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State of Connecticut Judicial Branch  
Court Support Services Division  
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Update to the  
Criminal Justice Policy Advisory  
Commission

# Family Violence Caseload Summary 2009

<b>Family Violence Intakes Completed</b> Pre-arraignment screen – risk assessment, criminal record check, protective order recommendation, and determination of pre-trial diversionary eligibility	<b>30,427</b>
<b>Family Violence Assessments Referred</b> Post-arraignment in-depth interviewing of victim and defendant and coordination with victim advocate. Full assessment report with recommendations prepared for the Court	<b>20,678</b>
<b>Pre-Trial Supervision Referred</b> Administrative monitoring of diversionary programs and court-ordered interventions	<b>15,703</b>
Satisfactory completion of Pre-Trial Supervision	<b>85%</b>
12-month Re-arrest rate – Pre-trial Supervision Completers	<b>15%</b>

# Judicial Branch

## Family Violence Programs

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- **FAMILY VIOLENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM** (FVEP): A 9 week, cognitive behavioral, pre-trial diversionary intervention focused on modifying offender behavior.  
Available: All GA Court locations
  
- **EXPLORE PROGRAM**: An intensive, 26 session, cognitive behavioral intervention for men convicted of domestic violence. The focus is on behavior change through developing awareness, building positive interpersonal skills, and understanding the harmful effects of violence on victims and children.  
Available: Bantam/Litchfield, Danbury, Danielson, Hartford, Manchester, Middletown, New Britain, New Haven, New London, Norwalk, and Stamford.
  
- **EVOLVE PROGRAM**: An intensive, 52 session, cognitive behavioral intervention for men convicted of domestic violence. The impact of violence on victims and children, behavior change, interrelation and communication skill building, and responsible parenting/fatherhood are vital components of this program model.  
Available: Bridgeport, New Haven New London, and Waterbury

# FVEP Outcomes

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- ❑ 71% Program completion rate
- ❑ 28 % No show rate - contributing to the waitlist problem
- ❑ 13 % Re-arrest rate for domestic violence 12 months post program completion

# NIJ Study – Dr. Eleanor Lyon

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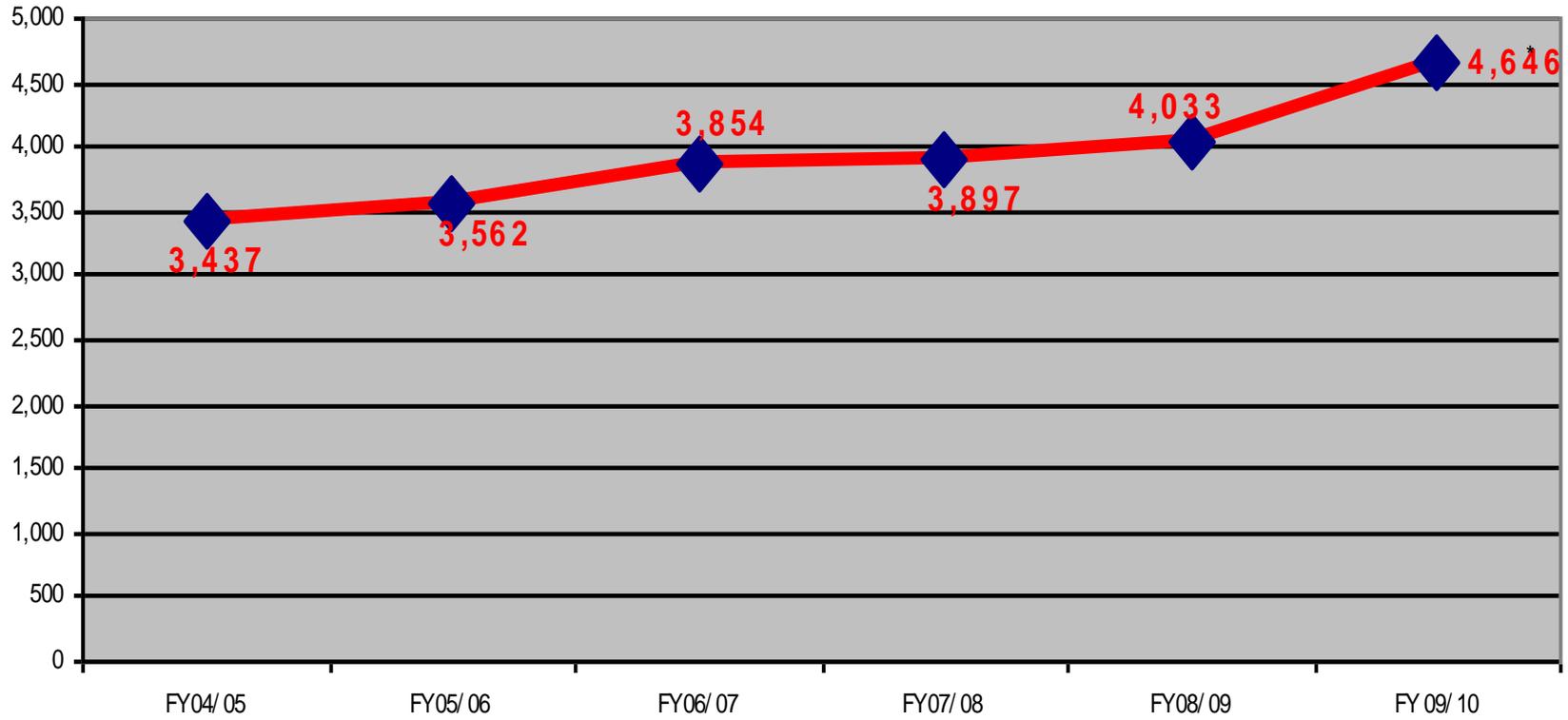
## □ EXPLORE-

