

FY 2025-2026
SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
ALAMANCE COUNTY RISK AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

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Part I. Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) Summary

On October 8, 2025, the Alamance County JCPC Risk and Needs Assessment Committee met to review the data gleaned from the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) which was implemented by Juvenile Court Services beginning January 1, 2021. The full assessment consists of over 100 separate items useful for both predictive risk and case management, so data reported from this review will consist of county-level risk factors that may be prioritized by the JCPC for RFP development, as well as for highlighting prevalent issues among court involved juveniles that individual programs and community-based service organizations will want to consider when working with court-involved juveniles in the county.

All juveniles at intake receive the YASI Pre-Screen (33 questions) which is also embedded in each full assessment. The aggregate outputs from full YASI assessments are just one of the data sources used by the Committee and are the focus of summaries that follow in this document.

YASI questions are framed in either a historic context (Legal History, for example), or in some cases, “current” or “prior three-months” timeframes for other, more dynamic, questions.

The following data summary represents the first full fiscal year of implementation of the YASI. In reviewing and prioritizing the elevated risk and needs extracted from this data set, one must consider the utilization of YASI as a predictor of future risk of offending; and as a case management instrument for determining level of service and types of services necessary to reduce recidivism.

Alamance County YASI Summary Observations: FY 2024-2025

The overall YASI summary data is based on 287 individual youth who were assessed during the fiscal year 2024-2025 coming to the attention of Court Services.

Elevated Risk and Needs:

- 26% of youth scored as high-risk level per the YASI assessment.
- 20% of youth scored as high moderate level needs per the YASI assessment.

Legal History Domain

- 62% of youth had a previous delinquent referral which is 16% higher than the state.
- 83% of youth had a complaint which had a result (i.e., adjudication, diversion plan/contract, continued adjudication, or continued disposition). This is 20% higher than the state.
- 47% of youth had felony referrals which is 12% higher than the state.
- 26% of youth had a previous weapon offense which is 8% higher than the state.
- 58% of youth had complaints for person crimes which is 17% higher than the state.

Family Domain

- 28% of youth have a prior runaway history which is 7% higher than the state.
- 39% of youth have a family member with a prior criminal history which is 15% higher than the state.

School Domain

- 34% of youth are failing some or all of their classes which is 5% higher than the state.
- 67% of youth have multiple out of school suspensions which is 6% higher than the state.
- 36% of youth have no interest in any school activities which is 7% higher than the state.

Community and Peers Domain

- 51% are associating with delinquent peers which is 5% higher than the state.
- 19% of youth usually go along with negative peers which is 6% higher than the state.

Alcohol and Drugs Domain

- 52% are using and abusing substances whether illegal or prescription drugs not prescribed which is 12% higher than the state.
- 48% of youth indicated that alcohol/drug use disrupts their function which is 19% higher than state.
- 73% of those youth who have used alcohol/drugs have not had prior treatment which is 15% higher than state.

Mental Health Domain

- 43% of youth responded to having mental health problems and/or having a diagnosis.
- 13% of youth had a history of physical abuse which is 5% higher than the state.

Aggression Domain

- 30% of youth exhibit bullying/threatening behavior which is 8% higher than the state.
- 53% of youth had instances of assaultive behavior which is 14% higher than the state.

Employment and Free Time Domain

- 32% of youth are not engaged in any structured activity which is 6% higher than the state.

Part II. Summary of the Existing Community Resources

JCPC Funded Programs 25-26

Exchange Club's Family Center Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Program (ASAT)

Exchange Club's Family Center Parent Teen Solutions In-Home

Roots and Wings Community Service and Restitution

Roots and Wings Teen Court

Roots and Wings AJOB

Tutoring After 6 PM

Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Funded Programs

North Hills Transitional Living (Females)
Craven Transitional Living (Males)
Chowan Transitional Living (Males)
Haven House Transitional Living (Male and Female)
Hearth Transitional Living (Male and Female)
Eckerd Residential (Male and Female)
Juvenile Crisis and Assessment Centers
Multi-purpose group homes
AMI Kids Functional Family Therapy (FFT)
Children's Hope Alliance Treatment Alternatives for Sexualized Kids (TASK)

