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ANNOTATION:

This study addresses the incorporation of victims and community members in the juvenile justice system through restorative justice programming. It addresses the increasing popularity of programs that include victims and community members

DESIGN: Perusal of official juvenile court data from an urban, metropolitan area.

FINDINGS: This study found that juveniles who participated in a restorative justice program were less likely to recidivate than juveniles in a comparison group. Also, gender and prior offenses indirectly influence recidivism in important ways. Girls and offenders with minimal criminal history records exhibit the most success from participating in such programs. Findings demonstrate the importance of examining additive and interactive effects in restorative justice research.