



Washington State Office of Public Defense

Youth Access to Counsel Program

Implementation of HB 1140

What is the YAC Line?

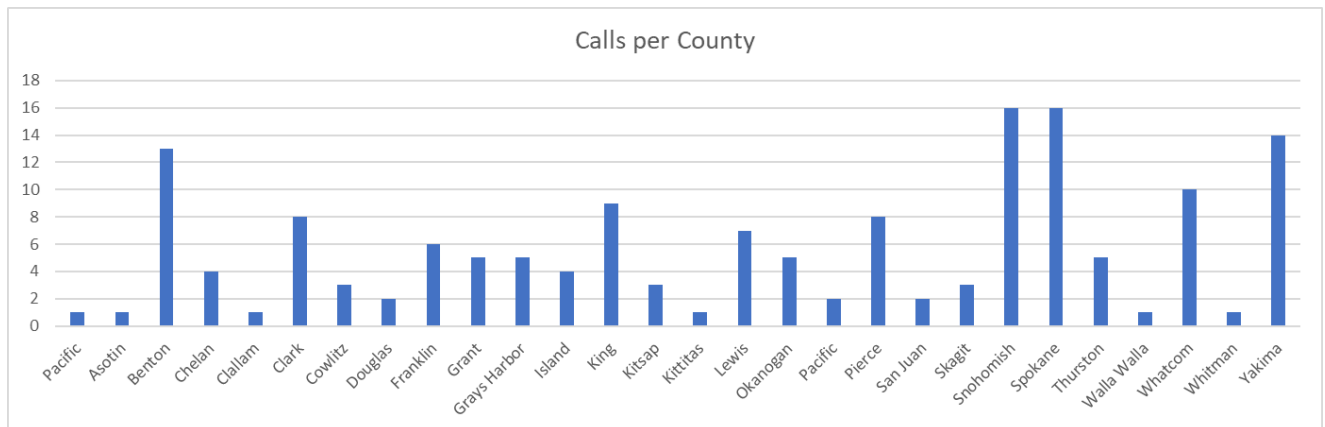
- The Youth Access to Counsel (YAC) Line is run by the WA State Office of Public Defense.
- The phone number for the YAC Line is 1.877.J.PUB.DEF (1.877.578.2333).
- It is used by officers to put youth into contact with an attorney as required by [RCW 13.40.740](#).
- The YAC Line is staffed by at least **four** attorneys at all times and operates **24/7**.
- The program launched on January 1, 2022.

How many calls does the YAC Line get?

- The YAC Line handled 156 consultations during its first month of operation (Jan, 2022).

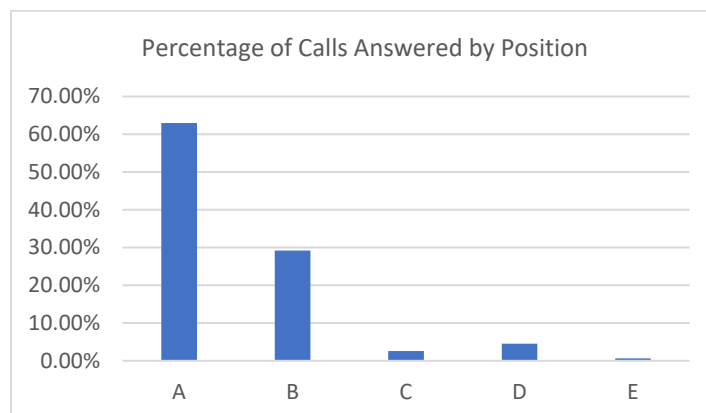
Where do the calls come from?

- Calls have come from counties across the state. In its first month, the YAC Line fielded calls from over **60 law enforcement agencies** statewide.

