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# DC Criminal Justice Reforms & Potential Justice Reinvestment Panel

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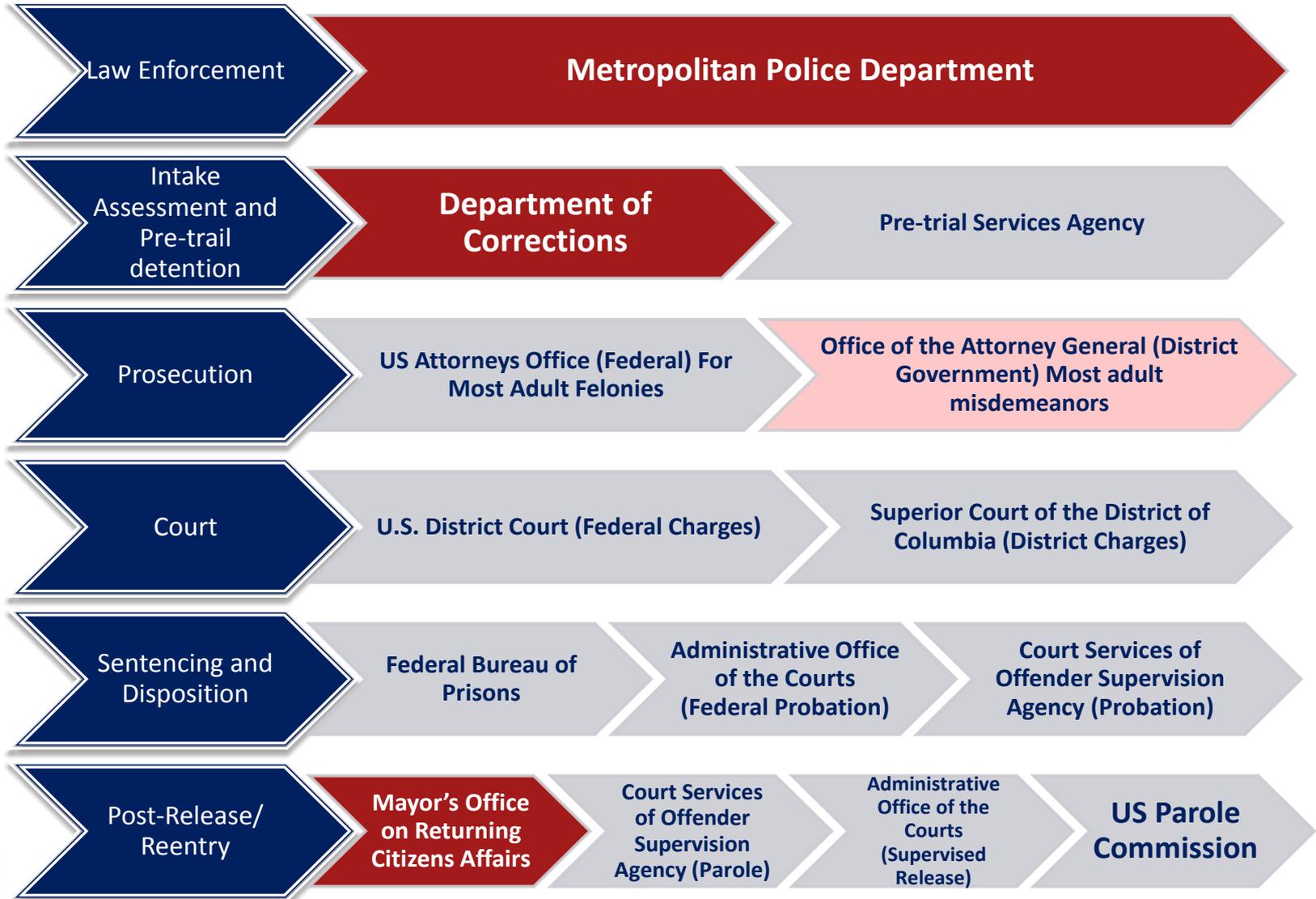
# Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice



