

APPENDIX A: Preliminary OYO Survey Results

Section 1: Demographic Information

To protect confidentiality, we report only aggregated demographic data and do not break down categories with fewer than ten responses. 109 youth filled out the survey across the PJSC and the six (6) child welfare facilities visited, excluding the survey responses by youth who took the “pilot” version of the survey.

1. What is your age?

96 youth responded.

13-14 years old	17%
15-17 years old	62%
18-19 years old	*
Did not respond	12%

*Suppressed; less than 10 people

2. What racial-ethnic group(s) do you most identify with? (select all that apply)

97 youth responded.

Black, African American, or of African descent ONLY	65%
Multiracial	13%
White	*
Other race	*
Prefer not to answer; Do not identify	*
Did not respond	11%

*Suppressed; less than 10 people

3. Do you identify as Hispanic or Latino/a/x/e?

85 youth responded.

Hispanic/Latino/a/x/e	25%
Non-Hispanic/Latino/a/x/e	43%
Prefer not to answer	10%
Did not respond	22%

4. What is your religion, if any?

70 youth responded.

Muslim	39%
Christian	14%
Other religion	*
No religion	*
Did not respond	36%

*Suppressed; less than 10 people

5. How do you describe your gender identity?

103 youth responded.

Male	65%
Female	27%
Non-binary, genderqueer, genderfluid, or other expansive identities; prefer to self-describe; prefer not to answer	*
Did not respond	6%

*Suppressed; less than 10 people

6. How do you describe your sexual orientation?

103 youth responded.

Straight or heterosexual	77%
Bisexual	12%
Lesbian or gay; Asexual; Pansexual or other expansive identities; Prefer not to answer	*
Did not respond	6%

*Suppressed; less than 10 people

Not all survey question findings were shared. The decision about which survey data to share with the public was based on the overall participant response rate and the significance of the findings.

Section 2: Right to be Treated in a Fair and Respectful Way

We include a disclaimer in this section that states that if youth report feeling unsafe, experiencing or witnessing abuse by staff, or experiencing an improper restraint while at their current residential placement, we will be required to file a ChildLine report on their behalf, in line with our duties as mandated reporters.

1. Do you ever feel unsafe at your current residential placement? If you answer YES, please tell us more about what happened that made you feel unsafe.

	Total Youth Surveyed	Total Youth Responded	Response Rate	Responses
PJJSC	70	50	71%	42 youth (84%) said “no.”
Group Homes	39	34	87%	32 youth (92%) said “no.”

2. Have you personally ever experienced any of the following types of abuse by STAFF while at your current residential placement? Select all that apply.

	Total Youth Surveyed	Total Youth Responded	Response Rate	Responses
PJJSC	70	62	89%	56 youth (90%) said “none.” Those that reported abuse by staff said it was verbal abuse.
Group Homes	39	32	82%	29 youth (91%) said “none.” Those that reported abuse by staff said it was sexual, physical, and/or verbal abuse.

3. Have you ever seen or heard ANOTHER YOUTH experiencing any of the following types of abuse by STAFF while at your current residential placement? Select all that apply.

	Total Youth Surveyed	Total Youth Responded	Response Rate	Responses
PJJSC	70	62	89%	52 youth (84%) said “none.” Those that reported witnessing abuse by staff said it was sexual, physical, and/or verbal abuse.
Group Homes	39	31	79%	28 youth (90%) said “none.” Those that reported witness abuse by staff said it was sexual, physical, and/or verbal abuse.

4. Are you ever placed in an improper restraint at your current residential placement? *Examples of this include: (1) being handcuffed in front of your body without a waist belt; (2) being placed in a “hands on” restraint for more than 10 minutes without a change in approach; (3) having a staff member put weight on your mouth, nose, neck, chest, belly, or back when placing you in a restraint; and (4) being given medication or drugs to help calm you down.*

	Total Youth Surveyed	Total Youth Responded	Response Rate	Responses
PJJSC	70	55	79%	54 youth (98%) said “never.”
Group Homes	39	27	69%	26 youth (96%) said “never.”

