

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE **PEACE**

"An inclusive process passed down by our ancestors motivated primarily by a need to address harm."

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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE is a non-punitive approach that emphasizes genuine accountability and resolution of a wrongdoing through dialogue with all impacted parties including the persons harmed.

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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE DIVERSION

- Centered around the person harmed (victim)
- Designed to end racial and ethnic disparities within the juvenile justice system
- Community held and community led
- Focused on pre-charge diversion
- Structured to prevent net-widening
- Dedicated to strengthening a restorative approach to healing harm
- Rooted in community relationships

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EXIT POINTS FROM THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

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WRONGDOING WITHOUT LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTACT

1

PROSECUTOR DECIDES NOT TO FILE

4

PROBATION DIVERSION

6

COURT DISMISSES

7

FORMAL PROBATION

9

PRE-CHARGE

POST-CHARGE

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WRONGDOING

ARREST REFFERAL

FORMAL FILING BY D.A. PETITION TO COURT

ADJUDICATION

CUSTODY

PRE-CHARGE

POST-CHARGE

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2

LAW ENFORCEMENT WARNING

3

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVERSION

5

PROSECUTOR DIVERTS TO D.A. DIVERSION

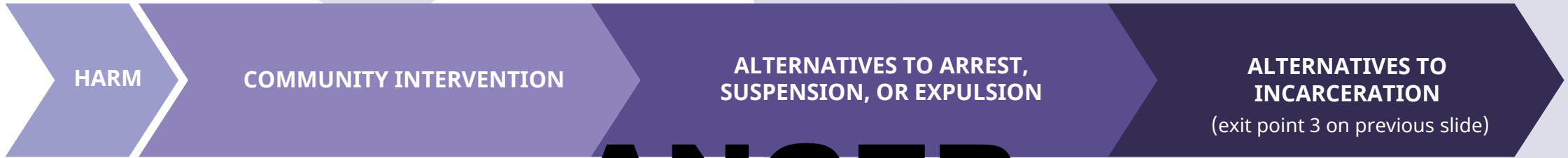
COURT REFFERS TO INFORMAL PROBATION

A NEW PATH TO ADDRESSING HARM

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PRE-ARREST

PRE-CHARGE



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1 REFERRAL TO YOUTH SERVICES

1 TRADITIONAL PROCESSES

1 TRADITIONAL DIVERSION

PERSON OR COMMUNITY HARMED

2 COMMUNITY-BASED CONFLICT RESOLUTION OR MEDIATION

2 COMMUNITY/SCHOOL-BASED RESTORATIVE DIVERSION (RJD)

2 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE DIVERSION (RJD)

3 COMMUNITY TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

3 ARREST/EXPULSION

3 REFERRAL TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR PROBATION

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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE DIVERSION IN SAN DIEGO

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CRIME
COMMITTED

Community
Referral

YOUTH
ARRESTED

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YOUTH AND PERSON HARMED
CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

REFERRAL RECEIVED

RESTORATIVE
CONFERENCE

PLAN COMPLETED

NO
CHARGES
FILED
DISRUPTED CYCLE
OF INCARCERATION

TRADITIONAL SYSTEM

REFERRAL TO
PROBATION OR
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

COURT AND YOUTH
SENTENCED

PROBATION OR
YOUTH DETENTION
CENTER

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ONGOING CYCLE OF
INCARCERATION



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FOUR STAGES IN PRE-CHARGE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE DIVERSION

1) TRUST (1-2 Meetings)

- Referral
- Consent
- Next Steps

2) RELATIONSHIPS (3-5 Meetings)

- Mentorship
- Services
- Strength-Based Activities
- Preparation

3) COMMUNITY (1 Meeting)

- Restorative Conference w/ Person or Community Harmed
- Action Plan Creation

4) RESILIENCE (1 Meeting)

- Action Plan Completed
- Evaluations
- Celebration

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STAGE 3



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COMMUNITY

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA



Responsible Youth

- Age 17.5 y/o and younger

Person Harmed

- Individual directly impacted by the incident or the community at large

Incident

- Incident took place at the zip-codes agreed upon.

Eligible Wrongdoings

- Theft
- Burglary
- Vandalism
- Criminal Threat
- Hate Crime
- Weapon Offenses
- Battery
- Assault
- Grand Theft
- Arson



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100% Agreement Rate (Phase 3)

98% Program Completion Rate (Phase 4)

99% of family members who participated in a case said the process was fair and meaningful.

A youth's chances of committing another crime are less than **8%** after one year since program completion.

92% of people harmed (victims) said Restorative Justice Diversion reduced their fear or concerns.

It costs taxpayers an average of **\$9k** when a youth is diverted to Restorative Justice Diversion compared to **\$100k-\$400k** when a youth is referred for prosecution and onward.

98% of people harmed said Restorative Justice Diversion gave them a SENSE OF JUSTICE.

Restorative Justice
Diversion San Diego Pilot
RESULTS
(June 2021)

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San Diego
District Attorney's Office
Juvenile Diversion Initiative Pilot
RESULTS

(March 2023)

This program is not a Restorative Justice Diversion program, but it does use restorative practices to facilitate cases.

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79% Program Completion Rate

A youth's chances of committing another crime is **11%** after 6 months from program completion.

The San Diego Risk and Resiliency assessment indicated that **75%** of youth were **low-level** to recidivated.

The top assessment needs for youth participants were **social connection** and **antisocial behavior**.

Of successful cases, **35%** of people harmed (victims) participated.

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100% of people harmed said telling their story was important.

89% of people harmed felt more connected with their community.