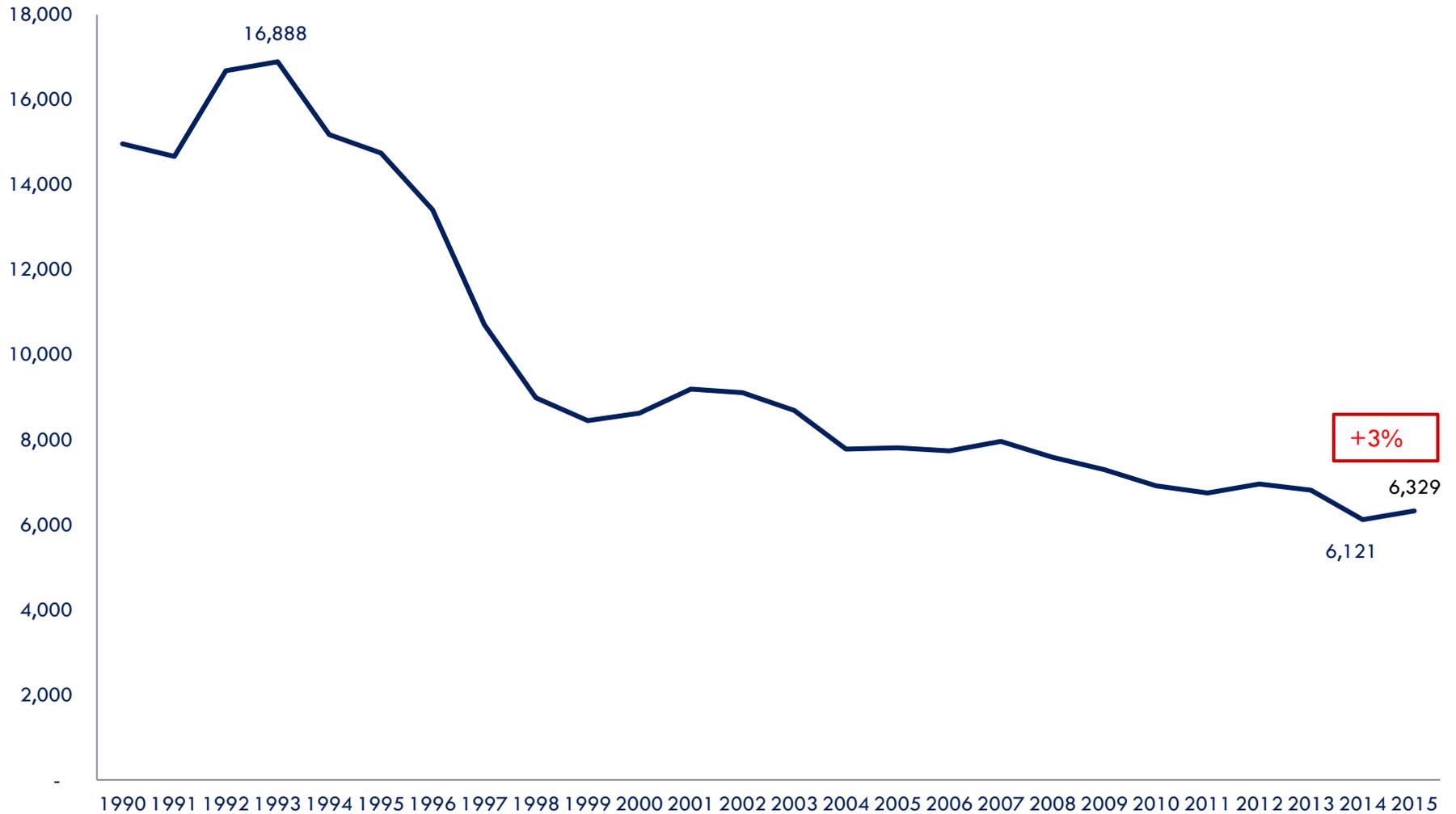
- Located: In the Office of the City Administrator, Rashad Young
- Our Mission is to provide direction, guidance support and coordination to the District's public safety agencies to develop and lead interagency public safety initiatives to improve the quality of life in the District's neighborhoods.
- Agencies in the DMPSJ Cluster
  - Department of Corrections (DOC)
  - Department of Forensic Sciences (DFS)
  - Fire and Emergency Management Services (FEMS)
  - Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA)
  - Metropolitan Police Department (MPD)
  - Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME)
  - Office of Unified Communications (OUC)
  - Office of Victims Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG)