- 65.2% of the participants completed the program
- No DV recidivism for 93% of individuals that successfully completed the program

## □ EVOLVE-

- 63.5% of the participants completed the program
- No DV recidivism for 91% of individuals that successfully completed the program

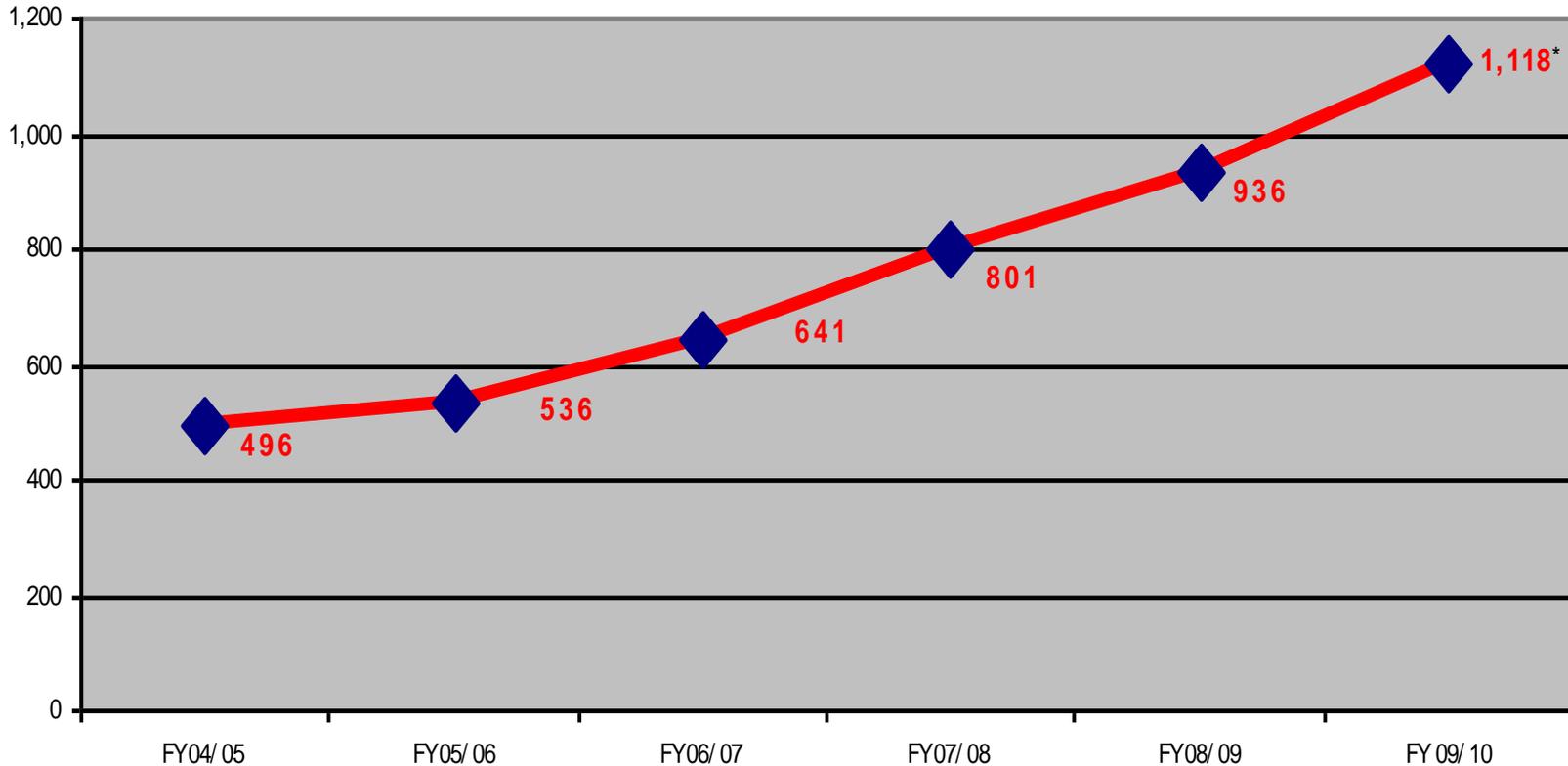
## REFERRALS TO THE FAMILY VIOLENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM BY FISCAL YEAR



