



Creating safer communities through restorative practices



Restorative Justice

Restorative Justice (RJ) provides a holistic and comprehensive approach to the traditional criminal justice system by bringing together the offender, victim, and community to make things right.



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The traditional systems ask what laws or rules 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?



Our Model In Criminal Justice Settings

Through facilitated conferences, parties collectively identify the harm, the impact of that harm, and determine a solution-based resolution.

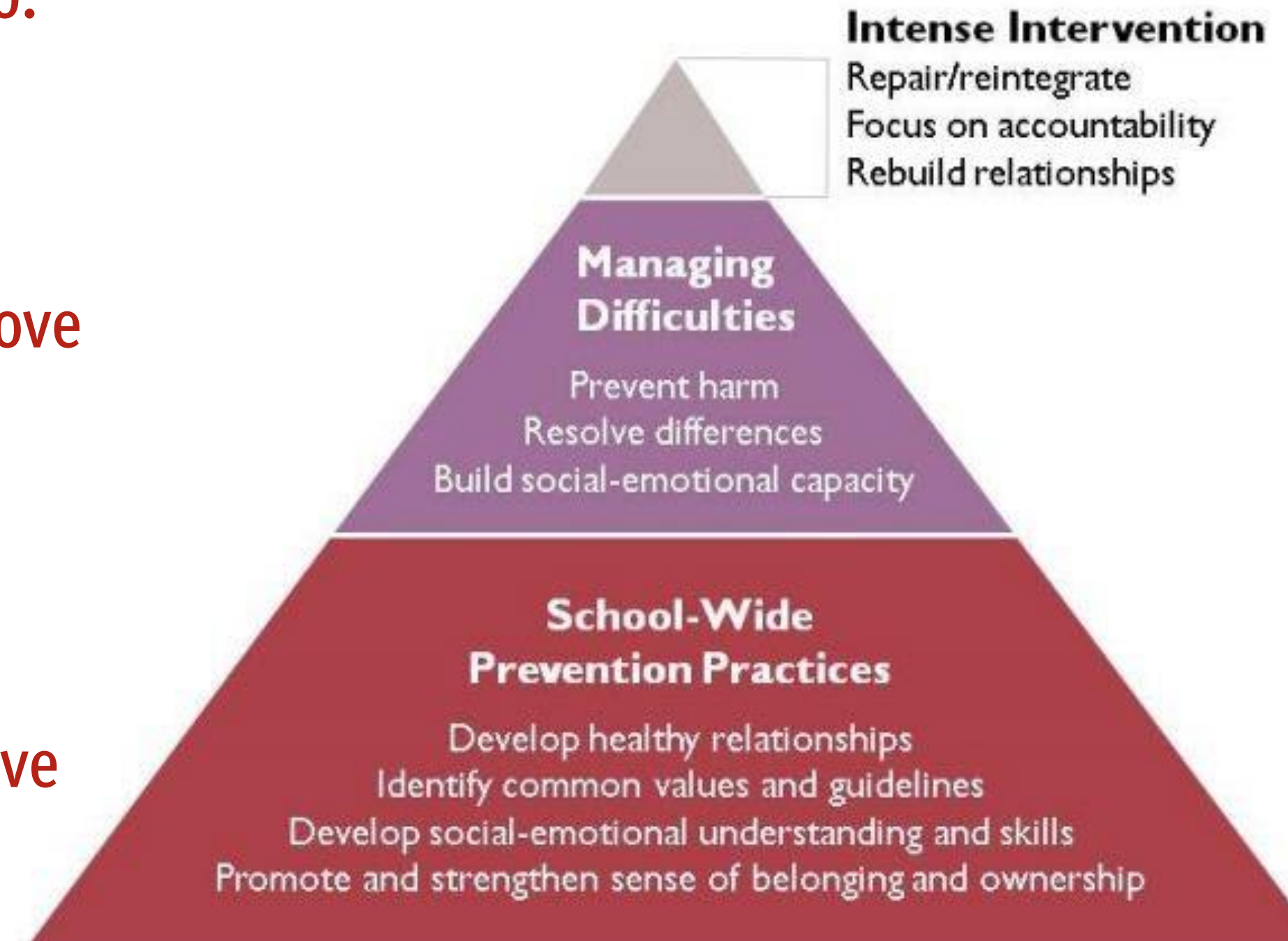
The restorative justice approach ensures that restitution, whether monetary or symbolic, and compassion are integral parts of the judicial process.



Our Model in School Settings

Restorative practices in schools are designed to:

- promote a sense of belonging and strong relationships;
- identify conflict as an opportunity to improve and strengthen relationships; and
- develop accountability, cooperation, and problem-solving skills using restorative language, restorative circles, and restorative conferences.



