



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

A holistic and healing approach in managing conflict

YAP - YOUTH ADVOCATE PROGRAMS, INC.

IN NOVEMBER 1975, YOUTH ADVOCATE PROGRAMS, INC. (YAP) WAS FOUNDED BY TOM JEFFERS TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE, COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES TO AFFECTED CAMP HILL YOUTH AFTER A FINDING THAT COMMITMENT OF JUVENILES IN ADULT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES WAS UNLAWFUL.

MISSION CONSISTENTLY FOR OVER 45 YEARS HAS BEEN TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES TO INSTITUTIONALIZATION FOR YOUTH WITH COMPLEX NEEDS AND CHALLENGES.



WHO YAP SERVES

YOUTH ADVOCATE PROGRAMS, INC.

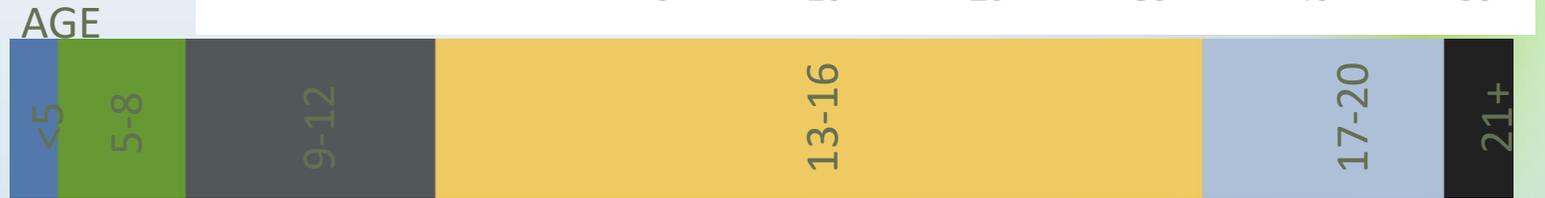
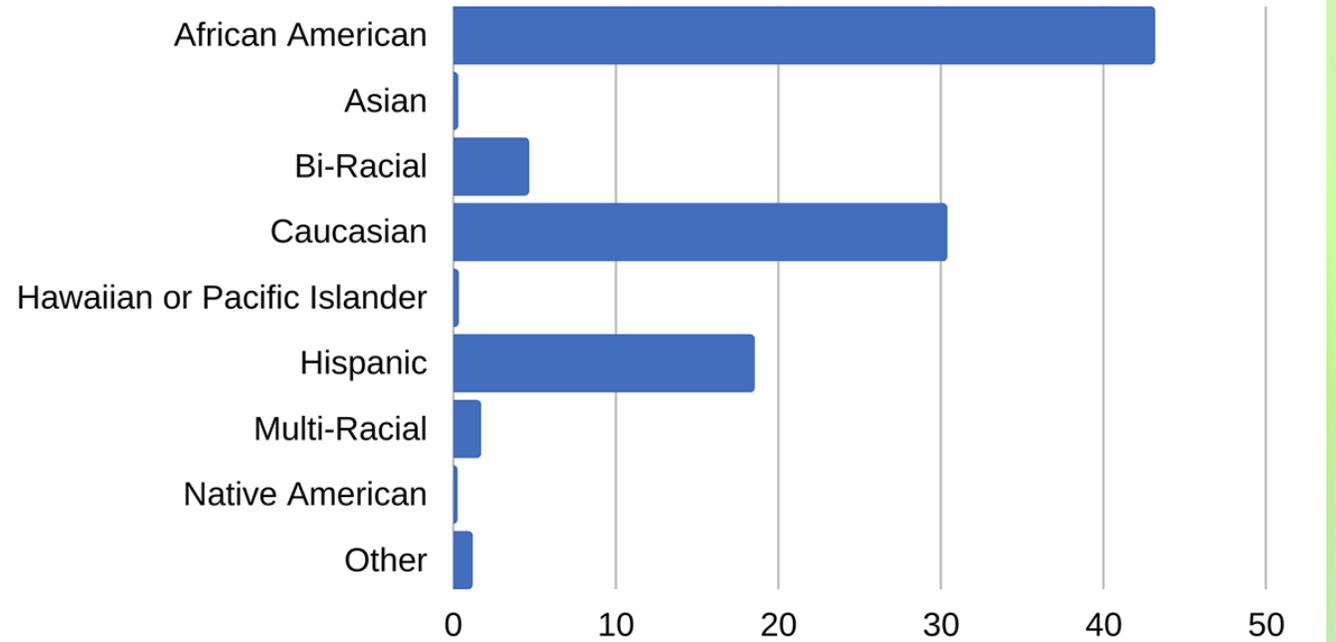
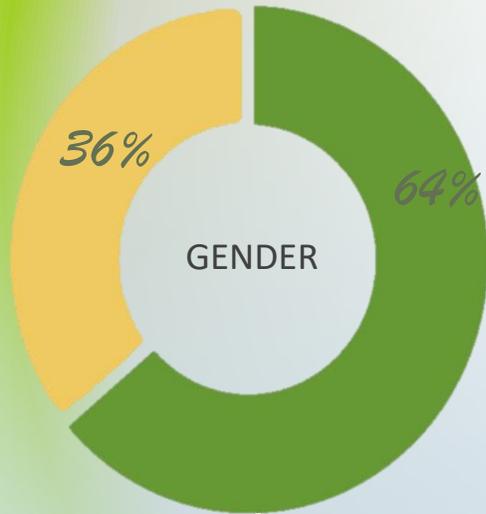
*These statistics are based on the number of youth and families participating in ALL YAP programs as noted in the YAP, Inc. 2019 annual report..

