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ANNOTATION:

DESIGN: This report describes a study of conferencing in Honolulu that follows the RealJustice scripted process. The sample included 102 first-time juvenile offenders who participated in 85 conferences.

PARTICIPATION RATES: 160 juveniles were selected; 58 (36%) did not reach conference for a variety of reasons (25 denied responsibility, 17 had no phone or did not return calls and the balance did not come to conference for other reasons).

SATISFACTION:
Victims 87%
Offenders 88%
Victim supporters 83%
Offender supporters 87%

RESTITUTION: All 85 conferences resulted in agreements. 73% were symbolic (n=38) or combination of service and symbolic (n=23), 17% service, and 7% monetary restitution. Compliance with agreements was 90%.

RECIDIVISM was defined to be the re-arrest rates six months after the conference. The overall re-arrest rate for conferenced youths was no different than for all youths in Honolulu. However, juveniles who were arrested for nonviolent offenses did not escalate to arrests for violent crimes, while similar juveniles who participated in traditional programs had a significantly higher arrest rate for subsequent violent crimes.

GROUP CONFERENCING
JUVENILE
MIXED CRIME TYPE
SATISFACTION, RESTITUTION, RECIDIVISM
OFFENDER DATA, VICTIM DATA
SURVEY, RECORD DATA, COMPARISON GROUP
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