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ANNOTATION:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Data are reported on the Woodbury (Minnesota) Police Department Restorative Justice Community Conferencing Program for juvenile offenders. Police refer to conferencing program based on seriousness of crime, past involvement with JJS, and offender's attitude. A trained officer invites offender and victim to participate and each receives information about the process. Offenders must admit to the crime. Both victims and offenders may bring support people. The process is fairly scripted and takes between one and two hours.

DESIGN: A self-administered seven item questionnaire was distributed at the close of the conference. Data reported here is a random sample of those returned reflecting 27 offenders, 20 parents of offenders, and 11 victims.

SATISFACTION: Offenders, parents and victims expressed high levels of satisfaction with results and the process. On a ten point scale, the mean level of satisfaction was 7.96 or higher. 82% of the victims indicated they preferred the conference to a court appearance and would choose the conference again. Well over 90% of the offenders and their parents responded likewise.

FAIRNESS: On a ten point scale, the mean level of feeling fairly treated personally and that everyone was treated fairly was 8.96 or higher, for both victims and offenders.