NEW HAMPSHIRE JUVENILE COURT DIVERSION NETWORK

FISCAL YEAR 2026

ANNUAL REPORT




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THE NETWORK'S

MISSION & VISION

OUR MISSION

The New Hampshire Juvenile Court Diversion Network advances court diversion for justice-involved youth by strengthening juvenile court diversion programs and the professionals who lead them.

OUR VISION

The Network envisions a New Hampshire where every young person who encounters the juvenile justice system has an opportunity to grow into an accountable, healthy, and successful individual.

We provide support and resources to diversion programs, advocate for effective diversion practices and sustainable funding, and bring together the statewide diversion community to share knowledge, strengthen partnerships, and advance opportunities for youth.


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New Hampshire Juvenile Court
Diversion Network

A LETTER FROM THE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Programs, Partners, and Friends,

What a year it has been here at the New Hampshire Juvenile Court Diversion Network. Looking back, our movement forward hasn't been because of any single milestone, but by the steady, determined effort that carried us through every month of it — the long days, the hard conversations, the quiet wins that didn't always get announced but that added up to real change. We've added staff, board members, programs, investors, initiatives, and the list could go on. We did nothing alone.

To the teams behind every Diversion program: thank you for showing up with creativity and heart, even when the work was demanding. You are the reason so many youth in New Hampshire have a different outlook on their lives and their incredible potential.

To our partners: your trust and collaboration gave our work its reach and its staying power. Whether you stood beside us in the community, opened doors we couldn't open ourselves, or simply believed in what we were building, you made this year possible. I'm also thankful to everyone who gave time, resources, or simply attention to what we're doing. Impact is never the work of one person or one organization — it's a shared effort, and this year really proved that in every way.

As we close out another fiscal year, I find myself genuinely energized about what's ahead. We're already laying the groundwork for new, exciting transformations that will deepen our impact and reach people in ways we haven't yet. There are conversations happening right now that I can't wait to share with you in the months to come. Some of it is still taking shape, but I can tell you this: it's the kind of excitement that reminds you why this mission matters. Thank you for being part of this journey. The road ahead looks bright, and I'm grateful to be walking it with all of you.



ALISSA CANNON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: NHJCDN BOARD OF DIRECTORS — JACOB BERRIGAN, JANELLE LAPLANTE, STEVE PAPPAJOHN, LIDIA MARTINEZ, DOROTHY THRUSH, NICOLE MITCHELL, AND ALYSSA BENDER-JESSE.

A MESSAGE

FROM THE BOARD

Where do I begin?



This thing that we call our Network—well, it has been one heck of a ride since I first started doing work in the juvenile court diversion field, which brings me back to 2007. Being involved in various capacities within the Network has given me the opportunity to meet great people doing great work. The evolution that we have been able to move forward over the past eight years, particularly, is simply impressive.

Building the capacity to assist all our organizations that provide juvenile court diversion services was just the beginning. Dollars are going into the hands of organizations and people who care about our youth, and the impact is real. We truly possess a leading model for others to follow, not only in New England but nationwide.

I am privileged to be entering my second year as the Network Board Chair. I, along with the impressive and ardent Board members, cannot wait to look back this time next year and see what we have accomplished.

As we set forth into this 2026–27 year, the Network is poised for further growth, development, and even more impact. Whether it comes from the office of our passionate Executive Director, our dedicated central Network staff, or one of the eighteen operating programs, this Network is thriving, achieving, and excelling.



STEVE PAPPAJOHN
BOARD CHAIR


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New Hampshire Juvenile Court Diversion Network
CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION
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GROWING OUR NETWORK

WELCOMING TWO NEW PROGRAMS

On June 30, 2026, the New Hampshire Juvenile Court Diversion Network welcomed two new accredited, court-approved programs: Carroll County Juvenile Diversion in Ossipee and the ADAPT Restorative Justice Program in Campton.

TWO NEW PROGRAMS. GREATER IMPACT.

Their addition expands access to restorative, community-based diversion for youth and families while strengthening the Network's statewide reach. For more information, check out our website!

