

Clinton County Juvenile Court Restorative Justice



The Restorative Justice Model emphasizes three equally important principles:

Accountability

Crime negatively impacts individuals and the community. It is the obligation of the youth offender to make amends to those harmed and to repair the harm in ways that are meaningful to those impacted. Accountability involves the youth taking steps to become a positive citizen. The Juvenile Court and community play an active role in assisting growth by facilitating opportunities for youth to take responsibility for their actions and to seek to make amends.

Community Safety

The public has a right to live in a safe and secure community and be protected during the time a youth is involved in the juvenile justice system. To ensure this right, Juvenile Court provides a range of interventions appropriate to the risk and needs of the youth. These interventions focus on appropriate responses to the present offense, offer a range of supervision levels, and provide sanction options in response to violations as well as incentives for progress. In addition youth are encouraged to develop pro-social attitudes and behaviors so they can become positive and productive citizens.

Competency Development

Youth should leave the juvenile justice system more capable of being positive, contributing members of the community than when they entered. Juvenile Court assists youth in reducing the factors that place them at risk of reoffending and offers youth and their families access to a wide range of educational, skill building, treatment, and intervention resources that are appropriate and responsive to their needs and interests.