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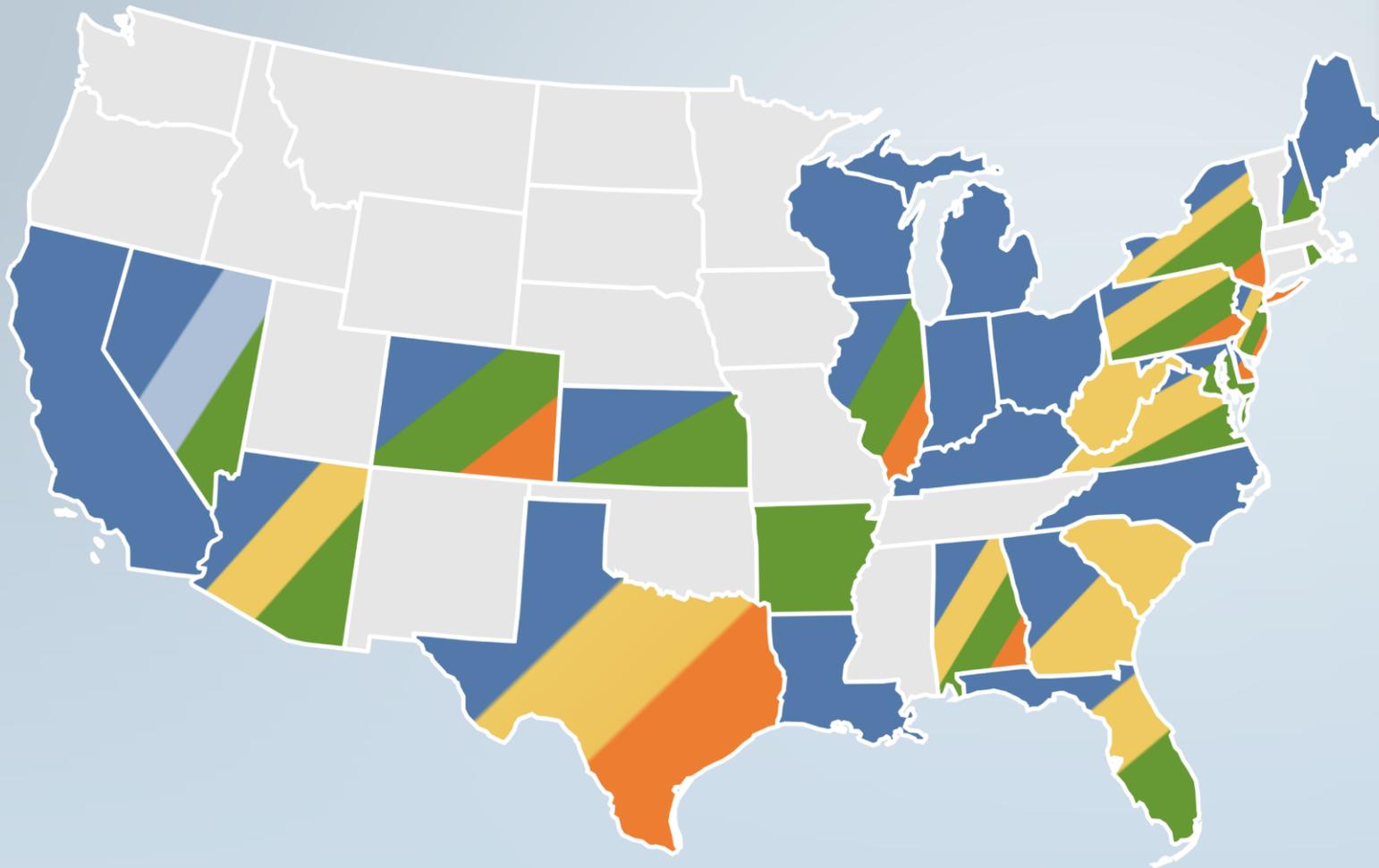
Youth & Families served annually*