CARROLL COUNTY JUVENILE DIVERSION

OSSIPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

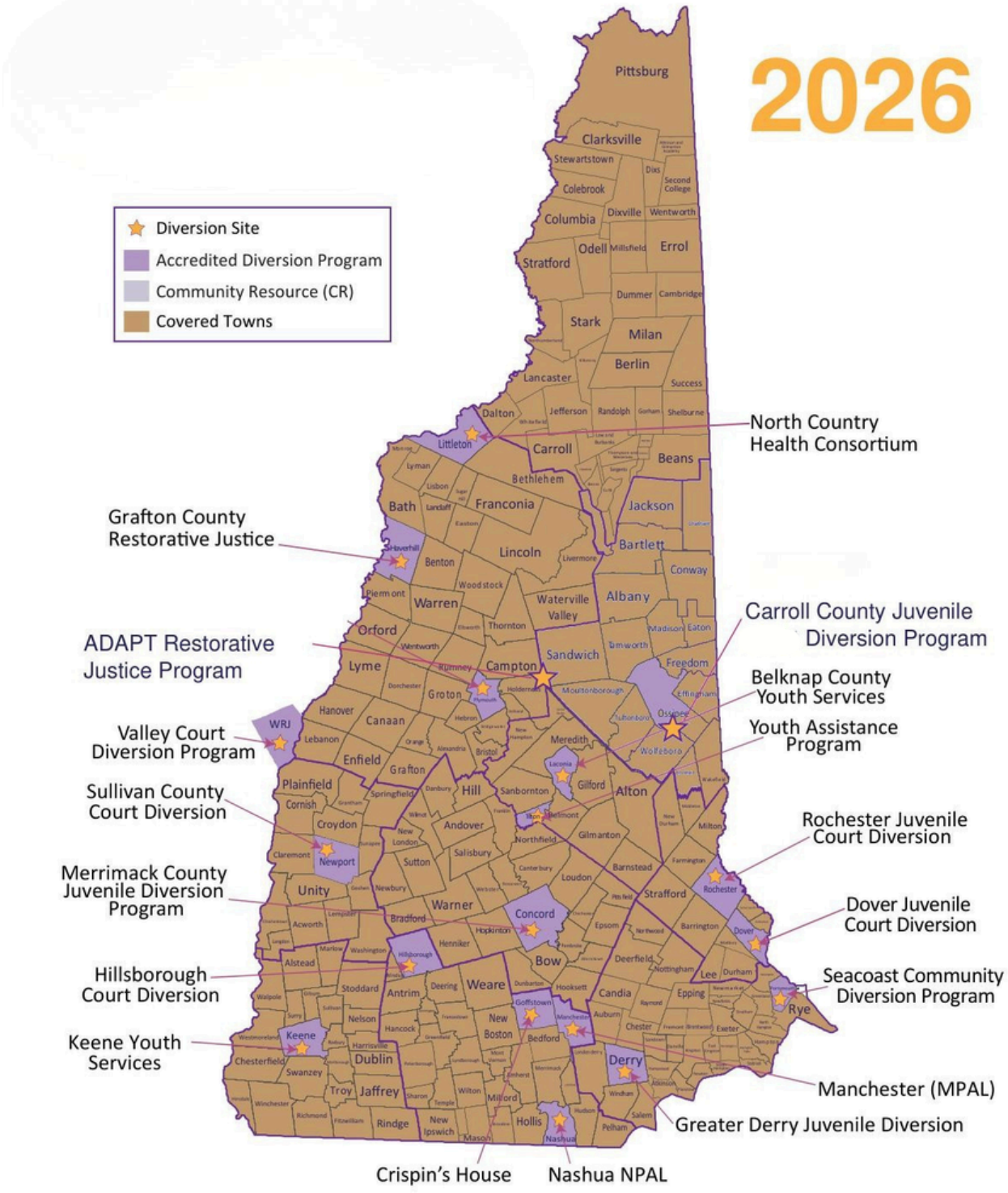
ADAPT RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM

CAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



ACCREDITED YOUTH DIVERSION PROGRAMS

AS OF JUNE 30, 2026




2026 SUPPORTING SPONSOR
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NEW HAMPSHIRE

YOUTH OUTCOMES

In FY26, the Network's accredited diversion programs reported 443 youth referrals, with more than 90% of participating youth successfully completing their diversion agreements.

