



Questions and Answers

2022 Delinquency Prevention Program (DPP)

The question and answer period is **closed**.

Q1. In applying for the Delinquency Prevention Program grant under the Rural Qualifications, I'm hoping to gain some clarification on program activity requirements. I understand there are some important differences between Restorative Justice versus Restorative Practices. As this grant aims to both treat and prevent delinquency, I'm anticipating that many youth receiving programming may not have formal charges yet, and that many youth will have nonviolent charges (stealing and illicit substance use, truancy, running away, defiance, family conflict, etc). There's a lot of restorative practices that we do and can do with our proposed programming, but I'm wondering if requiring the youth to be sufficiently involved with Justice system with charges appropriate for mediation (in order to get Restorative Justice) would significantly limit the number of at-risk/delinquent youth eligible to receive grant-funded programming.

Can you clarify if Restorative Justice needs to be implemented to qualify versus utilizing evidence-based restorative practices (especially amongst families) with mentorship and coordinated care?

A1. Restorative interventions such as victim-offender mediation, peacemaking circles, and family group conferencing will be provided to youth referred for legal violations, school infractions, or other risk factors when appropriate. Please refer to the Program Description on page 1 of the application for more details.