YAP PRESENCE

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Urban, rural and
suburban communities

100+

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States + DC

PA, NY, NY, ME, NH, RI, MI, DE, MD, VA, WV, NC, SC, GA, FL, AL, LA, AR, KY
OH, IL, IN, KS, WI, TX, AZ, CO, NV, CA & DC

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Child Welfare

Juvenile Justice

Behavioral Health

Developmental Disabilities

Workforce Development

Education

Adult Systems

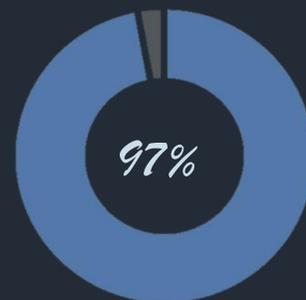


FORTIFYING EVIDENCE OF OUR SUCCESS

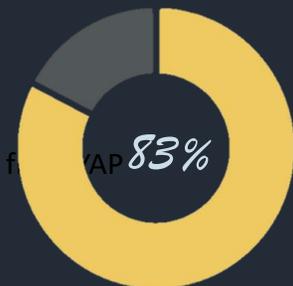
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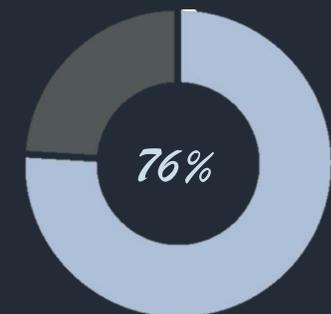
PARTICIPANT OUTCOMES



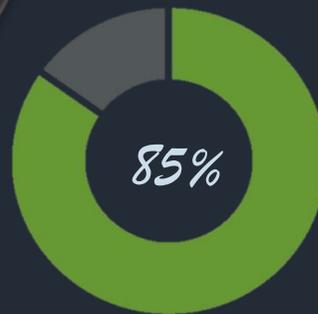
Not convicted/
adjudicated of new
offense while in program



Did not have an open
protective services
case at discharge



Regularly attending
school or graduated/
GED at discharge



Living safely in
the community at
discharge

YAP UNIQUE SERVICE MODEL: WRAPAROUND AND ADVOCATE

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7 **WRAPAROUND SERVICES** based on:

- 1) the wraparound team-based planning process;
- 2) relationship with caring, trained adults who provide services when and where they are needed; and
- 3) meaningful community connections.

It draws from best practice and research in wraparound, mentoring, positive youth development, trauma-informed care, and child welfare and features:

- Evidence-Based Approach
- Intensive, Individualized, Holistic Care Planning
- Coordination of Services
- Works with High and Complex Needs Youth, Families
- Services Provided in the Home and in the Communities
- Promotes Family Empowerment
- No Reject – No Eject – meaning no one is turned away from services
- Staff Recruited from Same Communities Where Families Live



ADVOCATE MODEL

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Caring, positive adult role models