5. Are you ever held in a room by yourself for four hours or more against your will at your current residential placement? (This does not include time spent sleeping in your room)

	Total Youth Surveyed	Total Youth Responded	Response Rate	Responses
PJJSC	70	56	80%	40 youth (71%) said “never.” The remaining 16 youth said “sometimes” or “often.”
Group Homes	39	32	82%	31 youth (97%) said “never.”

Section 3: Right to Have a Plan

1. You are supposed to receive supports with making plans for your return to the community. Check any supports that you are NOT receiving or feel like you need more of.

	Total Youth Surveyed	Total Youth Responded	Response Rate	Responses
PJJSC	70	43	61%	27 youth (63%) said “none.” The remaining 16 youth said they primarily needed more support with housing and reconnecting with family. Secondary support needs included employment and education.
Group Homes	39	25	64%	10 youth (40%) said “none.” The remaining 15 youth said they primarily needed more support with housing and employment. Secondary support needs included education and reconnecting with family.

Section Four: Right to Access a High-Quality and Appropriate Education

PJJSC

As stated above, we are unable to report out on the PJJSC education data collected from our survey due to inconsistencies in youth reporting. Therefore, there is no preliminary data to share at this time. The OYO team is working with PJJSC leadership to further assess and address any possible educational needs within the facility.

Group Homes

1. Do you go to school? If no, why not?

	Total Youth Surveyed	Total Youth Responded	Response Rate	Responses
Group Homes	39	34	87%	25 youth (74%) said "yes." The remaining youth who said they didn't attend school had either already graduated, were kicked out of school, were changing to online school, or didn't know why they weren't in school.

2. Where do you go to school?

	Total Youth Surveyed	Total Youth Responded	Response Rate	Responses
Group Homes	39	30	77%	12 youth (40%) said "school of origin." 10 youth (33%) said a "new public school." The remaining youth said either an "approved private school," "virtual/homebound school," or "other."

3. How often do you attend school/class?

	Total Youth Surveyed	Total Youth Responded	Response Rate	Responses
Group Homes	39	29	74%	21 youth (72%) said "5 days a week." The remaining youth said either "3-4 days a week," or "hardly ever."

4. Do you need more support in school?

	Total Youth Surveyed	Total Youth Responded	Response Rate	Responses
Group Homes	39	28	72%	17 youth (61%) said "no." 9 youth (32%) said "yes."

5. Are you on track to graduate? Are you earning credits towards graduation?

	Total Youth Surveyed	Total Youth Responded	Response Rate	Responses
Group Homes	39	27	69%	16 youth (59%) said "yes." The remaining youth said "no" or "I don't know."

Section Five: Right to Stay Connected and Have Privacy

1. How often are you allowed to talk to your parents/guardians on the phone?

	Total Youth Surveyed	Total Youth Responded	Response Rate	Responses
PJJSC	70	53	76%	42 youth (80%) said "2-3 times a week." 11 youth said, "once a day" or "as often as I want."
Group Homes	39	27	69%	23 youth (85%) said "as often as I want." The remaining youth said between 0-3 times a week.

2. How often are you allowed to have visits to/from your parents/guardians in person?

	Total Youth Surveyed	Total Youth Responded	Response Rate	Responses
PJJSC	70	49	70%	40 youth (82%) said "2-4 times a month." The remaining youth either said "as often as I want" or "0-1 time a month."
Group Homes	39	25	64%	19 youth (76%) said "as often as I want." The remaining youth either said "over 2 days a month" or "0-1 time a month."

3. Does your facility allow you to talk to your lawyer freely, privately, and when needed?

	Total Youth Surveyed	Total Youth Responded	Response Rate	Responses
PJJSC	70	49	70%	32 youth (65%) said "yes." 17 youth (35%) said "sometimes" or "no."
Group Homes	39	23	59%	19 youth (83%) said "yes." The remaining youth said "no" or "sometimes."