# DC Criminal Justice System



# Violent Crime Trends Since 1990



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# Violent Crime Trends

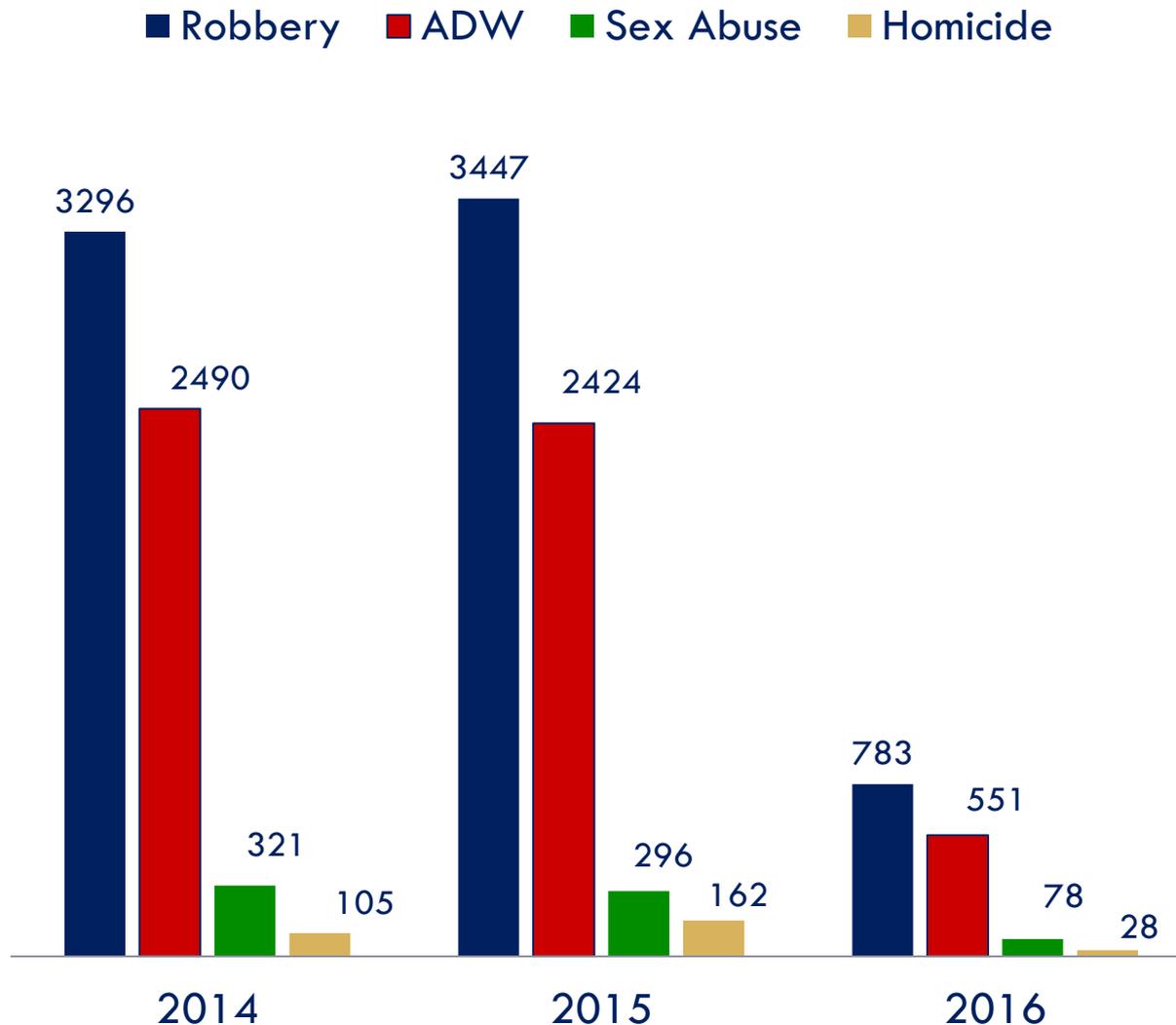


-54% increase in homicides from 2014 to 2015

-Uptick in robberies YTD; 24% increase from the same time last year.

- Sex abuse cases down 8% from 2014 to 2015

- Assault with dangerous weapon down 3% from 2014 to 2015



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# Additional Contextual Facts

- There has been an increase in call volume and demand to 911 across Fire, EMS and MPD. MPD calls account for 70% of all Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Events.

2013	2014	2015	Change (2014 to 2015)	2015 YTD	2016 YTD	Change
631,725	668,030	749,919	+12%	122,226	130,304	+6.6%

- Steady increase in District population, approximately 2% increase from 2014 to 2015 (672,228). The District adds approximately 800 people per month.
- MPD force levels are down due to a retirement bubble.
- Closure rates for crimes for homicides in 2015 was 62% (162 homicides)



# Factors Affecting Violence in the Community



## Risk Factors

- **Neighborhood/ Societal**
  - Weak health, educational, economic, and social policies/laws
  - High alcohol/ drug consumption
  - Community violence
  - Lack of economic opportunities
  - Low neighborhood support/ cohesion\*
  - Societal inequality
- **Individual/ Relationship risk factors**
  - Gang/ crew involvement
  - Limited education/ non-violent problem solving skills
  - Violent victimization
  - Witnessing violence
  - Mental health problems/ impulse control
  - Substance use
  - Social isolation
  - Family Stress

## Protective Factors

- **Neighborhood/ Societal**
  - Increase in economic opportunities
  - Coordination of services among community agencies
  - Access to preventative services
  - Access to mental health and substance abuse services
  - Community support and connectedness
  - Drug Abuse Resistance Education
- **Relationship/Individual Level Protective Factors**
  - Family support/ connectedness
  - Connection to a caring adult
  - Association with positive influences
  - Connection/ commitment to school
  - Skills solving problems non-violently
  - Positive self esteem