Community Resources / Structured Activities

Dream Center
Closing the Achievement Gap Mentoring
Kopper Top Learning Academy
Burlington Housing Authority Afterschool
Queens in Pearls
BFD – Youth Firesetter Intervention Program
YMCA Recreational Program
Alamance Parks and Recreation
Teen to Teen Video & Theatre
NC Therapeutic Equestrian
ABSS Early College
Exchange Club Adolescent Parenting Program

BPD Youth Diversion Program
Reach One Teach One McRae Barbershop
ABSS Summer Achievement Program
Teen Achievers
Boys and Girls Club
Bynum Education Center
YMCA Camp Frontier (Snow Camp, NC)
4-H Youth Services
BPD Junior Police Academy
Riding Center
SEAL Team (For Suspended Students)
Boys and Girls Scouts

Community Resources / Restorative Services

Centro La Comunidad
Family Justice Center
Al-Anon and Al-Atateen Group

Vocational Rehabilitation Services of Alamance
Alamance County Health Department

Community Resources / Clinical Treatment

Sex abuse crisis counseling
Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST)
Pinnacle Family Services
VAYA Managed Care Organization (MCO)

Sex offender treatment
Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)
Solutions Community Support

Other Residential Programs

Therapeutic Foster Care
Job Corps
Whitaker School

Residential Treatment Services of Alamance
Wright School
Tarheel Challenge Academy

Community Resources available but difficult to access

Substance Abuse Residential Treatment

Part III. Summary of Gaps and Barriers in the Continuum of Services

Gaps of Services (needed not available)

Day Reporting Center Clinical Day Treatment

Barriers to JCPC Programs and other Community Programs

Building Futures Youth Program Therapeutic Foster Care

Intensive In-Home Family Preservation (Latino) Dialectical Behavior Therapy Groups

Yiva Juvenile Assessment Emergency Crisis Placement

Part IV. Proposed Priority Services for Funding

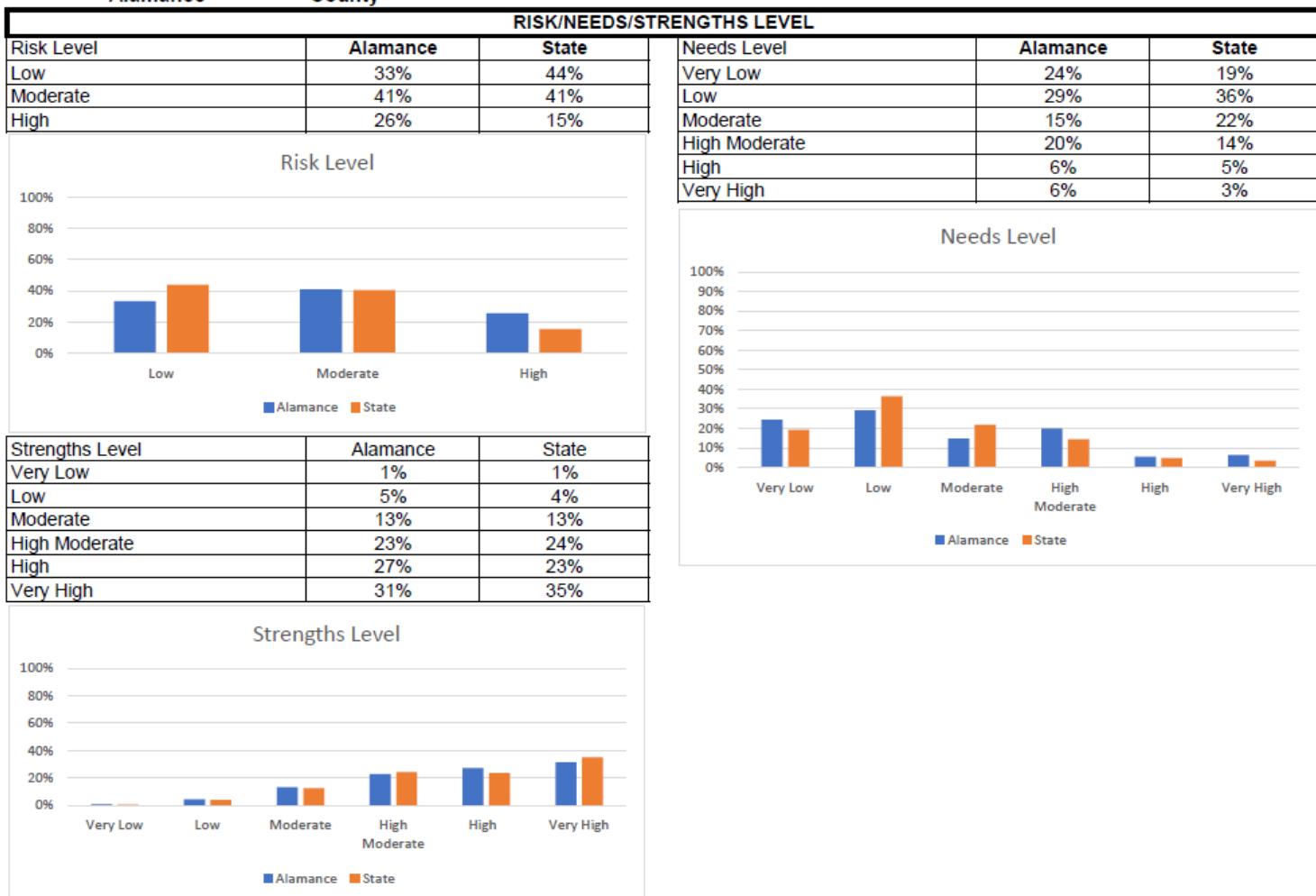
The committee compared the services needed to address the elevated Juvenile Risk Factors and Juvenile Needs with services currently available in the community. Services which are currently available in the community and sufficient to meet the needs of court involved youth or those youth most at risk for court involvement are not considered as a priority for JCPC funding.

