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Using Resolutions Northwest's Victim Offender Mediation Program and Multnomah County records the author was able to construct a sample of 251 juveniles under the age of 18 who successfully completed VOM between 1996 and 1997. A comparison group was created by using a secondary data source from the Tri-County Juvenile Information System database. Cases from this pool were included if individuals committed original offenses which were on the list of RNW youth initial offenses. A total of 4,442 cases met these criteria. However, there is an important difference in the distribution of offenses between the two groups. The RNW group has a higher proportion of felonies (83.7%) than does the comparison group (31.5%).

Both groups were followed for a year following mediation or referral to the justice system. Status offenses and traffic violations were excluded from the analysis. It is not clear whether re-arrest, or reappearance in court or some other definition is used to define re-offense.

79.7% of youth successfully completing mediation did not re-offend within one year as compared to 58.4% of comparison group not reoffending within one year following intervention.

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