

**Criminal Justice Mental Health and Substance  
Abuse Reinvestment Grant**

**DCF RFA 2021 001**

**Hanley Center Foundation**

**Dixie County Addendum**



**Statement of the Problem**

Using previous (non-COVID) year data for juvenile arrests, the committee has determined that after 6 months or less of preparation there would be over two years in which the specialty courts and programs would be addressing the needs of Dixie County youth. Of the 11 juvenile misdemeanor arrests, 9 were

for each program implemented. The program will be assessed on process outcomes (screening results, needs assessment results, program participation) as well as program deliverables. The planning committee, in conjunction with the program leads, will work to overcome any obstacles that reduce the opportunity for program success among participants.

### **Capability and Experience**

Many members of the planning committee will be participating in the program implementation activities, bringing their experience to bear. The school district and county court system have experience working with a teen court program, as the county has participated in such a program in the recent past. The mental health court will be following the model utilized by neighboring Alachua County. Alachua County and Dixie County both use Meridian Behavioral Healthcare as the primary mental health provider. Meridian is an active participant in the Alachua County mental health court, the manager supervising the program for Meridian attends