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ANNOTATION:

A total of 22 cases were referred to a school-based conferencing program; of these, two were evaluated as inappropriate for conferencing, and the remaining 20 cases [some involving more than one offender] met in conference.

DIVERSION: In terms of diversion, 70% of the cases were referred in place of suspension, and 35% in place of criminal charges.

RESTITUTION: Agreements were negotiated in all 20 conferences, and included the following: commitment to change behavior (23 offenders), apologies (11), restitution to victims (6), community service (4) and other (9). Agreement completion was 95%.

Seventy two participants responded to the feedback survey (12 victims, 11 offenders and 49 community members). Results are not broken down by participant role. Agreement rates were as follows:

Fairness:
Facilitators were effective and fair: 97%
Process resulted in a fair and just outcome 100%

Satisfaction and perceived outcome:
Feel satisfied with the outcome of this process 96%
Process helps to create a safer school environment 92%
Process helps to hold offenders accountable 96%

Perceived effectiveness
More effective than traditional discipline methods: 85% agree
Offender has a greater commitment of school as a result of attending the conference 82% agree

GROUP CONFERENCING
JUVENILE
MIXED CRIME TYPE
DIVERSION, SATISFACTION, FAIRNESS, RESTITUTION
VICTIM, OFFENDER, COMMUNITY
SURVEY. RECORD DATA
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