



Community Youth Investment Program

Background

Some youth offenders, particularly of violent crimes, require state incarceration. However, many offenders can be served effectively outside of state institutions. Traditionally, most states' choice to incarcerate repeat juvenile offenders makes incarceration a bigger priority over investing in early intervention and other human service programs.

What we do

In 1998, Deschutes County established the Community Youth Investment Program (CYIP) in a bold attempt to tackle the runaway costs of juvenile incarceration and encourage investment in early intervention and prevention programs. This model places responsibility on the community and county workers to supervise and hold accountable certain offenders who would in the past have gone straight to state insitutions.

Results to Date

March 31, 2001

Demographics

68 youth offenders involved. **7%** female/**93%** male.
94% Caucasian/**6%** Native American, African American and Hispanic.
Average age **15 ½**.
All with prior adjudicated misdemeanor and felony crimes.
17 youth currently in CYIP. **9** in secure custody/ **8** in aftercare.
Currently utilizing **7** OYA discretionary beds (At Cap).
Average OYA daily population (July1999–March 2001): **6.5**

44 youth (**82%**) successfully completed the program.
9 youth (**13%**) were revoked to OYA for a new referral during their participation in the program.
1 youth (**2%**) remanded to Adult Corrections for a new referral during his participation in the program.

Youth success in program **6** youth (**11%**) were court ordered to complete the program a second time as a result of a new referral after they had successfully completed.

As of October 2000, **31%** of all youth who completed the CYIP returned to residential supervision once or more during their aftercare treatment for new referrals or probation violations.

Education

13 youth received their diplomas or GED's. **28** earned at least 4 high school credits.

Victim accountability

Youth contributed **13,000+** hours of community work service.

Youth paid victims **\$11,000+** in restitution.

80% of victims surveyed by Juvenile Community Justice rated their satisfaction a 4 or 5 on a scale of five (five meaning most positive).

Recidivism

65.8% of CYIP youth had no new criminal referrals within **one** year of program completion. *Compares to 62.4% statewide in 2001 Juvenile Recidivism Report.*

Chronic recidivism

14% of youth committed **48%** of new criminal referrals **6** months after program completion.

19% of youth committed **85%** of new criminal referrals **12** months after program completion.

Keeping the public safe

Average number of criminal referrals per youth 6 months **prior** to their participation in the program: **3.5**

Same number 6 months **after** their completion: **.8**

Average number of criminal referrals per youth 12 months **prior** to their participation in the program: **2.6**

Same number 12 months **after** their completion: **1.25**

Stopping the criminal cycle earlier

Average number of prior adjudicated crimes per youth in 1998: **5.66**

Average number of prior adjudicated crimes per youth in 2000: **3.87**

Percent decrease: **32%**

*As of October 2000.

Youth profiles

"Donald"

Donald, White male, was fifteen years old when referred to the CYIP with the precipitating event of non-compliance with a previous residential placement, and a criminal history of Threatening, Menacing, Harassment, Animal Abuse I adjudications.

Donald successfully completed residential supervision, including 192 hours of community work service and 2.5 credits.

He transitioned into aftercare into his parents' home, enrolled in high school and continued family counseling that had begun during his residential supervision. He successfully completed aftercare with no new referrals during that time.

In the seventh month after program completion, he was referred for possession of marijuana, and completed a Formal Accountability Agreement with the Department of Juvenile Community Justice. He has not had any further referrals.

"Max"

Max, White male, was 16 years old when referred to the CYIP with the precipitating event of an adjudicated attempted Burglary 1. Previous criminal history included UUV, Menacing, Burglary, Theft, Conspiracy to commit Burglary and Theft, Vandalism, Minor in Possession, Reckless Endangerment and Eluding law enforcement.

Max successfully completed a long residential supervision, including 170 hours of community work service and nine credits.

Early into his aftercare period, Matt was referred for a Theft II and a Runaway warrant. His long residential supervision and lack of internal behavior controls led to the court recommendation to place him in OYA custody, where he currently remains at a Youth Accountability Camp, performing well. When he completes that program, he will return to a modified aftercare program, under OYA supervision with assistance from CYIP staff.