The Committee proposes that the following services be approved as the funding priorities for FY 26-27:

1. Restitution / Community Service
2. Teen Court including Sentencing and Responsive Circles
3. Interpersonal Skill Building
4. Substance Abuse Counseling
5. Mediation / Conflict Resolution program
6. Home Based Family Counseling
7. Individual/Group/Mixed Counseling
8. Mentoring Services
9. Vocational Skills
10. Tutoring / Academic Enhancement

Alamance

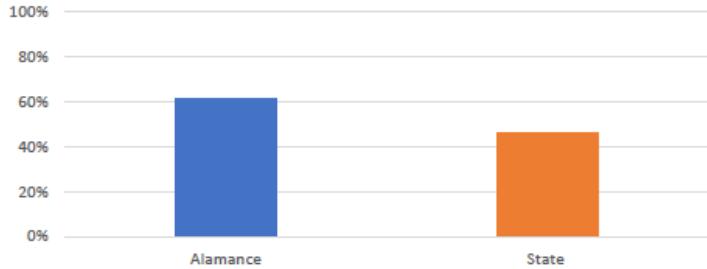
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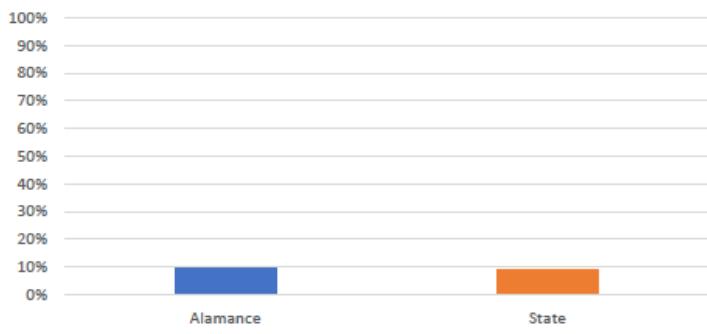
Q1 Previous Delinquent Referrals	Alamance	State
Previous Referrals	62%	46%

Previous Referrals



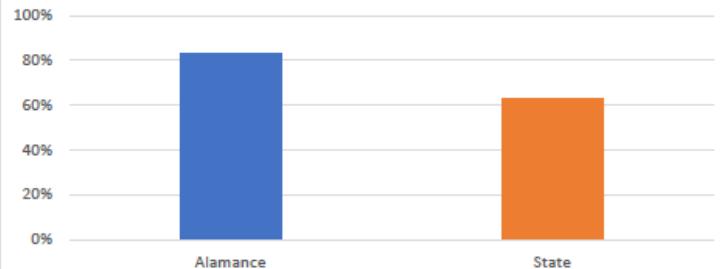
Q2 Age at First Referral	Alamance	State
Under 12	9%	9%