# Impact of Violence

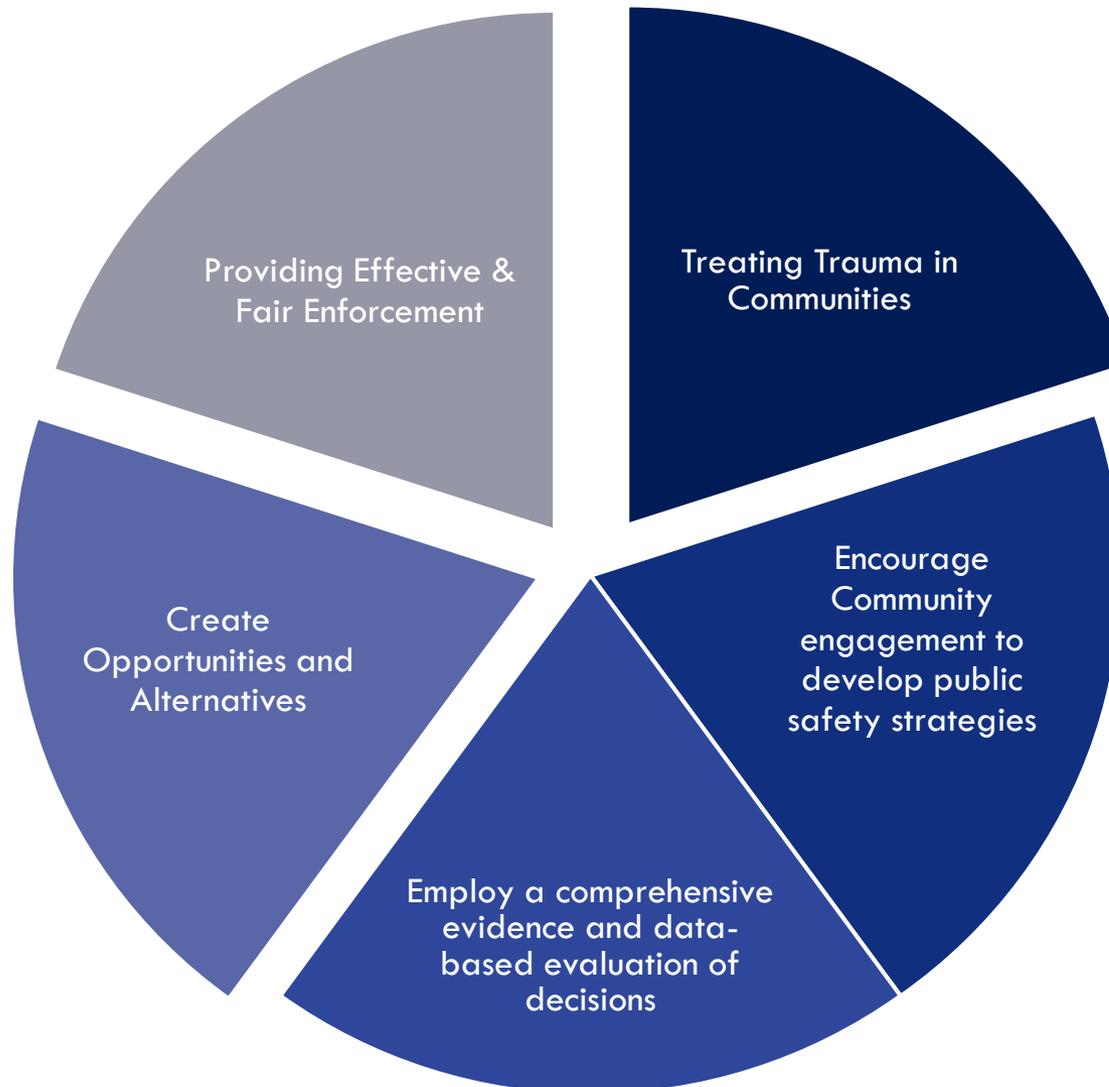


- Community violence can lead to
  - Disrupted education
  - Lowered job prospects
  - Fragmented relationships
  - Legal problems
  - Incarceration
  - Serious injury, illness, and death

- Impact on Children
  - Exposure to violence in the first years of childhood can reduce cognitive potential
  - Children can become hyper-vigilant
  - They can believe violence is normal
  - They can become violent to avoid being perceived as weak

- Impact on Adults exposed to violence as children
  - They are more likely to report:
    - Early initiation of smoking and sexual activity
    - Multiple sexual partners and teen pregnancy
    - Intimate partner violence
    - Alcoholism and alcohol abuse
    - Depression and suicide attempts
    - Liver, heart, and lung disease
    - Poor health and diminished quality of life

# Our Holistic Approach





# Treating Trauma in the Community

## **Community Stabilization Protocol**

Provides immediate wrap-around services to victims and families affected by homicide and violent crime.

## **Hospital Based Victim Intervention**

A collaborative response providing forensic care, advocacy, long-term follow-up care, and case management to victims of violent crimes. Similar to how victims of sexual assaults are treated.

## **Street Outreach**

Team of workers familiar with neighborhoods conducts ongoing assessment of need and provide feedback to agencies and community based organizations. They provide conflict resolution, mediation, and violence interventions to specific PSA's.

