

Restorative Justice is an innovative, outcome-based and cost-effective alternative to our juvenile justice system.

It is a comprehensive alternative that brings together the offender, victim and community to make things right.



Restorative Justice has worked effectively since 2011 in Jefferson County, with the strong support of judges, prosecutors, victims of crime and community leaders.

We resolve more than 200 cases every year.



Our restorative approach finds alternatives to the current criminal justice system. The process is voluntary and inclusive of the needs of all parties.

### ***Four-Step process***

- **Offender Conference Meeting**
- **Victim Conference Meeting**
- **Final Conference**
- **Ongoing Case Management**

Restorative Justice cuts recidivism by more than half.  
Spalding University Study shows the recidivism rate:

**23 percent**

**For Restorative Justice  
Participants**

**56 percent**

**For Traditional  
Juvenile Justice System**



# Restorative Justice is one-third the cost.

Cost for individuals served by Restorative Justice:  
\$1,014 per case

Cost for individuals in the traditional juvenile justice  
system: \$3,166 per case

A modest investment can change the lives of youth in Kentucky.

**Number of Participants  
Annually**

**Year 1 - 300**

**Year 2 - 500**

**Annual Cost**

**\$335,382**

**\$438,908**

Involvement in the juvenile justice system is a critical turning point for Kentucky youth – and for management of our criminal justice system and incarceration costs.

Will youth enter the revolving door of the prison system and become a lifelong budget and community burden, or will they find an alternative path and become productive neighbors and tax paying citizens?