Under 12



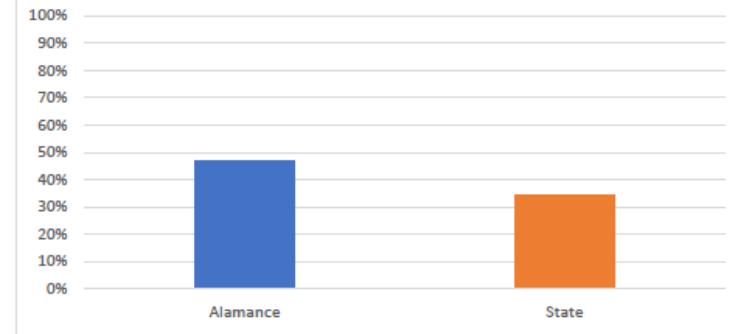
Q3 Number of Referrals w Result	Alamance	State
Referrals with a Result	83%	63%

Referrals with a Result



Q4 Felony Referrals to DJJ	Alamance	State
Juveniles with Felony Referrals	47%	35%

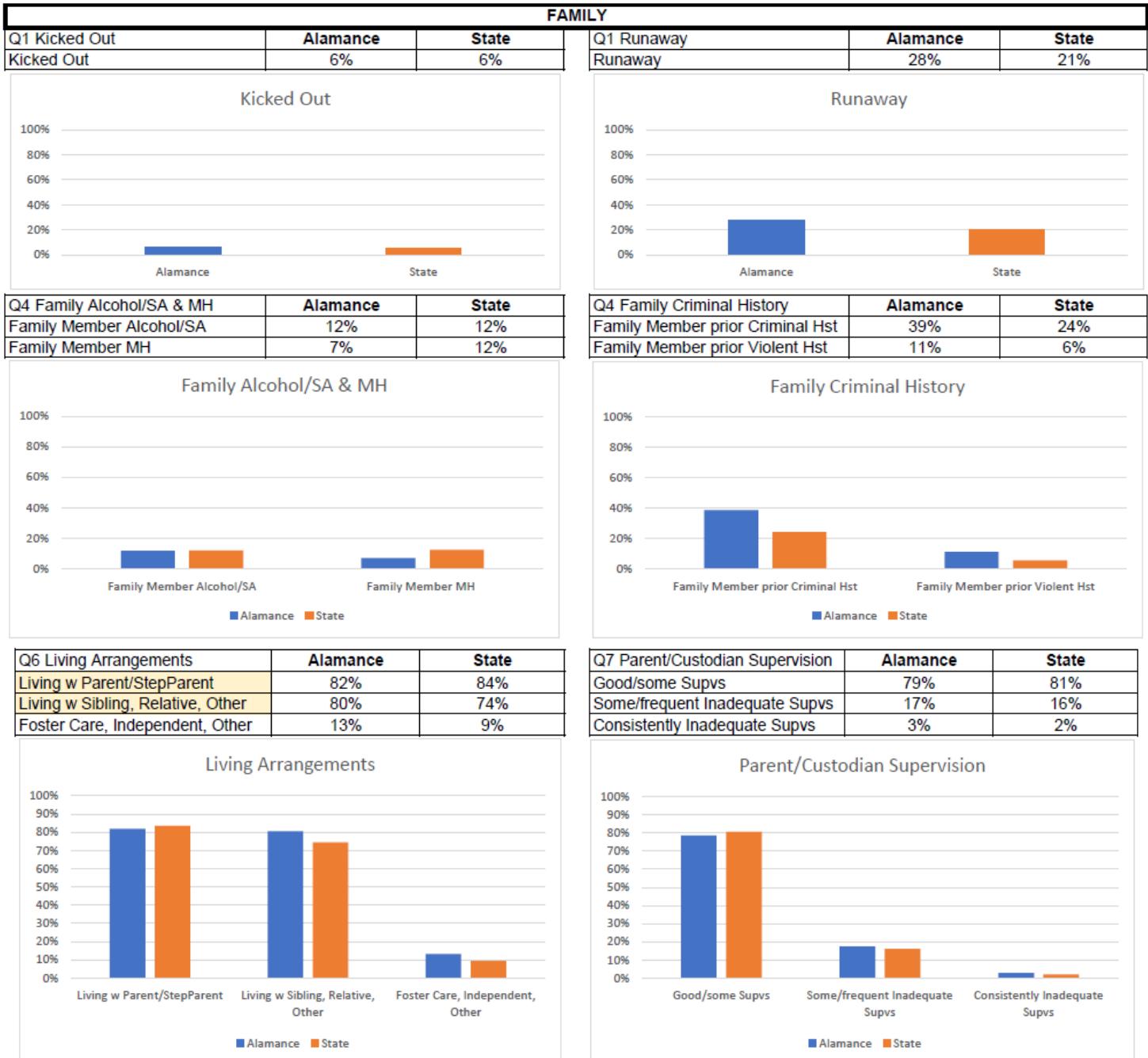
Juveniles with Felony Referrals



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SCHOOL		
Q1 School Enrollment Status	Alamance	State
Dropped Out	7%	5%
Suspended	11%	3%
Not Applicable	2%	3%
School Enrollment		
100%		
80%		
60%		
40%		
20%		
0%		
Dropped Out	7%	5%
Suspended	11%	3%
Not Applicable	2%	3%
Q2 Attendance - past 3 mos.	Alamance	State
Attends regularly	60%	57%
5 or more Unexcused Absences	20%	19%
Not Applicable	10%	9%
Attendance - past 3 mos.		
100%		
80%		
60%		
40%		
20%		
0%		
Attends regularly	60%	57%
5 or more Unexcused Absences	20%	19%
Not Applicable	10%	9%
Q3 School Conflict - past 3 mos.	Alamance	State
Infraction(s)	17%	16%
Intervention - School Administrator	17%	16%
Police Reports Filed by School	23%	22%
Not Applicable	14%	12%
School Conflict - past 3 mos.		
100%		
80%		
60%		
40%		
20%		
0%		
Infraction(s)	17%	16%
Intervention - School Administrator	17%	16%
Police Reports Filed by School	23%	22%
Not Applicable	14%	12%
Q4 Academics - past 3 mos.	Alamance	State
C- or Lower	18%	14%
Failing Some Classes	19%	15%
Failing Most Classes	15%	14%
Not Applicable	13%	11%
Academics - past 3 mos.		
100%		
80%		
60%		
40%		