\*Projected based on referrals to date

**-Referrals have increased by 35% (1,209) since  
FY 04/05**

## REFERRALS TO THE EXPLORE PROGRAM BY FISCAL YEAR

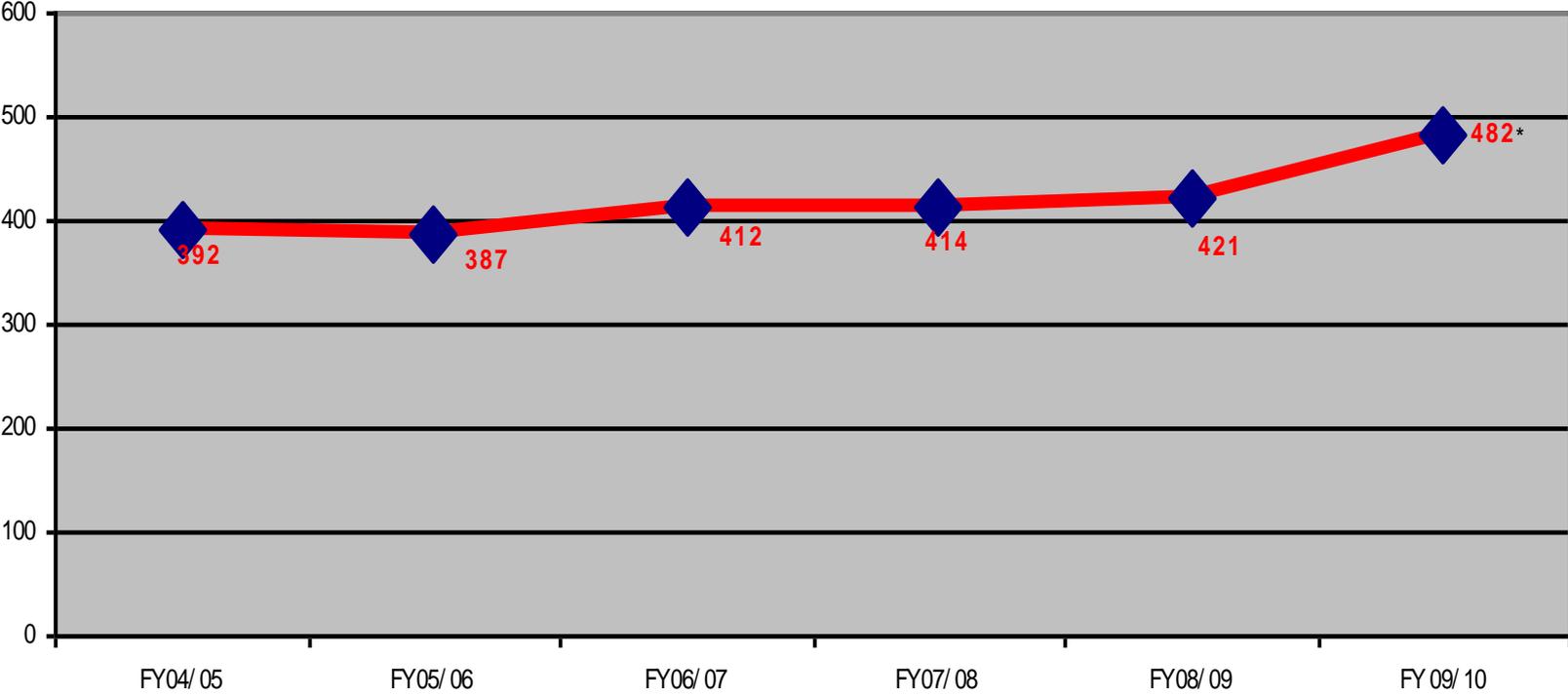


**-Referrals have increased by 125% (622) since FY 04/05**

**-DV Docket expansion**

\*Projected based on referrals to date

# REFERRALS TO THE EVOLVE PROGRAM BY FISCAL YEAR



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**-Referrals have increased by 23% (90) since FY 04/05**

# FVEP Waiting Lists and Impact

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- ❑ Average wait time for services is over 8 weeks
- ❑ Those who wait nine or more weeks have a **DV re-arrest rate ranging from 6-15 percent**; those who wait less than nine weeks have a **DV re-arrest rate ranging from 1-4 percent**
- ❑ Those who wait nine or more weeks have program **completion rate between 59 and 74 percent**; those who wait less than nine weeks have a **program completion rate between 69 and 79 percent**
- ❑ 1,814 defendants waited nine or more weeks for the program
- ❑ **141 re-arrested while on a waitlist nine or more weeks in 2009**