

15A.064 Local juvenile restorative justice advisory committees -- Membership -- Duties -- Reports.

- (1) The Department of Juvenile Justice shall establish in each county, or assign to an existing body the responsibilities of, a local juvenile restorative justice advisory committee. For counties within the same judicial district, the requirements of this subsection may be satisfied through a joint committee.
- (2) The membership of each committee shall include the following:
 - (a) The Chief District Judge;
 - (b) The county attorney;
 - (c) An assistant public advocate;
 - (d) A representative from the Department for Community Based Services;
 - (e) A representative from the Department of Juvenile Justice;
 - (f) A representative from a local law enforcement agency;
 - (g) A representative from each local school district;
 - (h) Community members reflecting the racial, socioeconomic, and other diversity of the county or, in the case of a joint committee, the counties; and
 - (i) A representative from a victims advocacy group.
- (3) Each committee shall:
 - (a) Establish sustainable programs that employ restorative practices to identify the underlying causes of negative behavior and empower children, families, and communities to address and prevent issues surrounding incidents of negative behavior; and
 - (b) Develop and implement local restorative justice programs with an established organization to serve children, youth, and families through referrals from the court, the court-designated worker, the Department of Juvenile Justice, public schools, or other social service agencies, or upon request of a child or family.
- (4) Restorative justice programs established pursuant to this section shall not allow participation by a child accused or adjudicated of an offense which would classify him or her as a violent offender under KRS 439.3401.
- (5) Each committee shall meet at least quarterly, and shall report to the Department of Juvenile Justice, Office of Community and Mental Health Services.

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