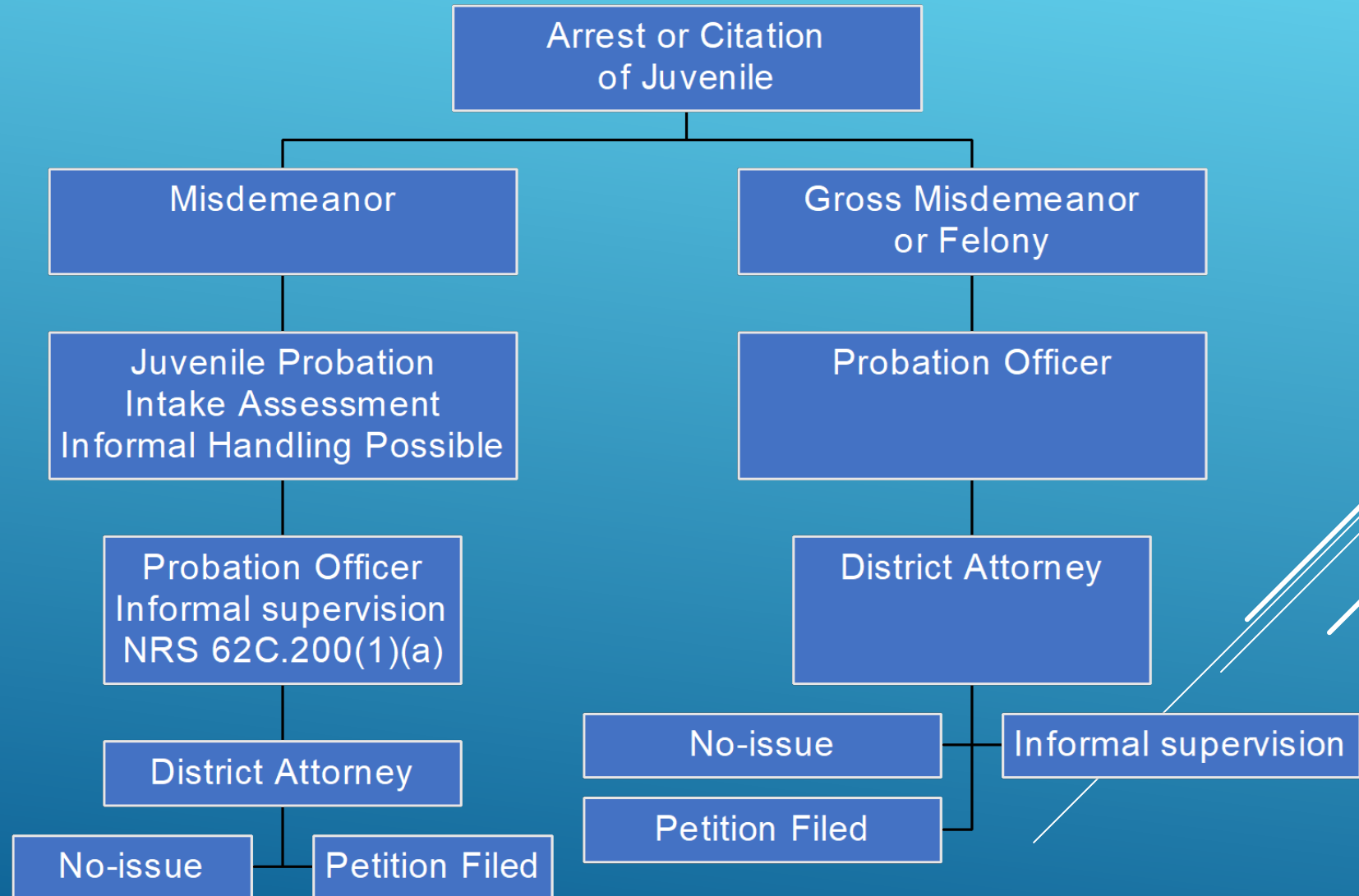


# CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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# OVERVIEW OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY COURT PROCESS



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- ▶ **Juvenile Division**
  - ▶ Delinquency
  - ▶ Child Dependency
- ▶ **63 employees**
  - ▶ 29 Deputy District Attorney's (9 Delinquency, 20 Child Dependency)
  - ▶ 1 law clerk
  - ▶ 1 investigator
  - ▶ 2 process servers
  - ▶ 1 victim advocate
  - ▶ 15 secretaries
  - ▶ 8 Part time hourly
  - ▶ 6 various office assistants

