

ANNOTATION

Re-analyzed data from the Bethlehem, Pennsylvania Restorative Policing Experiment (McCold and Wachtel, 1998). Examined both differences between conference and court groups, and within conference and court groups.

FAIRNESS conferenced youth were more likely to experience fairness in the justice system than court-referred youth (97% vs. 87%). But this difference was unrelated to rate of re-offending.

SATISFACTION: There was no significant difference in satisfaction rates between conferenced youths and court-referred youths. Youths in both groups felt it was important to be able to tell the victim what happened (89% court, 94% conference), to compensate the victim (85% court, 89% conference), to work out an acceptable agreement with the victim (94% court; 99% conference), and to apologize to the victim (90% court; 97% conference).

REOFFENDING Violent offenders referred to conference were less likely to re-offend compared to violent offenders referred to court; no difference for property offenders. Females attending conferences were less likely to re-offend than male offenders attending conferences; no differences for males/females in court.

GROUP CONFERENCING
JUVENILE
MIXED CRIME TYPES
FAIRNESS, SATISFACTION, RECIDIVISM
OFFENDER DATA
SECONDARY ANALYSIS
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