## **Neighborhood Based Grants**

Grant program launched in FY16 supports community based organizations providing primary and secondary violence prevention activities and pro-social skill development at the neighborhood level. These organizations are given money to carry out their missions.

## **Crisis Intervention Officers**

Department of Behavioral Health, in partnership with MPD, trains patrol officers on how to best assist individuals with mental health and substance use disorders who may be in a psychiatric crisis. Training includes recognizing the signs and symptoms of mental illness, learning the most effective des-escalation techniques, and knowing where to refer for services.



# Create Opportunities and Alternatives



## **D.C. Career Connections**

A work-readiness program that provides out-of-school District youth with valuable work experience, skills training, and individualized coaching and support to gain employment.

## **Project Empowerment**

Participants receive training and subsidized employment. The program has expanded into the DC Jail and provides six weeks of optional job services to DC Jail inmates approaching release.

## **Re-Engagement Center**

Serves youth ages 16-24 who have dropped out of school. Reconnects them to educational options and other services to help them earn a high school diploma or GED.

## **Work Release Programs**

Legislation will expand current work-release program to support low-risk pretrial inmates.

## **Youth Creating Change**

MPD program works to bridge the gap between youth in some of D.C.'s most violent neighborhoods with MPD officers through a 12-week leadership and mentoring program.

## **Anacostia Public Safety Academy**

Program hosted at Anacostia High School will provide students with curricula, work-based learning, and college-credit opportunities to prepare them for a potential career in law enforcement.

## **Insourcing Correctional Treatment Facility**

Will allow us to provide greater reentry services to DC Jail inmates before they are released into society.



# Provide Effective & Fair Enforcement



## **Civilianization of MPD**

Use civilians instead of police officers to perform administrative tasks, and redeploy MPD officers to focus on high priority issues and locations.

## **Police training on use of force, de-escalation, and community policing**

MPD has expanded their training to include the most up to date training on use of force, de-escalation, and community policing.

## **Body Worn Camera**

Will improve police services, increasing accountability for individual interactions, and enhancing public safety.

## **Crime Lab Reform**

Mayor Muriel Bowser ordered a corrective action plan for the District's Department of Forensic Science. The plan included a root cause analysis of the deficiencies identified in the audits, specifically with the DNA mixture interpretation protocols.

## **Criminal Interdiction Unit**

A team of officers, detectives and officials to develop a strategy that would address the changing culture of our violent criminals and the evolving modern drug trade. Unit will disrupt the drug trade at multiple levels using a team that has advanced training and experience, supported by research, analysis and cutting edge technology.

## **Robbery Intervention Task Force**

Collaboration between local and federal partners that focuses on quickly identifying and responding to patterns of a robbery spree. They will also work together to develop the strongest cases possible to prosecute repeat offenders.