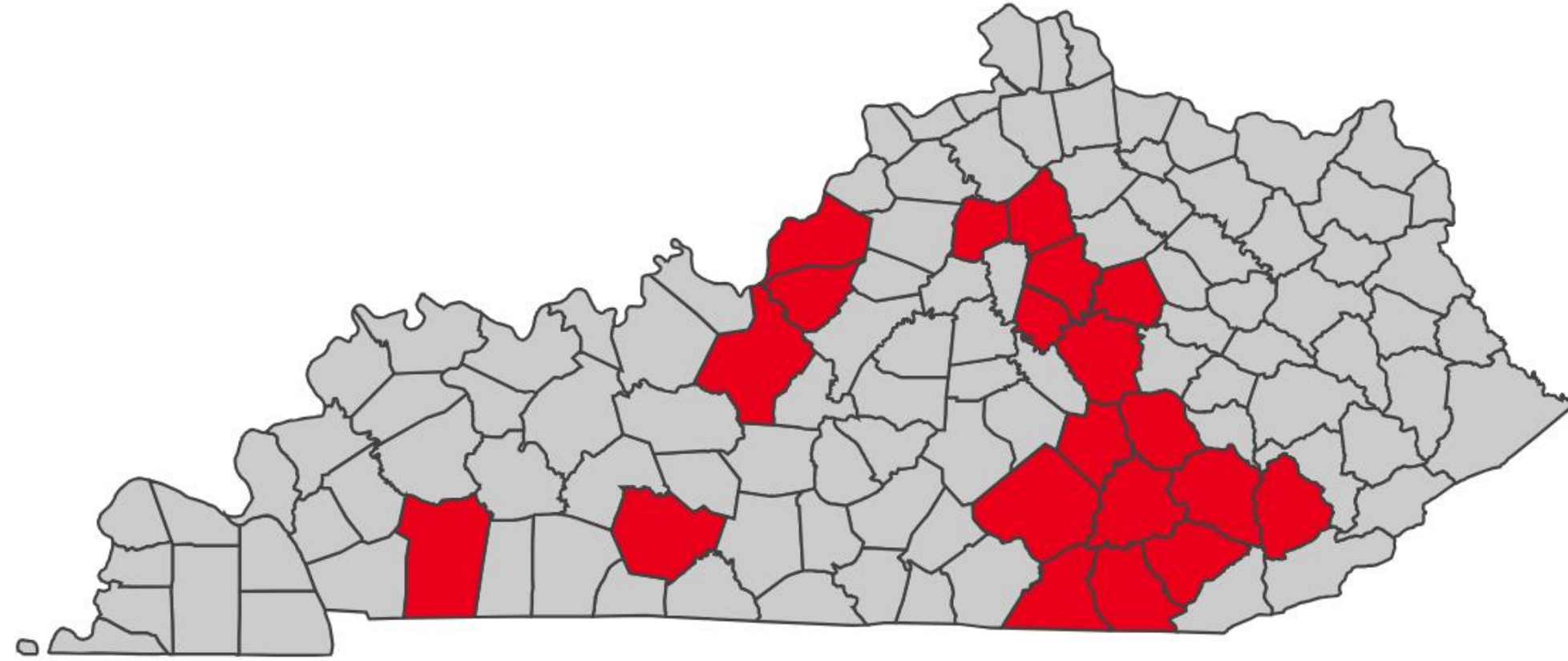
FY23 Referrals

- 61% Justice system youth referrals
- 5% DJJ Referrals
- 20% Direct school referrals
- 14% Justice system young adult referrals

FY24 Referrals

- 74% Juvenile Justice System Referrals
- 3% DJJ Referrals
- 19% Direct School Referrals
- 4% Justice System Adult Referrals

Our Service Areas



RJ services are in the following counties: Jefferson, Hardin, Bullitt, Fayette, Scott, Madison, Clark, Jessamine, Franklin, Rockcastle, Jackson, Pulaski, Laurel, Clay, Leslie, McCreary, Whitley, Knox, Warren, and Christian.

Our Impact

Youth who completed the restorative justice process and made direct amends



94%

Louisville



88%

Southeast KY

Our Impact

308

Families received Case Management services

419

Participated in community events with VOA Restorative Justice

Recent Updates

- Expansion of project with Jefferson County Public Schools
- Expansion of contract with KY Department of Juvenile Justice

Alternative to Detention program (ATD)

- Youth in the ATD continuum remaining in the home of their parent(s) or guardian(s) either on home supervision or an electronic monitor.
- Youth who are stepping down from other ATD or secure detention placements.
- Probated youth with pending probation revocation processes.

DJJ Contract Updates

- Jefferson County serving probated or committed in community placement
- We now have a two-year \$3 million contract
- Working with Department for Juvenile Justice to expand ATD services in more counties

QUESTIONS?



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