

# Evidence-Based Practices

Our program utilizes "evidencebased practices" (EBPs). EBPs are methods that have been proven to work through scientific research. Research demonstrates that programs utilizing EBPs have a greater success rate than programs that do not use proven EBP methods.

The following EBPs are utilized by GJJIP:

- Motivational Interviewing
- Brief Solutions-Focused Approach
- Life Skills Training
- The Child and Adolescent Functioning Assessment Scale (CAFAS)
- Risk Assessment
- Evidence-Based Case Management Framework





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We encourage families, schools, community members, community-based organizations, and faith-based organizations to make referrals.

For more information about the program and services we provide, or if you would like to make a referral, please contact us using one of the following methods:



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# Juvenile Justice & Intervention Program



#### Mission Statement:

To educate, support, and improve the lives of at-risk youth to become productive and contributing members of society.



#### **Program Overview**

The purpose of the Gardena Juvenile Justice and Intervention Program (GJJIP) is to identify and improve areas of a youth's life that may be contributing to delinquent behavior.

There are multiple variables, such as individual attitudes, peer relationships, school, family, and community factors, which contribute to juvenile delinquency.

Through a myriad of services, the GJJIP diversion program seeks to address the needs of Gardena's youth through accountability and positive guidance.

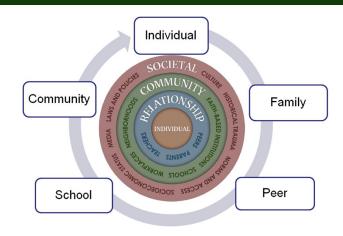
### Who is Eligible?

- Youth 11 to 17 years old.
- Juveniles cited by the Gardena Police Department for a misdemeanor or status offense.
- Youth exhibiting anti-social behaviors or attitudes, poor peer relationships, and/or difficult home, school, or neighborhood environments.
- Those whose parents think they can benefit from our services.

#### **Our Services**

GJJIP includes the following intervention and prevention services:

- Case Management Service Plans
- Restorative Justice
- Life Skills Workshops
- Community Referrals
- Writing Workshops
- Mentorship



## Why our Program?

Research supports that a variety of influences contribute to youth involvement in the criminal justice system. If these factors are not addressed and instead persist during childhood, they can become problems in adulthood, leading to continued criminal involvement or detrimental mental health challenges.

Our program seeks to fully understand and assess youth for these influences so that they can get help and go on to live meaningful and productive lives.