Group and Individual*



GEDs to PhDs



Coach, Mentor, Counsel and Model through real-time experiential learning



Implement the family's plan



Broker supports and (re-)connect families to community

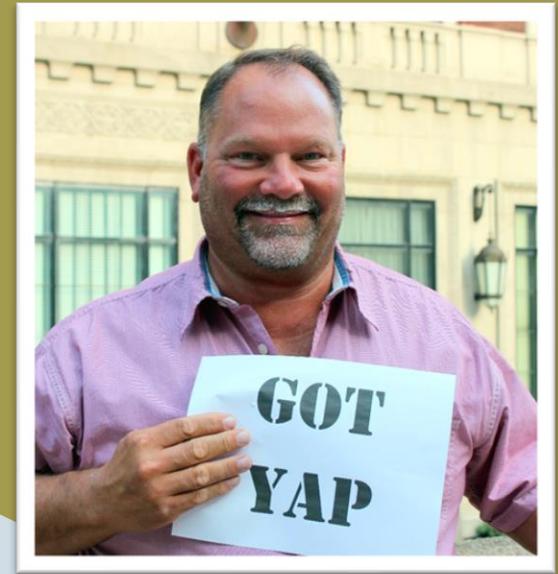
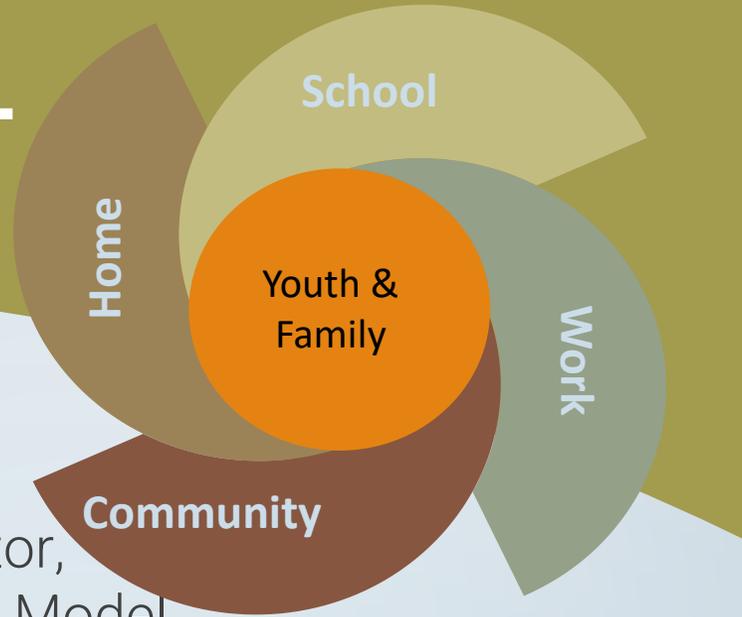


Work in the home, school, community

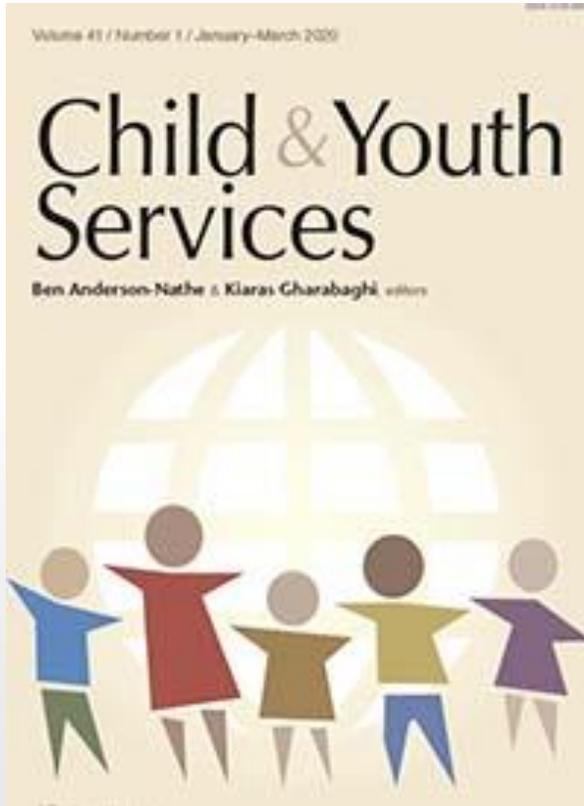


Available 24/7*

Range of hours



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SILVA, D. J., PETRILLA, C. M., MATTESON, D., MANNION, S., & HUGGINS, S. L. (2019). INCREASING RESILIENCE IN YOUTH AND FAMILIES: YAP'S WRAPAROUND ADVOCATE SERVICE MODEL. CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES, 1-32. RETRIEVED FROM [HTTPS://WWW.TANDFONLINE.COM/DOI/FULL/10.1080/0145935X.2019.1610870](https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/0145935X.2019.1610870)

WRAPAROUND PRACTICED HOLISTICALLY IS ACTUALLY
A RESTORATIVE PRACTICE

10 PETRILLA, CAROLINE M., ET AL. "JOURNAL OF APPLIED JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES." (2020)...

