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Testimonials

“When I was in the program . . . (CJOOS staff) helped me look for a job. (They) helped me better my future. (Staff) always checked up on me in school. Just having the program with PEI Kids shows that people actually care, and it gives you a new perspective on life. It just helps you out knowing that you have people in your corner.” –
CJOOS graduate

“CJOOS is one of the only successful programs to address gang violence and involve a curriculum to deter recruitment . . . Our juvenile probationers continue to inquire about the program when they successfully complete the program and ask if they can attend on their own. This is a testament not only to the program but to the staff.” –
Superior Court of New Jersey, Mercer Probation Division, Juvenile Supervision Officer

Mission

PEI Kids is dedicated to promoting and maintaining a safe environment for all children.

PEI Kids works with the child, family, and caregiver to provide prevention, intervention, and advocacy programs relating to personal safety, sexual abuse, and the overall well-being of the child.

PEI Kids Services

Prevention

- School-based prevention education focused on child assault, child sexual abuse, and bully prevention
- Community-based outreach and education to prevent child sexual abuse

Intervention

- Counseling and support groups for child victims of sexual abuse and non-offending family members
- Counseling for children, 12 years of age and under, with sexual behavior problems
- Juvenile offender and anger management services for at-risk youth

Support Services

- Family transportation and visitation services for children in foster care and their families



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Juvenile Intervention Services



*Directing youth away
from violence and crime
and toward safe, healthy,
and productive futures*



Program Overview

PEI Kids' *Juvenile Intervention Services* provide at-risk and adjudicated youth the resources necessary for redirecting their lives. These services teach participants how to turn away from aggression and crime and toward safe and productive futures.

Our *Comprehensive Juvenile Offender Outreach Services* (CJOOS) program serves first and second-time juvenile offenders on probation for entry-level offenses. Through an intensive 16-week curriculum, participants, aged 11 through 17—90% of whom are gang-involved—receive violence prevention and conflict resolution skills, gang culture education, tolerance and critical thinking skills, and training in respect for authority. Program graduates have had remarkable success turning their lives around and avoiding future involvement with the juvenile justice system.

Our *Managing Aggression & Violence* (MAV) program helps youth identified as having anger-related issues learn, practice, and master skills necessary for effective interpersonal communication, conflict-resolution, and violence avoidance. Participants learn how to successfully navigate high risk-scenarios, such as handling accusations, peer pressure, and peer provocations.



Service Goals

Comprehensive Juvenile Offender Outreach Services (CJOOS)

- Reduce recidivism (re-arrest) rate
- Increase positive mentorship and other protective factors
- Improve interpersonal skills
- Increase focus on education
- Increase computer and technological skills
- Increase job readiness/career exploration

Managing Aggression & Violence (MAV)

- Increase interpersonal communication, conflict resolution, and violence avoidance skills
- Improve ability to identify and avoid high-risk situations
- Improve skills in managing aggression and violence
- Increase awareness of pro-social peers, adults, and assets in the community.



Service Results

Comprehensive Juvenile Offender Outreach Services (CJOOS)

- Demonstrate low recidivism (re-arrest) rates
- Expand participants' support network
- Improve interpersonal and empathy skills
- Develop personal educational goals and increase school participation
- Increase knowledge of technology career paths and computer skills
- Improve job-readiness skills

Managing Aggression & Violence (MAV)

- Improve anger management, conflict resolution, and violence avoidance skills
- Increase understanding of and confidence in interpersonal communication, empathy, assertiveness, and listening skills
- Increase understanding of others' perspectives
- Low arrest and/or interaction with authorities

Eligibility

Our *Juvenile Intervention Services* are free to the public and are available for male and female participants, ages 12-18. While the vast majority of referrals come from local law enforcement, Mercer County Juvenile Probation Department, and Family Court, referrals from schools, community organizations, and individuals are also considered.