

# Restorative Justice Program Report

## Fiscal Year Report (July 2006 – June 2007)

During this fiscal year the Restorative Justice Program served 144 juvenile cases. Currently, 23 cases are open and 121 are closed. Below you will find statistics on these cases.

### REFERRAL STATISTICS

| Gender of Offender | Frequency | Percent |
|--------------------|-----------|---------|
| Male               | 110       | 76.4    |
| Female             | 34        | 23.6    |
| Total              | 144       | 100.0   |

| Race/Ethnicity of Offender | Frequency | Percent |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------|
| White                      | 115       | 82.7    |
| Hispanic/Latino            | 14        | 10.1    |
| African American           | 3         | 2.2     |
| American Indian            | 1         | .7      |
| Other                      | 6         | 4.3     |
| Missing                    | 5         | n/a     |
| Total                      | 144       | 100.0   |

| Age of Offender | Years |
|-----------------|-------|
| Minimum         | 6     |
| Maximum         | 18    |
| Mean            | 14.55 |

| Type of Offense (Top 10) | Frequency | Percent |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Disorderly Conduct       | 38        | 26.4    |
| Theft                    | 29        | 20.1    |
| Damage to Property       | 17        | 11.8    |
| Traffic Violations       | 12        | 8.3     |
| Shoplifting              | 9         | 6.3     |
| Assault                  | 7         | 4.9     |
| Harassment               | 7         | 4.9     |
| Vehicle Tampering        | 3         | 2.1     |
| Trespassing              | 2         | 1.4     |
| Burglary                 | 2         | 1.4     |
| Other                    | 18        | 12.4    |
| Total                    | 144       | 100.0   |

| Level of Offense  | Frequency | Percent |
|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| Petty Misdemeanor | 1         | .6      |
| Misdemeanor       | 127       | 88.2    |
| Gross Misdemeanor | 8         | 5.6     |
| Felony            | 8         | 5.6     |
| Total             | 144       | 100.0   |

| Type of Victim | Frequency | Percent |
|----------------|-----------|---------|
| Individual     | 93        | 64.6    |
| Self/Community | 22        | 15.3    |
| Business       | 18        | 12.5    |
| School         | 7         | 4.9     |
| City           | 3         | 2.1     |
| Church         | 1         | .6      |
| Total          | 144       | 100.0   |

| Location of Incident | Frequency | Percent |
|----------------------|-----------|---------|
| Moorhead             | 114       | 79.1    |
| Dilworth             | 10        | 6.9     |
| Glyndon              | 6         | 4.2     |
| Ulen                 | 6         | 4.2     |
| Fargo                | 5         | 3.5     |
| Hawley               | 3         | 2.1     |
| Total                | 144       | 100.0   |

| Source of Referral      | Frequency | Percent |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Law Enforcement         | 64        | 44.4    |
| County Attorney         | 37        | 25.7    |
| Corrections             | 26        | 18.1    |
| School Resource Officer | 14        | 9.7     |
| School                  | 3         | 2.1     |
| Total                   | 144       | 100.0   |

## **REFERRAL RESULTS**

At the end of the fiscal year,

- 16 cases are currently pending services.
- 29 cases were sent back to the referring source:
  - 9 because the offender was not appropriate for the program (did not admit to the offense or was not willing to repair the harm cause to the victim and community);
  - 13 because the victim was not willing to participate; and
  - 7 because the offender made no attempt to contact the program.
- 99 cases resulted in a restorative group process in which the juvenile met face-to-face with the affected victims and/or community members and came to a formal agreement on how to repair the harm caused to the victim and community.
- 99% of cases resulted in a formal agreement during the restorative group process.
- 98% of agreements have been completed or are in the process of completion.
- 2% of agreements were only partially completed. All agreements were at least partially completed.

## **AGREEMENT CONDITIONS**

Listed below are the restorative justice agreement conditions that were fulfilled this fiscal year:

- Verbal Apologies – 33
- Letters of Apology – 27
- Volunteer Service – 230 hours
- Financial Payments – \$3,508.99
- Essays / Reports – 7
  - Marijuana as a Gateway Drug
  - Impact of Incident on Self and Others
  - Impact of Traffic Violations on Insurance Rates
- Presentations – 5
  - Students Against Destructive Decision (SADD)
  - How Derogatory Actions Affect People
- Educational Opportunities
  - Cars and Kids Class
  - Defensive Driving Course
  - Operation Lifesaver Presentation (BNSF Railway)
  - View Several Episodes of TV Show “Intervention”
- Other Conditions:
  - Tour of Dispatch Center
  - Tour of Juvenile Detention Center
  - Driving Practice With Parents
  - Complete Landscape Project with Parent
  - Follow Recommendation for Counseling
  - Attend Key Club Meeting
  - List of 10 things to Prevent Fights

**PARTICIPANT EVALUATIONS**

| <b>Role of Participant</b> | Frequency | Percent |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Victim                     | 31        | 10.1    |
| Offender                   | 88        | 28.6    |
| Support to Victim          | 15        | 4.9     |
| Support to Offender        | 86        | 27.9    |
| Agency Representative      | 30        | 9.7     |
| Community Volunteer        | 57        | 18.5    |
| Other Support              | 1         | .3      |
| Missing                    | 8         | n/a     |
| Total                      | 316       | 100.0   |

| <b>Type of RJ Service</b> | Frequency | Percent |
|---------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Conference                | 178       | 59.0    |
| Panel                     | 138       | 41.0    |
| Total                     | 316       | 100.0   |

Listed below are the results of evaluations completed by participants in a restorative process (Valid Surveys – 252; Missing – 64):

- 99% were satisfied with the restorative justice process.
- 97% believed the agreement was fair and reasonable.
- 98% were satisfied with the facilitator.
- 95% would recommend the process to someone in a similar situation.

**TOTAL CLIENTS SERVED**

A total of 521 clients were served this Fiscal Year:

- 144 juveniles
- 377 other participants
  - Offender Support – 161
  - Victim – 86
  - Victim Support – 23
  - Community Volunteer – 54
  - Agency Representative – 49
  - Other Support – 4

**HISTORY OF JUVENILE REFERRALS**

FY 2004-2005: Average of 15.25 new referrals per quarter

FY 2005-2006: Average of 26.25 new referrals per quarter

FY 2006-2007: Average of 32.75 new referrals per quarter

**VOLUNTEER HOURS CONTRUBUTED**

278 hrs this Fiscal Year