- *Restorative justice is gaining momentum as a more effective and holistic response to delinquent juvenile behavior. Four decades of research relates restorative justice initiatives to positive outcomes including enhanced victim and offender satisfaction and sense of fairness, increased compliance with restitution, and reduced recurrence of offensive behaviors (Hansen & Umbreit, 2018). This paper discusses the benefits of restorative justice, reviews four major restorative justice approaches, and then explores the value and potential roles of community-based, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in supporting restorative justice policies and practices, particularly involving young people. The authors' experience working with Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. (YAP), a U.S. based nonprofit organization that promotes community-based alternatives to institutionalization for juvenile justice involved youth with complex needs and challenges, informs their perspective. The authors aspire through this paper to cultivate community interest and engagement in restorative justice through presenting several pathways for NGOs to promote its practices and related benefits.*

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“Caroline Petrilla from the US reminds us in her article how important it is for children and young people to feel cared for and that there is a need to have multiple services in place that can support these young ones and their families.”

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September 2020 \(euforumrj.org\)](#)

REFRAMING OUR THINKING

...ABOUT JUVENILE
JUSTICE



JUVENILE DETENTION

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YOUTH/OFFENDER

- **Costly**
- **Ineffective as deterrent and oftentimes harmful**
 - **Increased risk of recidivism**
 - **Pipeline to prison**
 - **Separates youth from family and social supports**
 - **Stigmatizes youth**
 - **High incidents of abuse in facilities**
 - **Disproportionate Impact on youth of color**

VICTIM

- **Opportunity for input is limited (victim statements when applicable inadequate; no substitute for dialogue exchange)**
- **Unanswered questions**
- **Harm to “society” rather than victim is focus**
- **Cookie cutter responses applied across the board**



**THROUGH FIXED INFLEXIBLE RESPONSES TO
YOUTHFUL OFFENSES, WE ARE DEPRIVING
OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH...FOR ALL INVOLVED.**

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“Restorative Justice is a process whereby all the parties with a stake in a particular offence come together to resolve collectively how to deal with the aftermath of the offence and its implications for the future.”

(http://www.antonioacasella.eu/restorative/Marshall_1999-b.pdf)