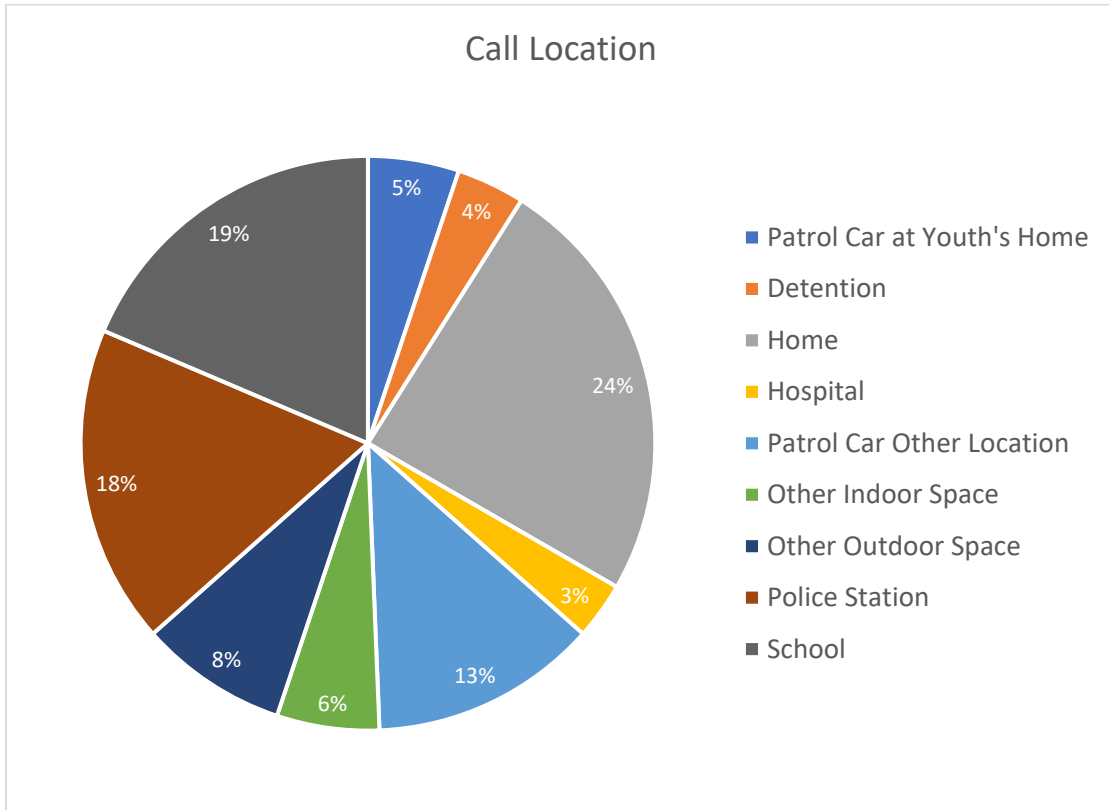


How do the consultations work?

- Over 60% of the calls are answered by the first-in-line attorney (position A), which means that they are answered by an attorney in much less than a minute.

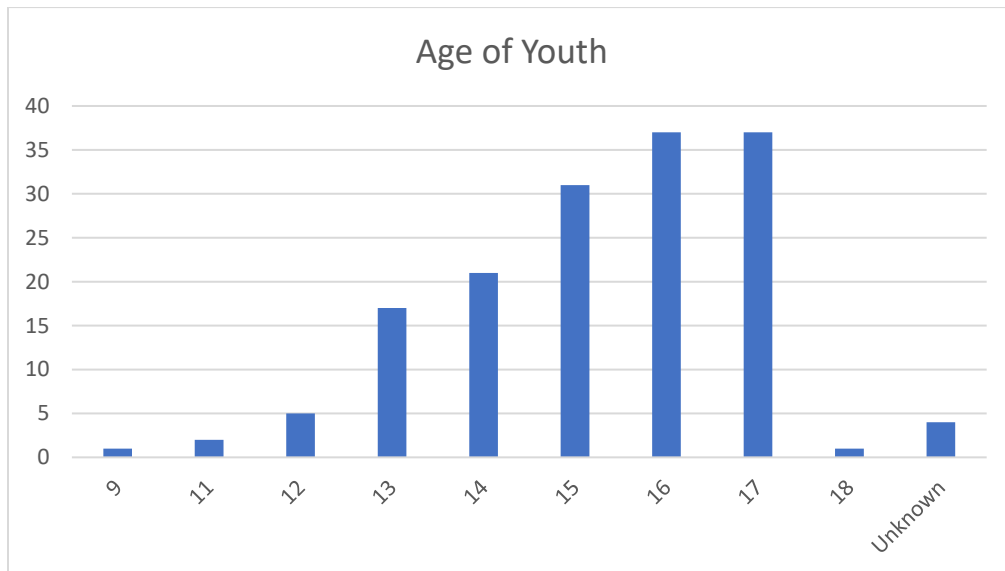


- Officers call the YAC Line and provide a private place for the youth to speak with the attorney. Almost half of the calls occur at the youth’s school or home.



Who are the youth who YAC Attorneys serve?

- The youth ranged in age from 9 to 17.
- Only one youth required an interpreter.



The data presented in this document represents the calls received during January, 2022. For more information, visit opd.wa.gov/YAC or email inquiries to yacline@opd.wa.gov.