

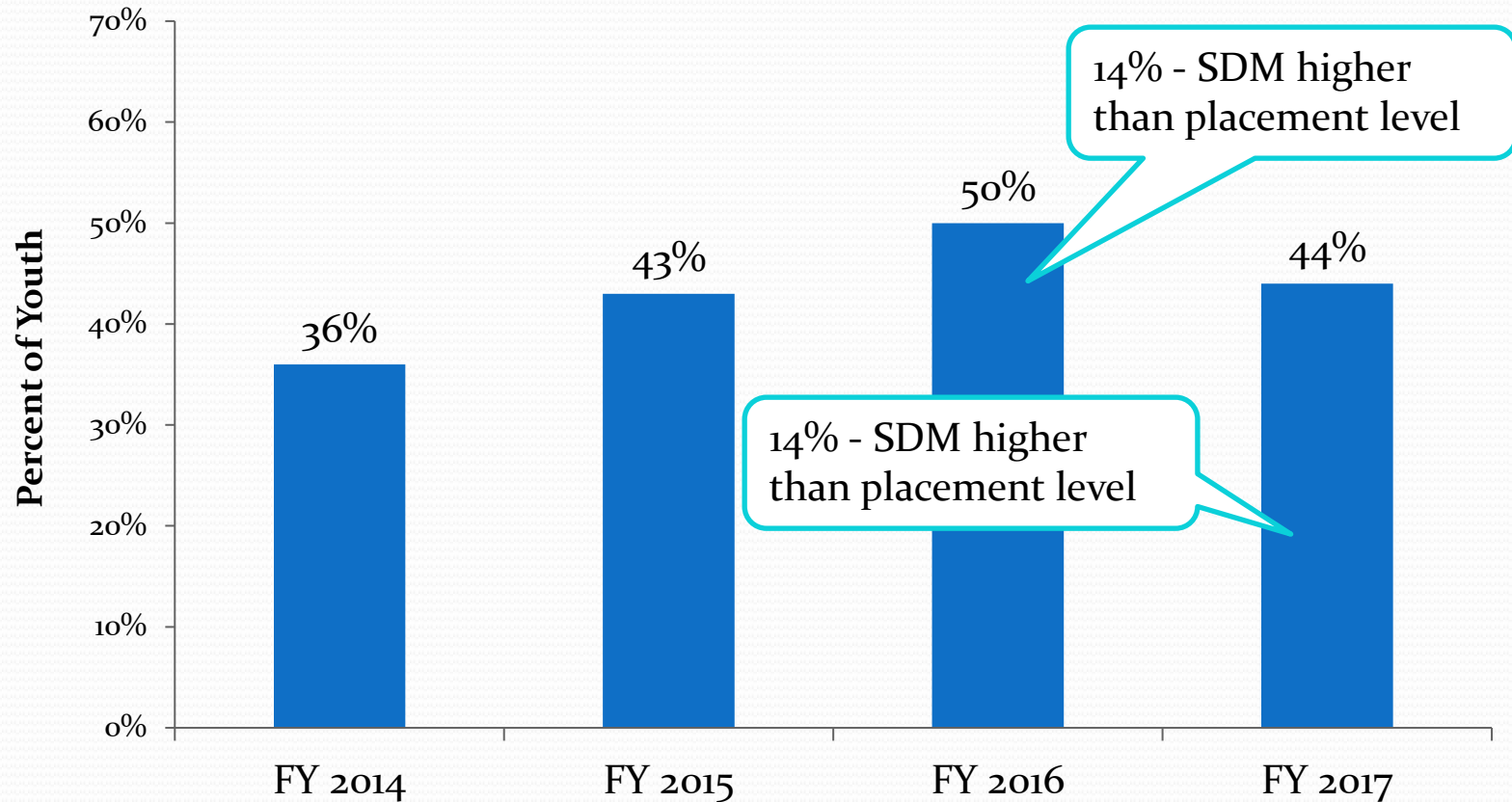
SDM Overview and Procedures

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SDM and Initial Placement Variation