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AVERAGE AGE OF YOUTH

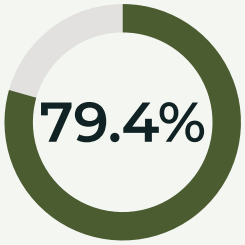
37%
OF SCREENED YOUTH NEEDED IMMEDIATE CONNECTIONS TO PRIMARY CARE OR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

443
YOUTH REFERRALS IN FY26

90% +
SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED DIVERSION AGREEMENTS

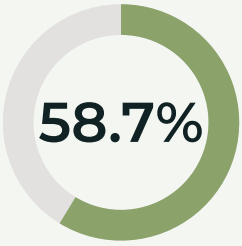
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ONE YEAR AFTER JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT



of youth who successfully completed diversion **remained arrest-free.**

vs.



of youth involved in the traditional juvenile justice system **remained arrest-free.**

[2]



STATEWIDE CONTEXT

123,000+

YOUTH AGES 10-17 LIVE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

[3]

A REFERRAL IS MORE THAN A CASE.

It is an opportunity for a young person to learn, repair harm, strengthen family and community connections, and move forward with the support needed to build a brighter future.

[1] Georgetown University, Center for Youth Justice. (July 2026). *NHJCDN Statewide Youth Diversion Evaluation: Findings and Recommendations for Program Quality, Accessibility and Continuous Improvement.*

[2] New Hampshire Judicial Branch. *Juvenile Diversion FAQ*. https://www.courts.nh.gov/juvenile-diversion

[3] The Annie E. Casey Foundation. (2025). *Kids Count Data Center. https://datacenter.aecf.org/*




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supportive
space for
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GOODNESS






POLICE
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Manchester NH Police
Manchester Police
Athletic League
PRESENTER
D. LISBOA
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NEW ENGLAND YOUTH DIVERSION

SUMMIT

On June 9, 2026, nearly 300 professionals, educators, justice system leaders, community organizations, advocates, and young people from all six New England states gathered in Concord, New Hampshire.



6 STATES. 15 SESSIONS. NEARLY 300 VOICES.

Hosted by the New Hampshire Juvenile Court Diversion Network and emceed by Andy DeMeo of Granite Goodness, the Summit brought together people working across youth-centered systems to explore innovative approaches to diversion, share best practices, and strengthen regional partnerships.

Conversations explored restorative approaches, behavioral health supports, family engagement, and advancing equity across systems that support young people. Together, participants strengthened connections and shared ideas focused on keeping young people connected to their communities and out of the justice system.

BE A PART OF WHAT'S NEXT.

June 7–8, 2027 | Grappone Conference Center
Concord, New Hampshire
www.neydsummit.org


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Katherine
PRESENTER
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FISCAL YEAR 2027

LOOKING AHEAD

EXPAND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Expand opportunities for professional learning, peer connection, and skill development.

DEEPEN STATEWIDE PARTNERSHIPS

- Build stronger connections with law enforcement, courts, behavioral health providers, and community organizations.

STRENGTHEN DATA & EVALUATION

- Strengthen data systems to better understand and communicate the impact of diversion.



THE WORK CONTINUES—AND THERE IS MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO.

As we enter a new fiscal year, the New Hampshire Juvenile Court Diversion Network remains committed to strengthening youth diversion across the state. We will continue building connections, supporting our programs, and creating meaningful opportunities for young people to succeed.







THANK YOU TO OUR

PARTNERS & SUPPORTERS

The New Hampshire Juvenile Court Diversion Network extends our sincere gratitude to the board members, programs, partners, funders, and supporters who make this work possible. Through your collaboration, generosity, and shared commitment, we continue to expand access to restorative, community-based alternatives that promote accountability, healing, and positive outcomes for youth. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

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ACCREDITED YOUTH DIVERSION PROGRAMS

ADAPT Restorative Justice Program
Belknap County Supervision | Juvenile Court Diversion Program
Carroll County Juvenile Diversion Program
Coos County Juvenile Court Diversion Program
Crispin's House Coalition for Youth | Goffstown Area Juvenile Court Diversion Program
Dover Juvenile Court Diversion Program
Grafton County Juvenile Restorative Justice
Greater Derry Juvenile Diversion
Hillsboro Juvenile Court Diversion Program
Keene Youth Services
Manchester Police Athletic League Juvenile Court Diversion Program
Merrimack County Human Services | Juvenile Services Division
Nashua Police Athletic League Juvenile Court Diversion Program
Rochester Juvenile Court Diversion Program
Seacoast Community Diversion Program
Sullivan County Court Diversion Program
Valley Court Diversion Program
Youth Assistance Program

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WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO HELP JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH.

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