20%		
0%		
C- or Lower	18%	14%
Failing Some Classes	19%	15%
Failing Most Classes	15%	14%
Not Applicable	13%	11%
Q10 School Behavior - past 2 yrs.	Alamance	State
One or more OSS	67%	61%
One or more ISS	44%	42%
School Behavior - past 2 yrs.		
100%		
80%		
60%		
40%		
20%		
0%		
Alamance	67%	61%
State	44%	42%
Q12 School Activities - past 3 mos.	Alamance	State
Involved in two+ activities	7%	9%
Involved in one activity	13%	14%
Interested but not involved	30%	31%
No interest in school activities	36%	28%
School Activities - most recent school year		
100%		
80%		
60%		
40%		
20%		
0%		
Involved in one activity	7%	9%
Interested but not involved	13%	14%
No interest in school activities	30%	31%

COMMUNITY & PEERS		
Q1 Peers/Associates	Alamance	State
No friends/No Consistent Friends	17%	15%
Negative/Delinquent Influence	51%	46%
Associates with Gang Members	4%	6%
Family has Gang Members	1%	1%
Youth is a Gang Member	0%	1%
Peers/Associates		
Influence of Negative Peers		

ALCOHOL/DRUGS - Q1-Q3 dividing by Juveniles with "Yes" to Alcohol/Drugs		
% Reporting Alcohol/Drug Use	Alamance	State
Yes to Alcohol/Drug Use	52%	40%
Yes to Alcohol/Drug Use		
Q1 Age at 1st Use	Alamance	State
Under 12	14%	11%
Ages 12-15	77%	78%
Age 15+	9%	10%
Age at First Use		

Q1 Alcohol/Drug Use	Alamance	State
Use Disrupts Function	48%	29%
Use Disrupts Function		
Q3 Previous Alcohol/Drug Treatx	Alamance	State
No	73%	58%
Yes	12%	8%
Previous Drug Treatment		

