
ANNOTATION:

One hundred and fifty youth referred to the Restorative Justice Program between July, 1996 and November, 1998 were followed for one year after their referral to VOM and compared with their rate of offense activity for the year preceding the referral. Offense was defined as "the number of misdemeanors and felonies for which a juvenile has been referred." Excluded from this sample were juveniles who were over the age of sixteen at the time of referral, juveniles with incomplete or missing records, and juveniles from outside the county.

All juveniles referred to RJP -- 64.6% fewer referrals than in preceding year
Juveniles referred but refused to participate -- 32.3% fewer referrals
Juveniles who met without their victim -- 65.3% fewer referrals
Juveniles who did not complete any part of agreement -- 54% fewer referrals
Juveniles who met with their victims -- 80.8% fewer than year prior (significant when compared to juveniles who met without their victim)
Juveniles who fully completed agreements -- 76.4% fewer referrals (significant when compared to juveniles who did not complete any part of their agreements)

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