

What is Community Justice?

LAYSB's Community Justice Program brings together parents, victims, law enforcement and positive adult role models to help at-risk youth develop healthier relationships and a deeper connectedness with family and community.

Who can participate?

- Teens engaging in at-risk behavior.
- Victims of youth at-risk behavior.
- Adult volunteers from the community.

Who can refer?

- Parents
- Law Enforcement
- Social Services
- School Personnel



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Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau (LAYSB) Community Justice Program Components:

Essential Parent Involvement: Parents are involved from the beginning, working alongside their child to develop a plan of action to address the at-risk behavior. Parents are also offered resources related to parenting, and have the opportunity to gather together, support each other and share ideas.



Caring Community Panel: Youth appear before a panel of caring adult volunteers who guide them through a process that helps them to understand the emotional and financial impact their behavior has had on their family, their victim, and the entire community.

Restorative Opportunities: When possible, youth offenders meet their victims and work to make things right through repair, reconciliation, and reassurance. They may also pay restitution and deliver apology letters to those they have harmed.

Meaningful Community Service: At-risk youth are connected to community service projects that help them to take pride in their ability to give back to the community and learn the value of making things right.

Relevant Educational Classes: Youth attend classes facilitated by professional staff relating to their specific at-risk behavior including Chemical Awareness, Tobacco Awareness, and Choice and Consequences.

Supportive Peer Groups: At-risk youth participate in groups facilitated by professional staff and/or trained community members to learn life skills such as nutrition, financial responsibility, health and wellness, and martial arts.

Twelve and Under: Our Community Justice Program is tailored to be developmentally appropriate for effectively reaching this age group. Counselors meet one on one with youth and their families to provide the support needed for youth to make better decisions and family members to assist each other.

Serving These Communities: Forest Lake Area School District #831, all of Chisago County, Linwood Township and Columbus in Anoka County

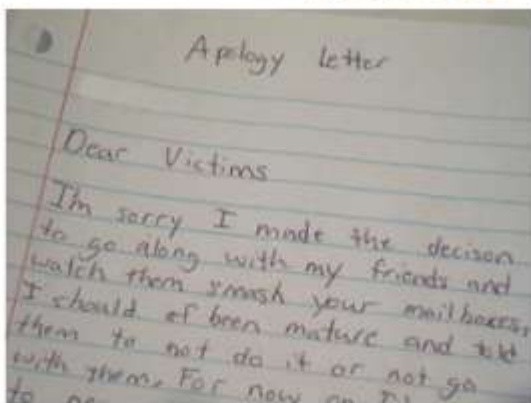


"This was the best thing that ever happened to my kid."

Grateful Parent

"I now understand way more about how what I did hurts so many people. I won't ever do it again!"

Reformed Kid



"I learned how my choices affect more than just me!"

Choice & Consequence Class Participant

"Being part of LAYSB's Community Panel really makes me feel like I'm doing something worthwhile."

Community Panel Volunteer

Other intervention programs and services offered through LAYSB.

Youth and Family Counseling

Our Place

(An all addictions teen recovery support group)

Youth Enrichment & Leadership

Mentoring

Parenting Education & Support



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Helping at-risk youth get back on track.

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