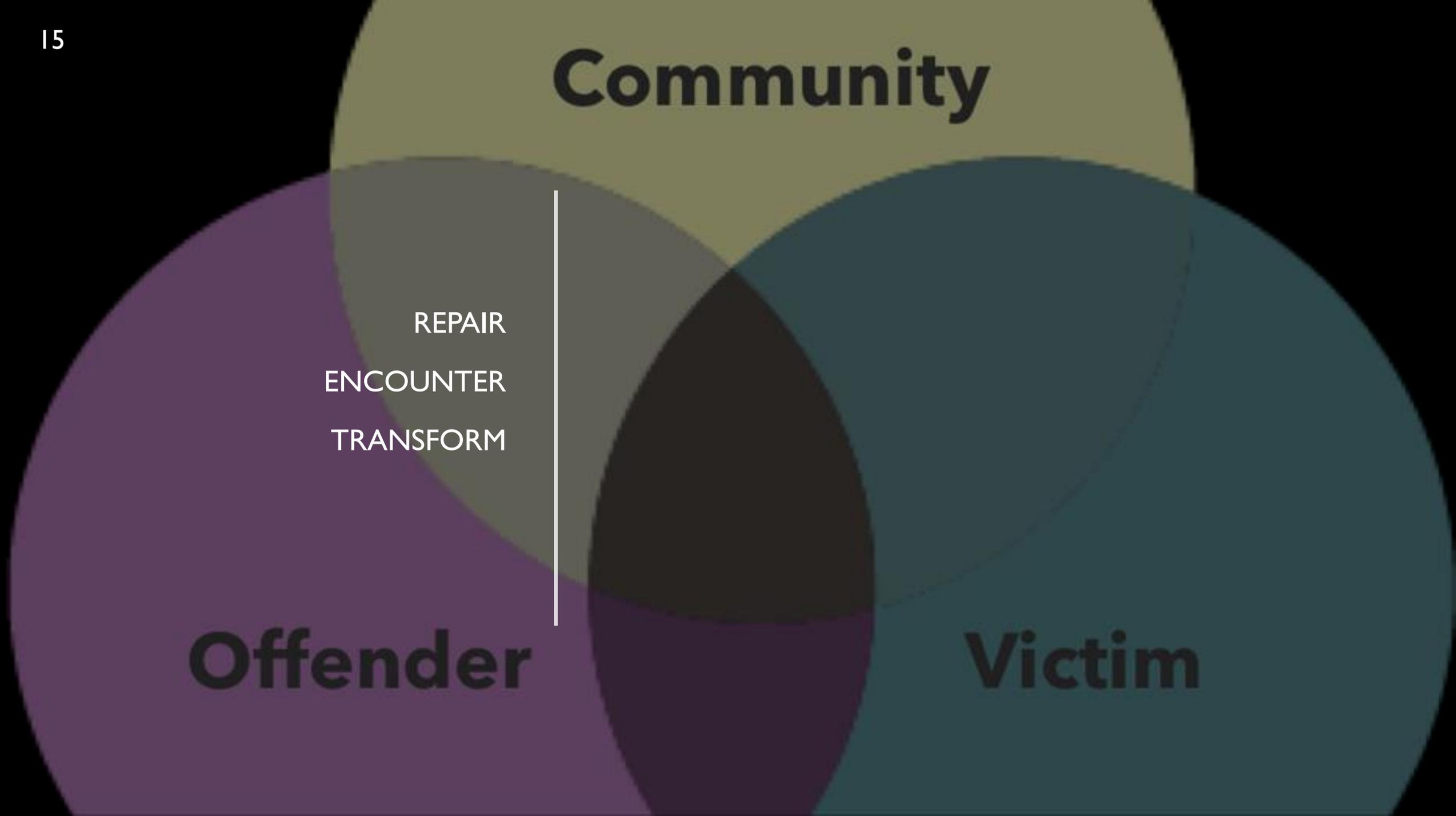


Community

REPAIR
ENCOUNTER
TRANSFORM

Offender

Victim





• TRANSFORMATION

“...with transformation identified as its most aggressive goal” Van Ness 2015.

COMMUNITY AND VICTIM HEALING - MISSING PIECES

Restorative Justice is based on the interconnectedness of humanity...it seeks to balance the needs of victim, offender and community by repairing the harm caused while holding the offender accountable.

(Bazemore, 1997; Umbreit, 1998; Zehr, 1990; Zehr, 2015)

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**JUSTICE IS NOT SINGULAR
BUT IS ENVELOPED IN A
SOCIAL CONTEXT**

MARUNA, 2016

**IT SHOULD BE BIGGER AND
BETTER THAN ONE HARM
DESERVES ANOTHER**

TERMINOLOGY IS EVOLVING AND
DIFFERS ACROSS, AND EVEN WITHIN
JURISDICTIONAL, BOUNDARIES.

RELATES BOTH TO THE
NOMENCLATURE INVOLVING THE
CATEGORIZATIONS OF RJ PRACTICES
AND

CRIMINOLOGY LABELS, SUCH AS
VICTIM AND OFFENDER, THAT “MAY BE
OVERSIMPLIFIED, STEREOTYPICAL AND
POTENTIALLY INJURIOUS IN
PERPETRATING THE LABELED
BEHAVIORS”

(PETRILLA, ET AL. 2020; ZEHR, 2015)

TYPES OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

MEDIATION; CONFERENCING; CIRCLES; PANELS

MEDIATION

VICTIM OFFENDER MEDIATION

AKA VICTIM OFFENDER DIALOGUE, VICTIM OFFENDER
CONFERENCING, VICTIM OFFENDER RECONCILIATION,
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE DIALOGUE...SHIFTING TO DIALOGUE AND
CONFERENCING TERMINOLOGY

FOUR STEPS

CASE REFERRAL AND INTAKE
PREPARATION
MEDIATION SESSION
FOLLOW UP

MOST HIGHLY
RESEARCHED OF ALL RJ
PRACTICES

SATISFACTION
FAIRNESS
RESTITUTION &
COMPLIANCE
RECIDIVISM
DIVERSION

CONFERRNCING

FAMILY GROUP CONFERRNCING

COMMUNITY CONFERRNCING



CIRCLES

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PANELS

Education



She once stood before a judge as a juvenile delinquent. Now, she's practicing law.

