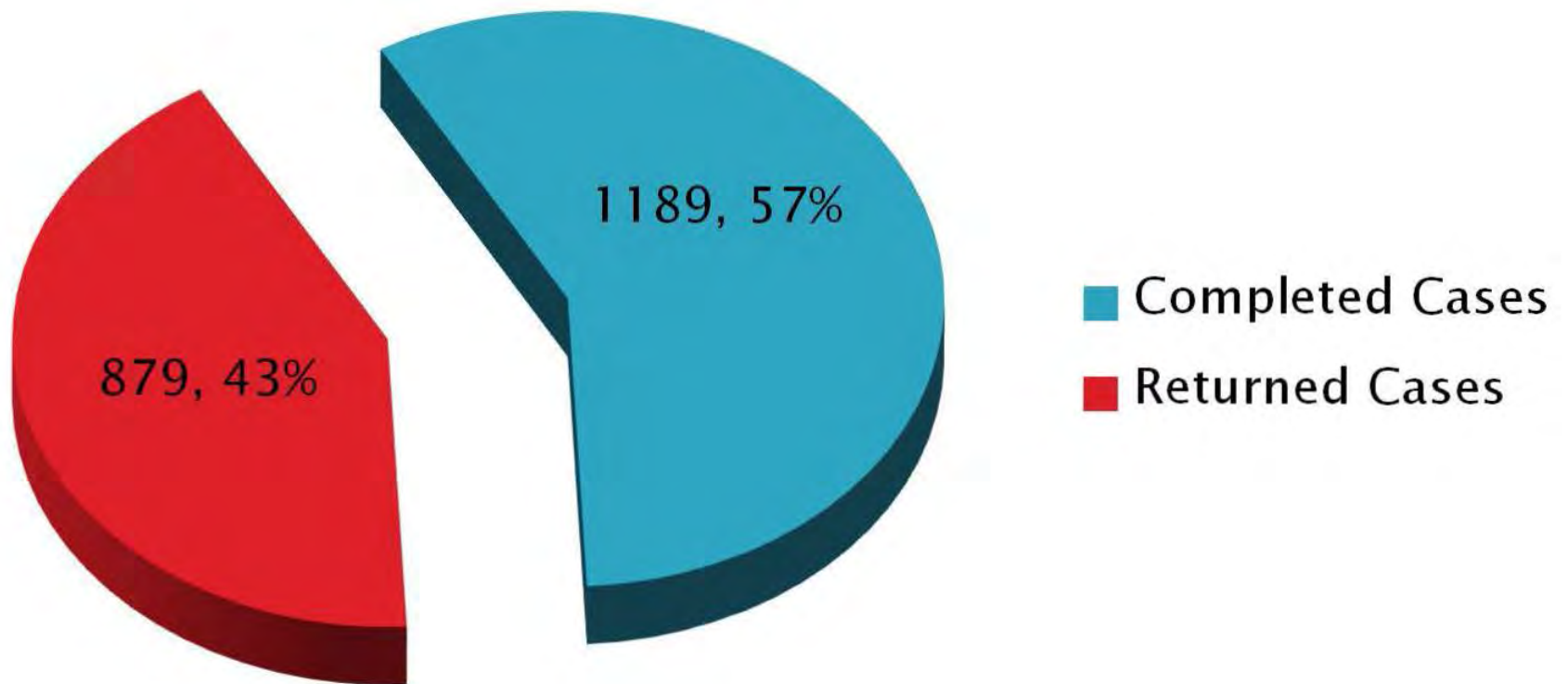
Client Age Distribution 2004–2013



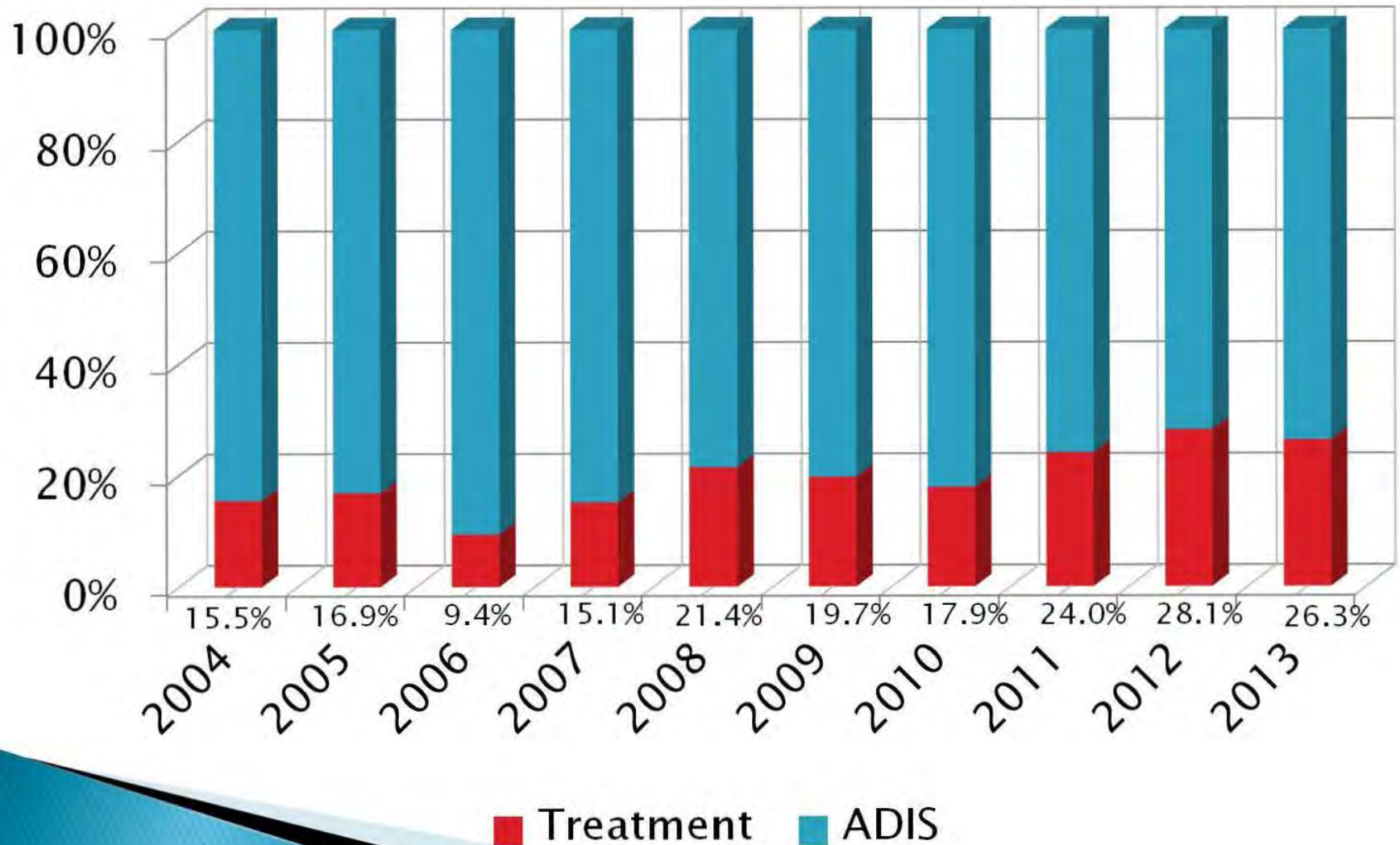
VOA JASAP outcomes 2004–2008



VOA JASAP outcomes 2008–2013



Assessment Needs over Time



Completion Rates before/after CDP