SDM/Placement Variation Rates: FY14-FY17

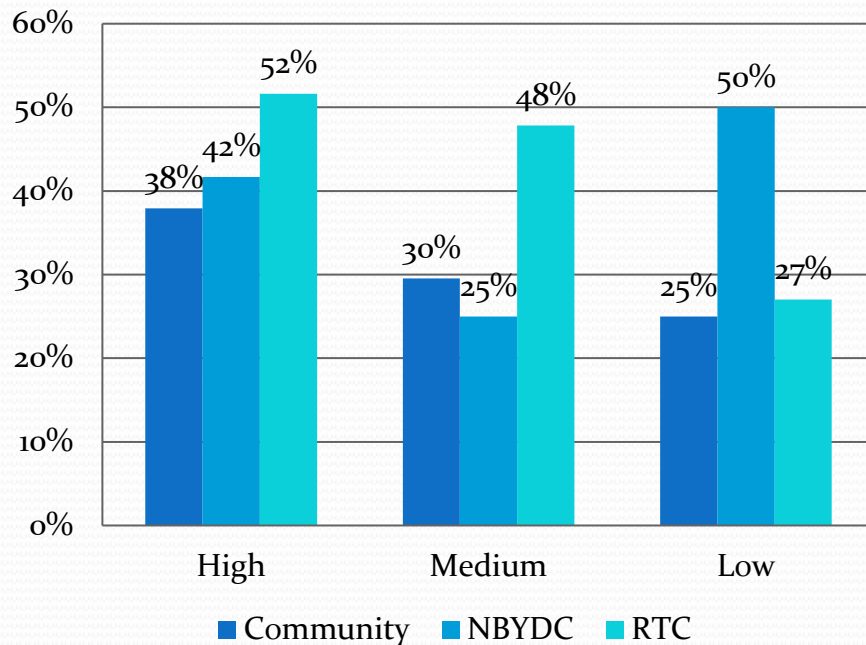


- **Annie E. Casey Override Goal:** 15 to 20 percent override rate for youth eligible for release

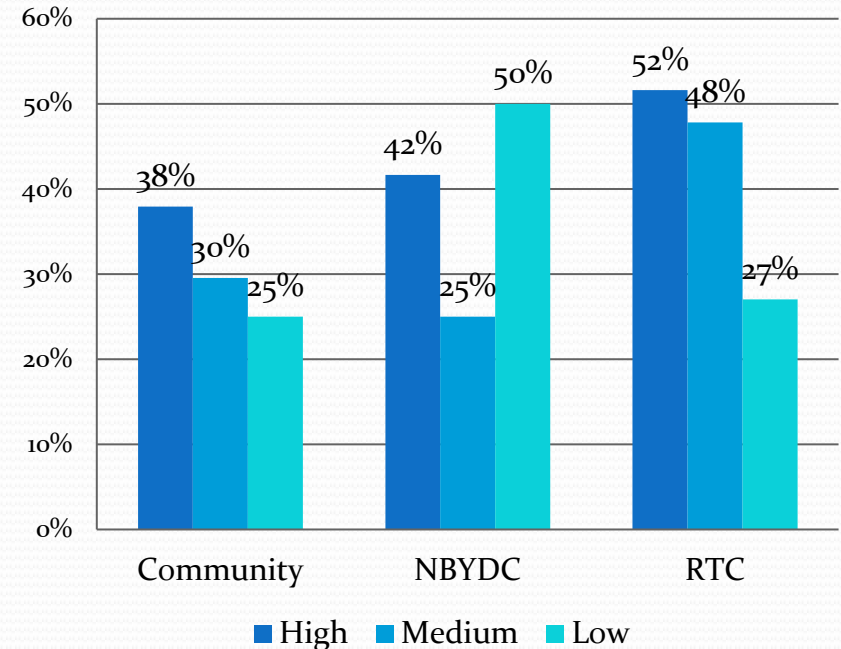
SDM, Initial Placements, and Recidivism

Youth placed in the community, regardless of risk level, are still among the least likely to be reconvicted.

Recidivism By SDM and Initial Placement Type For FY12-FY14



Recidivism By SDM and Initial Placement Type For FY12-FY14



- Findings are consistent with national research: Pathways to Desistance and the CSG recidivism study in Texas.

Background



THE ANNIE E. CASEY
FOUNDATION

- Developed by Annie E. Casey and the National Council on Crime and Delinquency
- Evidence-based process
- Public safety risk level and the severity of the offense

NCCD

National Council on
Crime & Delinquency



Research Note: Severity of offense is a predictor of future offending, but probably not the best one.