Carmen Day, a South Jersey woman who got a second chance as a juvenile delinquent, fulfilled her dream to become a lawyer and wants to inspire others.



Carmen Day poses for a portrait with her diploma from Rutgers Camden Law in front of the law offices of Brown & Connery in Collingswood. Day is a former juvenile delinquent who turned her life ... Read more
HEATHER KHALIFA / Staff Photographer

by Melanie Burney



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Rutgers Law School

carmenday.esq That moment you look in the mirror and finally see the woman you were destined to be. Introducing Carmen Y. Day, J.D. 🙌💜
#JurisDoctor #purplehood #lawgraduate #dreamsdocometrue #takeachanceonlaw #2020vision

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OTHER RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

A group of five diverse children, including two girls and three boys, are smiling and looking up at the camera. They are arranged in a circle, with their heads tilted upwards. The background is bright and slightly blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting. The children are wearing various clothing, including a green and white striped shirt, a blue shirt with a colorful beaded necklace, a grey shirt, a blue and white striped shirt, and a red and white striped shirt.

SCHOOL-BASED RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

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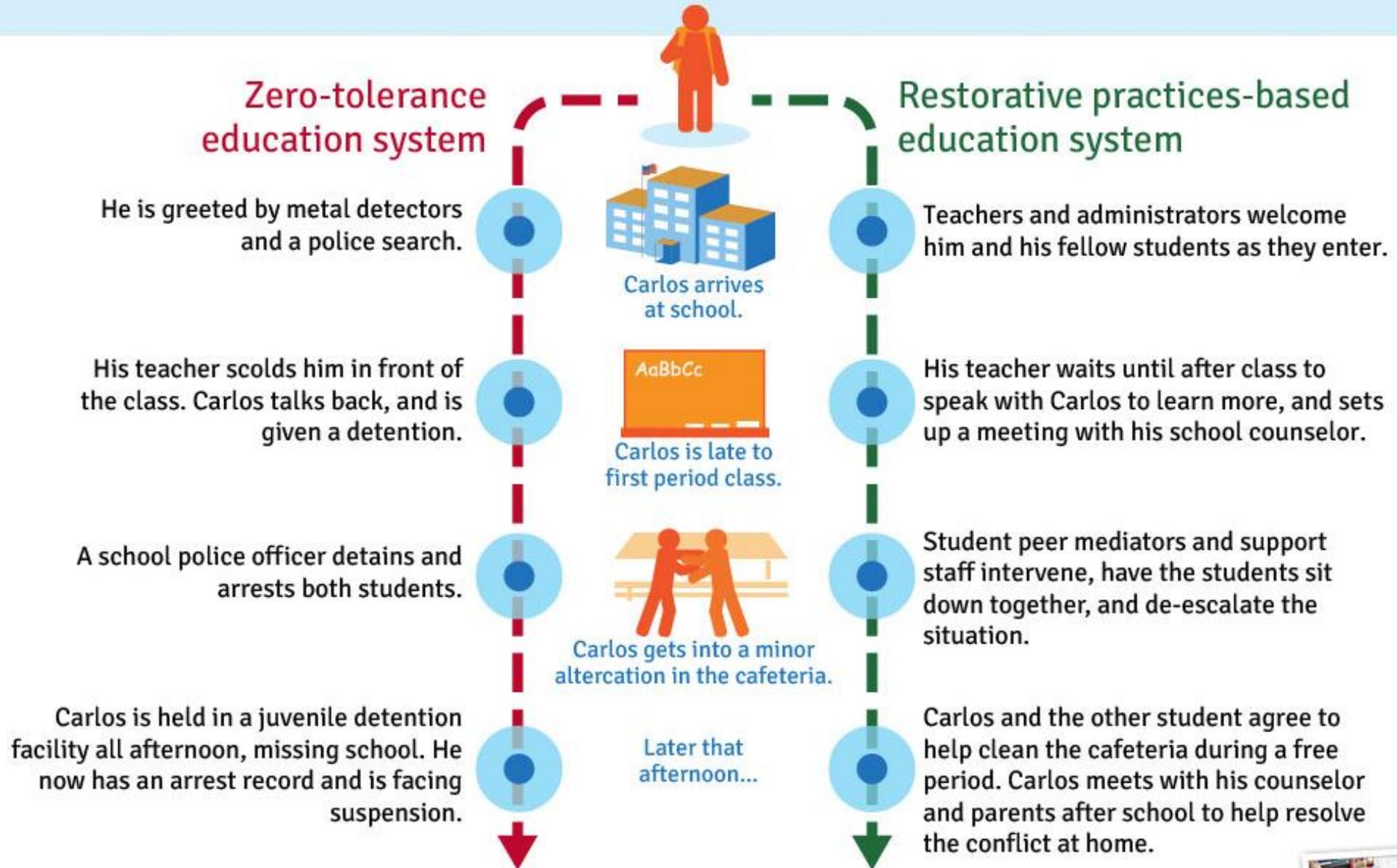
A Look at New Jersey's Juvenile Justice Stats