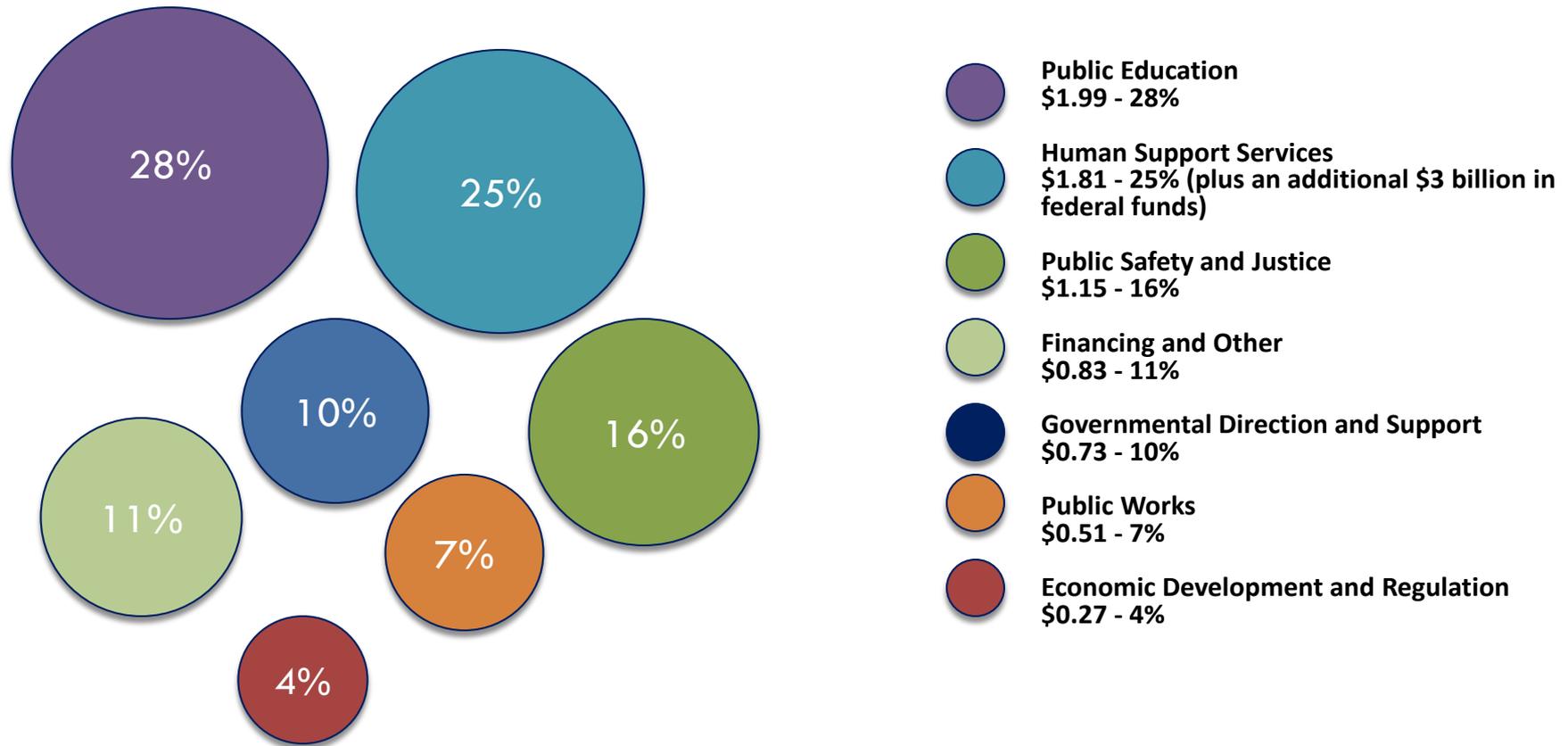
## **Security Camera Rebate Program**

Provides rebates to private property owners who purchase security cameras and allow MPD to have access to the cameras for criminal investigations.



## Operating Budget by Cluster

Expenditures by Appropriation Title for FY2017 (\$7.3 billion)





# Insourcing the Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF)

## Reinvesting in our returning citizens

- An additional \$5.9 million dollar investment
- 234 additional full time positions
- Saving over \$5 million dollars in the out years once facility is insourced
- Develop a strategy to bring District residents who are under the Bureau of Prisons jurisdiction to the CTF
- Strengthen the process of reconnecting with family members and loved ones



### Individualized Needs Assessments

- Educational Assessments
- Risk Assessments
- Skills Assessments
- Individualized needs assessments
- Assessment of strengths



### Rehabilitate & Wellness Services

- Mental Health Services
- MH Step Down Unit for Women
- Substance Abuse Treatment (Short Term Programs)
- Wellness Services
- Post-Release Linkages
- Assistance
- Benefits
- Housing
- Re-entry services



### Re-entry & Life Skills Programs

- Work Readiness
- Modular Computer Based Programs
- College Credit Courses
- Vocational Training
- Electrician Certification
- Apprenticeships
- Expressive Arts (Writing, Art, Music)
- Parenting & Child Care
- Domestic Violence Prevention
- Financial Management
- Family Reunification





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**QUESTIONS?**