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BARJ Program Referral

(For organizations/individuals. Not for use by court)

Email to ewhitcomb@lrcvt.org and bblanchard@lrcvt.org

Name of youth:_____

DOB:_____

Lives with:_____

Address:_____

Phone:_____

Who can make decisions for youth:

_____

School grade: _____ or last grade completed: _____

Current school:_____

School contact name and phone:_____

_____

Special Education status: IEP ☐ 504 ☐ N/A or unsure ☐

Presenting issue, please refer to BARJ Definition and Purpose document attached: (What is motivating the referral?):_____

_____

_____

Youth's interests/strengths:_____

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_____

Current services youth/family is/are receiving: _____

_____

_____

_____

Barriers to success: _____

_____

Date of referral: _____

Referral source (School/org): _____

Referral contact name:_____

Referral contact email and phone:_____

Does parent/guardian know you are making a referral?

Yes ☐ No ☐

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Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) Definition and Purpose:

- BARJ is DCF funded and prevention oriented.
- BARJ serves adjudicated youth, truant youth and youth at risk of involvement in the criminal legal system, ages 10-18 (or up to 21 if a YO).
- BARJ provides support to youth who are involved with, or are at-risk of becoming involved with, the juvenile justice system in Vermont.
- Referrals are made by court order or community partners, schools, parents or law enforcement.
- Except for youth who are court-ordered, or referred by DCF, participation is voluntary and requires parents' permission.

Read the Mission Statement to learn more.

PRACTICE PHILOSOPHY

BARJ provides a balanced, restorative approach to juvenile justice that focuses on:

- Giving youth opportunities to:
  - take responsibility for their actions,
  - make amends to their victims & communities, and
  - repair the harm they caused

- Increasing youth competencies

- Providing victims and community members meaningful opportunities to participate in the restorative process, make decisions, and seek resolution.

SUPPORTS & SERVICES

- Supports and services are based on the individual needs of the youth and family, focus on interventions that reduce and eliminate further involvement in the juvenile justice system, and encourage youth to choose healthy behaviors. These include:

    - **Restorative Processes**

    Victims and community members are given the opportunity to interact with youth to discuss the harm caused and actions needed to repair the damage. This may include processes such as circles, restorative panels, and restorative family group conferences

    - **Screening and Assessment**

    The Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) is used to determine risk and refer youth for services based on assessed risk and needs.

    - **Case Management**

    Services for families and youth are coordinated. This may include individualized case management, attendance at court hearings and referrals to community providers.

    - **Skills Development**

    Classes help youth develop skills in areas such as conflict resolution, social skills, problem solving, decision making, community service/leadership, and effective communication.

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