

Barron County Restorative Justice Programs, Inc.
Board of Directors Annual Meeting
March 11th, 2011
Lehman's Supper Club

Executive Director's Report for 2010

Restorative Conferencing. 99 cases (148 offenders; 113 victims) were referred by police, schools, DHHS, and DA/Dept of Corrections. These cases involve preparation meetings and facilitated dialogues between offenders, victims and community members, and typically result in signed reparation agreements that BCRJP tracks. In 2010, 5 dispute resolution cases were handled for parties in conflict.

Restorative Teen Court. 52 middle and high school aged respondents went through a process involving peer juries in Rice Lake, Barron and Cumberland. 42 completed their sanctions successfully, 2 were unsuccessful, and 8 were open at year-end. Among sanctions, 26 youth with parents attended the **Teen Parent Workshop** to improve communication dynamics and good decision-making. Club work in high schools will expand in 2011 to include middle schools, involving circle topics and other peer-to-peer learning and resolution processes. Teen Court clubs will soon be renamed RE-Group.

Restorative Truancy Prevention Program. 313 students were served in 6 school districts by our Community Outreach Workers, who serve as mentors for students and as vital liaisons between school personnel, DHHS, and families in need. Truancy Program Guidelines and Procedures were completed to ensure inter-agency continuity of interventions county-wide. Truancy Conferencing was also instituted in 2010, and 14 conferences occurred from September through December.

Victim Impact Panel. 525 adults from multiple counties with drinking/driving violations attended 8 different panels to hear volunteer speakers share their inspiring stories of grief and survival. Area high schools sent 432 driver education students who attended these panels with their parents (359).

Shoplifting Conference Program. 16 offenders were referred to the program of which 13 successfully completed, 1 sent to another RJ program and 2 cases open at year-end. In addition to conferencing with representatives from the retail sector, offenders also complete a Youth Educational Shoplifting workbook.

Traffic Violation Conference. New to 2010, 36 cases were referred to the program of which 29 successfully completed, 1 was sent back and 6 were open at year-end. In lieu of paying fines, teens come before a panel of community members (including one officer) to take ownership and learn about safety issues. Sanctions involve community service and

an essay on traffic safety.

Cognitive Group Intervention. Throughout our first pilot year, 24 adults and 18 youth successfully completed the intensive 2-month, 16-hour course (“Think” for adults; “Choices” for youth) designed for repeat offenders, teaching skills for them to self-monitor their thinking patterns and resulting behaviors.

KnoW Alcohol. 111 participants charged with under-age drinking violations (21 and under) attended this successful 8-hour Saturday workshop that helps youth understand the risks of alcohol and how to make responsible choices.

NOT (Tobacco Cessation Program). Starting in December 2010, our first 3 referrals were sent to the new 10-week course run by instructor Jenna Green, which includes life-skill training and healthy-choice decision making.

SHIFT (Drug Prevention and Intervention Program). A task force laid the groundwork for this 4-week workshop that helps teens to examine their thinking and behaviors concerning drug use. The pilot, based in Cumberland, began in Feb. 2011.

Somali Community Support Services. As of October 2010, BCRJP mobilized a Response Team with 7 Somali leaders and representatives from Barron Police Dept, DHHS and Barron High School. 22 people were served in planning meetings and casework held in November and December. Supplementing the current intervention work will be new efforts in 2011 for prevention work.

Dispute Resolution Services. In 2010, BCRJP served 6 participants in dispute resolution processes, mostly in workplace situations, and is exploring a future training for dispute resolution mediators.

Restorative Justice Trainings. Five 6-hour trainings were provided for new volunteers in Barron County, based not only in Rice Lake, but also in Cumberland and Chetek. In August and September, BCRJP provided several trainings for school staff in **Restorative Practices for Schools.**

Truancy Prevention Students at Camp Phillips. In the summer of 2010, BCRJP Outreach Workers took 68 students from all districts to the ROPES and COPES Course, and other outdoor activities at Boy Scout Camp Phillips near Haugen.

Restorative Justice Community Garden. Last year was our first effort to have a garden plot in the Rice Lake Community Garden, supported by Teen Court volunteers and respondents doing community service work.

Rusk County Restorative Teen Court. 2010 brought on the foundations for BCRJP to help pilot a new teen court in Rusk County that is set to start in 2011.

Volunteer Hour Asset: 3507 hours X \$10/hr = \$35,070 Asset
 (Approx. 1500 hours by youth volunteers)

**Statement of Activity
 2010**

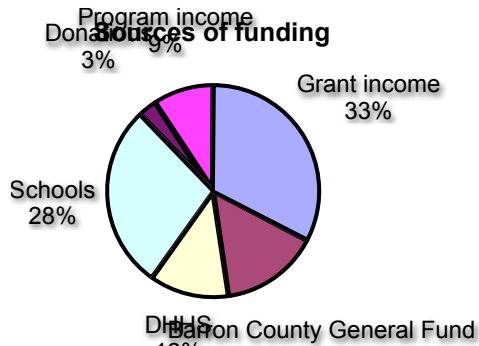
RECEIPTS:

Grant Income	\$104,535.84
Barron County General Funding	48,000.00
Dept. of Health and Human Services	
38,722.50	
School Districts' Contributions 2010-2011	
90,000.00	
Donations	9,200.00
Program Income	29,491.15
Interest Income	520.58
Total Income:	
\$320,470.07	

DISBURSEMENTS:

Contracted Services (Salaries)	\$237,223.59
Program Expenses	77,332.47
Operating Expenses	17,191.47
Total Expense:	\$331,747.53

TOTAL **\$ (11,277.46)**



In the upcoming years, BCRJP will be seeking to diversify its funding sources, increasing its reliance on new grants, as well as new partnerships with local businesses and private donors.