Section Six: Right to Access Health Services

1. Do you believe any of your medical treatment or medication is excessive or incorrect?

	Total Youth Surveyed	Total Youth Responded	Response Rate	Responses
PJJSC	70	45	64%	31 youth (69%) said "no." 8 youth (18%) said "I don't know." The remaining youth said "yes" or "sometimes."
Group Homes	39	21	54%	19 youth (90%) said "no." The remaining youth said "sometimes" or "I don't know."

2. Do you have difficulty accessing medicine, treatments, or other care related to your physical or mental health?

	Total Youth Surveyed	Total Youth Responded	Response Rate	Responses
PJJSC	70	50	71%	34 youth (68%) said “no.” 13 youth (26%) said “yes” or “sometimes.”
Group Homes	39	26	67%	22 youth (85%) said “no.” The remaining youth said “yes” or “sometimes.”

3. When you entered your residential placement, was an assessment conducted to determine your individual medical needs and treatment options?

	Total Youth Surveyed	Total Youth Responded	Response Rate	Responses
PJJSC	70	49	70%	32 youth (65%) said “yes.” 11 youth (22%) said “I don’t know.” The remaining youth said “no.”
Group Homes	39	22	56%	13 youth (59%) said “yes.” The remaining youth said “no” or “I don’t know.”

Section Seven: Right to Keep Money and Personal Items Safe

PJJSC

Given that the PJJSC is a secure detention center, youth are not allowed to keep personal items with them on their person. As a result, there is no preliminary data from Section Seven to share from the PJJSC at this time.

Group Homes

1. Do you have access to any personal items and/or money that you entered your current residential placement with?

	Total Youth Surveyed	Total Youth Responded	Response Rate	Responses
Group Homes	39	25	64%	22 youth (88%) said “yes.” The remaining youth said “no” or that they didn’t have any money/items upon entry to the placement.

Section Eight: Right to Have Personal Needs Met

1. You are supposed to have access to 3 meals and 1 snack a day. Has your food ever been withheld from you at your current residential placement? (Select all that apply) ***We add a ChildLine disclaimer to this question, as indicating that youth meals have been withheld triggers a mandated report.***

	Total Youth Surveyed	Total Youth Responded	Response Rate	Responses
PJJSC	70	52	74%	43 youth (83%) said “never.” The remaining youth reported that either their meal or their snack had been withheld.

Group Homes	39	24	62%	15 youth (63%) said “never.” 8 youth (33%) reported that either their meal or their snack had been withheld.
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2. Do your meals/snacks and mealtimes match your medical, religious, or dietary preferences?

	Total Youth Surveyed	Total Youth Responded	Response Rate	Responses
PJJSC	70	52	74%	40 youth (70%) said “yes.” The remaining youth said “no” or “sometimes.”
Group Homes	39	25	64%	20 youth (80%) said “yes.” The remaining youth said “no” or “sometimes.”

3. Do the places where you sleep, eat, learn, use the bathroom, etc. HAVE dirt, rodents, mold, debris, and/or other unsanitary conditions?

	Total Youth Surveyed	Total Youth Responded	Response Rate	Responses
PJJSC	70	62	89%	33 youth (53%) said “no.” 20 youth (32%) said “yes.” The remaining 9 youth (15%) said “sometimes.”
Group Homes	39	27	69%	20 youth (74%) said “no.” The remaining youth said “yes” or “sometimes.”

4. Are you able to freely practice the religion or faith of your choosing, if you want?

	Total Youth Surveyed	Total Youth Responded	Response Rate	Responses
PJJSC	70	58	83%	53 youth (91%) said “yes.” The remaining youth said “no” or “sometimes.”
Group Homes	39	25	64%	23 youth (92%) said “yes.”