<https://www.nj.gov/oag/jjc/stats/2021-0416-Juvenile-Demographics-and-Stats.pdf>

Carlos had a heated argument with his parents before leaving for school, so he's running late.
Let's see the difference that restorative policies and practices can make.

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Benefits of Restorative Justice

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- Build healthy relationships between educators and students
- Reduce, prevent, and improve harmful behavior
- Repair harm and restore positive relationships
- Resolve conflict, hold individuals and groups accountable
- Address and discuss the needs of the school community
- Better outcomes for students
- Addressing root causes
- Develop real-life problem-solving skills
- Help youth develop into productive members of society



32 NGO ROLES: INSPIRE NOVEL RJ INITIATIVES

CHAMPIONS
INCLUDING POLICY
ADVOCACY

EDUCATORS

SUPPORTERS OF
MEANINGFUL
ENGAGEMENT:
MENTORS/SUPPORT

WRAPAROUND
PROVIDERS

CREATORS AND
MONITORS OF
RESTITUTION
OPPORTUNITIES

TRIGGERS FOR
INNOVATION

RE-ENTRY CIRCLES: RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
OAKLAND YOUTH (RJOY) AND HAWAI'I
FRIENDS OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE



YAP INTEGRATES RESTORATIVE
PRACTICES IN ITS GANG
INTERVENTIONS.

PREEMPTIVE & INTERRUPT CONFLICTS



US is a patchwork of different statutory themes.

Pavelka, S. (2016). Restorative justice in the states: An analysis of statutory legislation and policy. *Justice Policy Journal*, 2(13), 1-23.

Balanced; Restorative; Balanced and Restorative



THE NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE STATEMENT (P.L. 2002 TITLE 2A:4A-21) SPECIFICALLY DECLARES THE JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION “TO INCORPORATE INTO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM THE PRINCIPLES OF BALANCED AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE. THE CONCEPT OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE HOLDS THAT AN OFFENDER INCURS AN OBLIGATION TO RESTORE THE VICTIM OF THE OFFENSE AND, BY EXTENSION, THE COMMUNITY TO THE STATE OF WELLBEING THAT EXISTED PRIOR TO THE OFFENSE. THE PRINCIPLE OF BALANCE IN CONNECTION WITH RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SUGGESTS THAT THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM SHOULD GIVE EQUAL WEIGHT TO ENSURING COMMUNITY SAFETY, HOLDING OFFENDERS ACCOUNTABLE TO VICTIMS, FOSTERING RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE OFFENDER, VICTIM AND COMMUNITY, AND PROVIDING COMPETENCY DEVELOPMENT FOR OFFENDERS IN THE SYSTEM SO THEY CAN PURSUE LEGITIMATE ENDEAVORS AFTER RELEASE.”

(PAVELKA, 2016)

“THE NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE USES CUTTING-EDGE RACIAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY TO EMPOWER PEOPLE OF COLOR BY BUILDING REPARATIVE SYSTEMS THAT CREATE WEALTH, TRANSFORM JUSTICE AND HARNESS DEMOCRATIC POWER—FROM THE GROUND UP—IN NEW JERSEY”

[HTTPS://WWW.NJISJ.ORG/](https://www.njisj.org/)

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2020

Creates two-year “Restorative and Transformative Justice for Youths and Communities Pilot Program” in Juvenile Justice Commission focused on reducing youth involvement with youth justice system; appropriates \$8.4 million in FY 2021 and FY 2022.





Street Soccer & Mediation





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THANK YOU!