

# DMC Data Collection Coordination and Reporting



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# Relationships and Buy-In Focus

- Decision makers, not reporters, need to be present at the table
- Overcome organizations' tendencies to protect their own processes, outputs, and ideologies
- Recognize we are working toward a common goal and all organizations need to contribute
- Encourage honest comments and respect for diverse opinions to keep members at the table

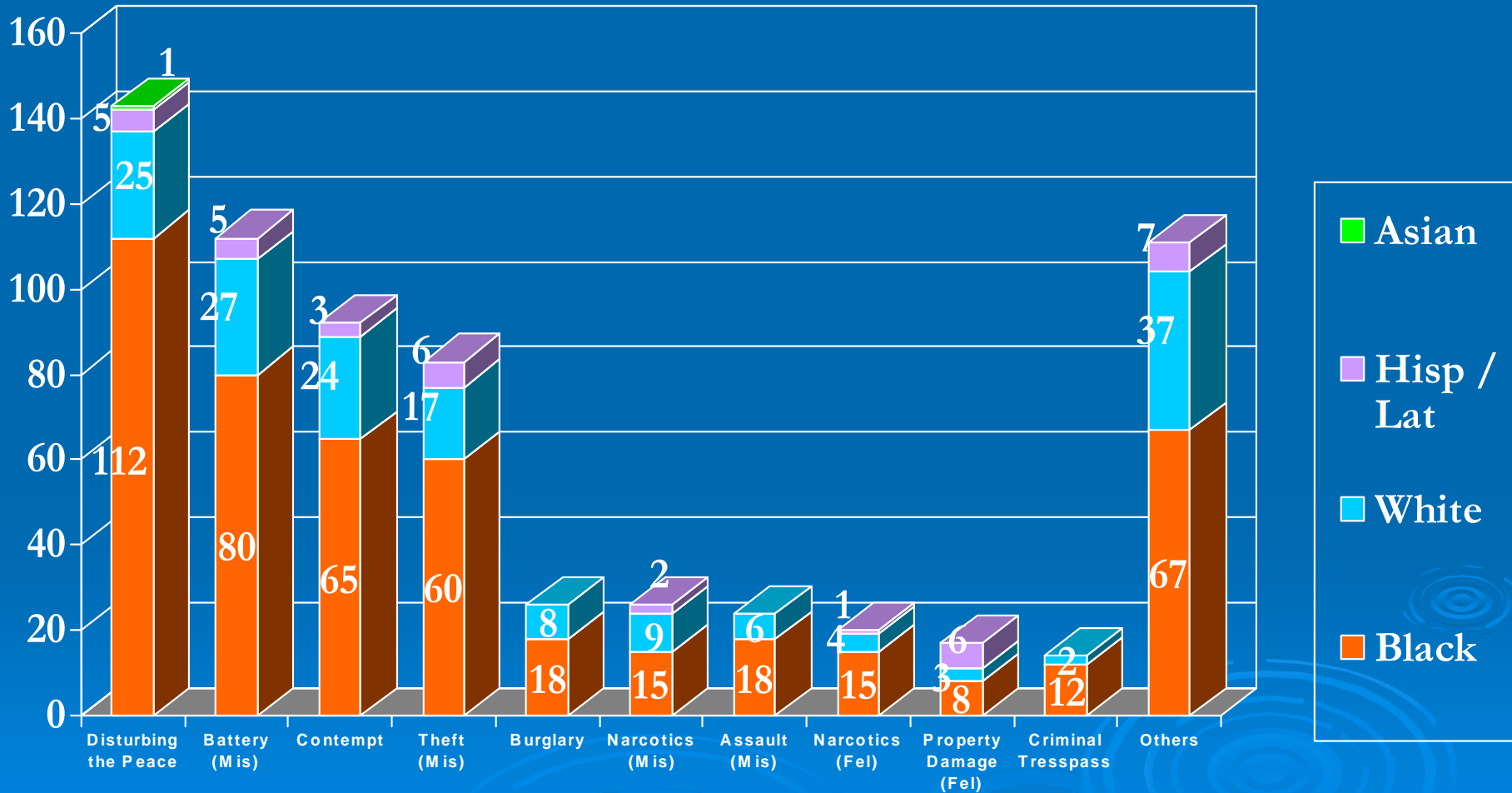
# Involved Organizations

- Department of Juvenile Services
- Juvenile Court
- Public School System
- District Attorney's Office
- Public Defender's Office
- Sheriff's Office
- Truancy Assessment and Services Center (TASC) and Family in Need Services (FINS)
- Community Representative

# Improving Data Systems

- Race and ethnicity data collection were improved by:
  - Including all 5 minimum race categories defined by the Federal government
  - Recording Hispanic/Latino ethnicity separately from race.
- Hard-copy forms (Reports to the court, Probation Stats, etc.) and databases reflected the new changes
- Detention Assessment Instrument (DAI) includes all race / ethnicity changes along with time of arrest

# 668 Arrests Processed with the Detention Assessment Instrument (DAI) Jan 1, 2008 - Mar 31, 2008



# Additional Data Collection Efforts

- Neighborhood Data:
  - Our Detention Home collects data on what **cities** the youth live in
  - Working with school data from TASC, as it often reflects the areas and neighborhoods of where the youth live
- Explore the linking of state and parish data in regards to our Models for Change work plan