

Beyond the Bench

“Restorative Justice- A Delinquency Justice Model That Works! ”

Community Justice Conferencing

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VORP and the Community Justice Conference

- ▣ The Community Justice Conference is a dynamic response to criminal activity in the community. The program provides the opportunity for victim, offender and the community to actively participate in the juvenile justice system. The program is solution driven with over 70% of victims actively participating in CJC.
- ▣ The program incorporates the VORP mediation process to provide services to both the offenders and the victims of crime.
- ▣ The program is a collaborative effort: The Court, Probation, the DA’s Office and Defense Counsel are active participants.

THE BASIC ELEMENTS

So, what does CJC do that is not already being done?

- ❑ It is not personality based it is systemic.
- ❑ Collaboration from all justice partners.
- ❑ The agreements/recommendations given to the judge is more than what he/she would have had without the system.
- ❑ The agreement/ recommendations most often become the court sentence.
- ❑ Often there is full compliance with the agreement prior to the hearing thereby decreasing court appearances.



Positive Impact Of CJC

- CJC coordinates a multifaceted intervention for each minor.
- The program forces the minor to address the spectrum of obligations caused by their delinquent behavior.
- This multimodal approach invites community involvement from other stakeholders in the minor's life.
- The CJC process facilitates mediation between the minors and other institutions that were affected by their behavior.

Community based solutions can reduce the workload for the legal system

CJC helps ease the burden on our Criminal Justice partners by diverting juveniles into supervised community programs. Thereby reducing the workload on the probation department. The decreased number of court proceedings also reduce the strain on the District Attorney and Public Defenders Office.

How It Works!



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