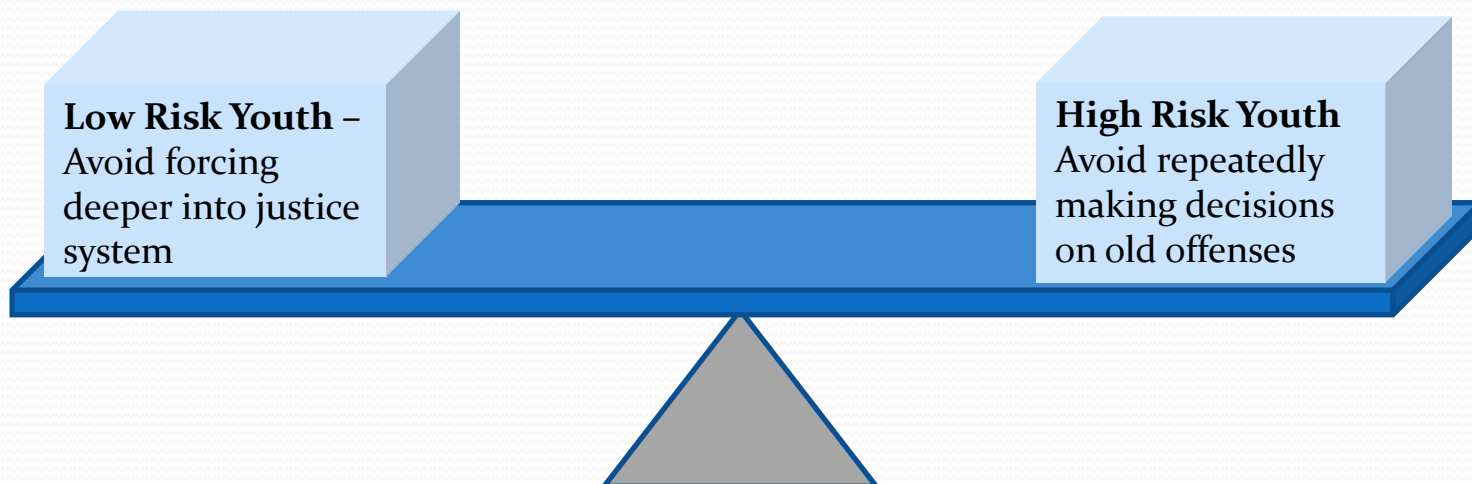
Informing Placements

The Balancing Act

- Use only to make an initial placement decision

BUT

- Don't forget the SDM, especially if it was low during commitment

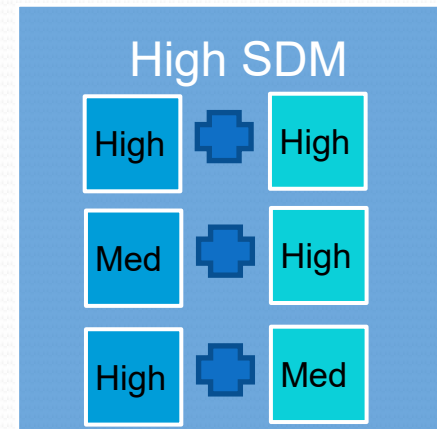
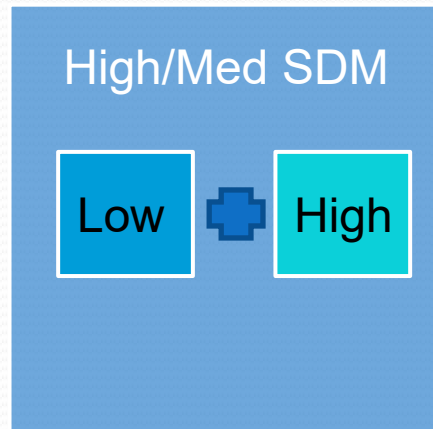
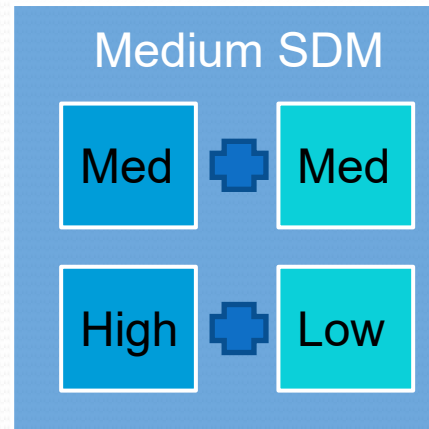
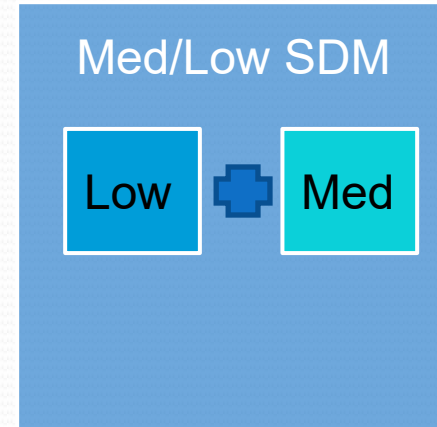
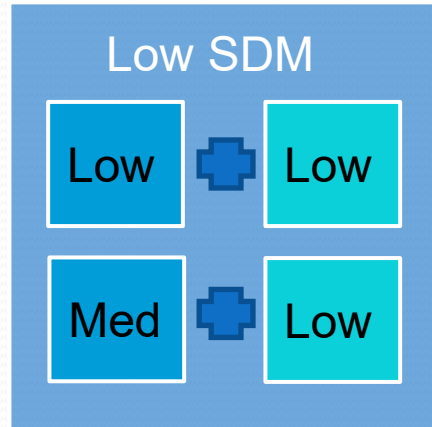


Decision-making

- Manage risk
- Focus resources strategically
- Ensure youth with similar risks levels are getting comparable services



Getting to the SDM



= Risk Level



= Offense

Key Points

The SDM Makes 2 Classifications

Risk Level	+	Offense Severity	=
High Risk		High Offense Severity	
Medium Risk		Medium Offense Severity	
Low Risk		Low Offense Severity	

To Produce 1 Placement Type Recommendation

Level of Restrictiveness

High Supervision
Medium Supervision
Low Supervision

The SDM is
scientifically calibrated
to predict a youth's
likelihood to re-offend

**The SDM should be done
when a youth is:
Newly committed
Re-committed**

The SDM is a
risk assessment
(not a needs assessment)

To place a youth in a placement
not recommended by the SDM
requires approval through the
SDM Override Review Process

During Commitment

Don't hold it against youth who are High
Don't forget it if it's Low