

**RESTORATIVE
JUSTICE**
participants are
1/2 *as likely to*
**COMMIT FUTURE
crimes**

EVERY CASE
resolved outside the
COURT SYSTEM
SAVES
\$48,000
in tax dollars

VOA  **RJ**
Restorative Justice

Restorative Justice is an innovative solution for young people who make mistakes that have the potential to have a lasting negative impact on their lives.

Traditionally, the criminal justice system asks what laws have been broken and what punishment is deserved by the offender. Restorative Justice asks what harm has been done, who is responsible for repairing that harm, and how can that harm be repaired? Together, we focus on making amends and building brighter futures.

— SERVING VICTIMS

The Restorative Justice process allows victims of crime to participate more fully in the resolution of the offense – with a focus on seeking solutions and making amends.

— INVESTING IN YOUTH

Restorative Justice supports positive behavioral changes and re-integration into the community.

— COST SAVINGS

The cost for every youth who enters the Restorative Justice process is one-third the cost for a youth in the traditional criminal justice system.

— SAFER COMMUNITIES

Restorative Justice cuts the recidivism rate by more than half for every youth who participates. Restorative Justice has a proven record in Jefferson County that demonstrates that young people served are far less likely to commit a future offense.

— GET INVOLVED

Volunteer to be a Restorative Justice facilitator or a community representative. This volunteer opportunity engages participants to speak about how crime impacts your community.

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