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- ▶ Diversion Program Participation
  - ▶ The Harbor
  - ▶ DAAY Court (Autism Services)
  - ▶ School Justice Partnership-Focus Acts and School Based Services
  - ▶ Restorative Justice- NV Attorney General Led
  - ▶ Dually Involved Youth

# 5 YEAR STATS

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- **2023**
- 9,260 referrals
- 3227 petitions filed (35%)
  - Includes 200 petitions to certify youth to the adult system
- Certified =81 (41%)

- **2022**
- 5,934 referrals
- 2,784 petitions filed (47%)
  - Includes 230 petitions to certify youth to the adult system
- Certified =55 (24%)

- **2021**
- 6,784 referrals
- 3,128 petitions filed (46%)
  - Includes 159 petitions to certify youth to the adult system
- Certified = 48

- **2020**
- 5,537 referrals
- 1,814 petitions filed (33%)
  - 197 petitions to certify
- Certified=33

- **2019**
- 5,833 referrals
- 4,871 petitions filed (84%)
  - 205 petitions to certify
- Certified= 42

# TOP 5 FILED OFFENSES 2023

- ▶ Violation of Probation (2021 # 1 2022 #2)
- ▶ Battery (felony and misdemeanor) (2021 #2 2022 #2)
- ▶ Minor in Possession of Firearm (2021 # 3 2022 #3)
- ▶ Possession of stolen vehicle (2021 not in top 10 ,2022 #10)
- ▶ Robbery (2021 #5 2022 #4)
  
- ▶ Rounding out top 10 for 2023: Conspiracy PSV, Obstructing an Officer, Battery DV, Conspiracy Burglary and Conspiracy Robbery.

# IMPACT OF AB 230 (2021)

- ▶ In Clark County since implementation October 1, 2021
- ▶ Children ages 16 or 17 who were pre- AB 230 excluded from the juvenile system remained in juvenile (all firearms charges: Robbery with use, discharging a firearm and assault with deadly weapon)
  - ▶ 2022=32
  - ▶ 2023=36



# DIRECT FILES OR AUTO CERTIFICATION

- ▶ Murder and Attempt Murder, youth aged 16 or 17
- ▶ In Clark County
  - ▶ 2019=16
  - ▶ 2020= 10
  - ▶ 2021= 18
  - ▶ 2022= 9
  - ▶ 2023= 16
  - ▶ 2024 to date 3



AB 412 (2021)  
Eliminated the use of  
secured detention  
for CSEC (effective  
July 2023)

These children now  
fall under NRS 432C  
(2019) and an  
agency that  
provides child  
welfare services  
accepts reports and  
refers for services

July 2023 to March  
2024=105 reports.

# COMMERCIALLY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN (CHILD VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING)

# WHAT DO WE DO NOW ?

- ▶ AB 151 (2019) and AB 412 (2021) passed with no additional funding to child welfare agencies to create the resources to protect and service victims
- ▶ No Jail=No emergency housing except child abuse shelters
- ▶ How do we as advocates keep the victims safe?

# IN THE FIELD

- ▶ Law enforcement makes contact and has reason to believe the child is a CSEC victim
- ▶ Law enforcement contacts local advocates who meet at the scene-resources provided
- ▶ Law Enforcement contacts parent/guardian if the child is a NV child
- ▶ Law Enforcement informs parent/guardian that a representative from DFS will be reaching out to connect the family to services
- ▶ Child is released to parent/guardian

# HOUSING

- ▶ Use of forfeiture funds to support three (3) houses to provide safety and services to child victims of sex trafficking.
  - ▶ Eagle Quest (2)
  - ▶ St. Jude's Ranch (1)
  - ▶ Total of 23 beds , currently in use 15 beds
  - ▶ This includes boys and girls and emergency beds if needed.

Not sustainable with Forfeiture Funds-

# MOVING FORWARD

Need improved mental health services in our schools and community

Need a blended sentencing model that includes developmentally appropriate programming for our violent offenders.

Need a commitment to sustain funding to provide safe houses for child victims of sexual exploitation.

