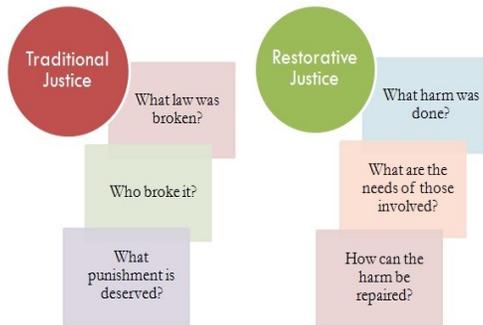


Traditional Versus Restorative Justice



Oneida County Teen Court is a restorative justice option for first time youth offenders. Offenses are viewed as a violation of people and relationships. The victims and community are central to the process, and offenders are given the chance to repair harm and build skills. Restorative justice believes that all human beings have dignity and worth.

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ONEIDA COUNTY TEEN COURT

Become a Volunteer Youth Panelist!

- **Serve your school and community**
- **Develop your communication and leadership skills**
- **Help youth get a second chance for their future**
- **Learn about juvenile and restorative justice**
- **Make a difference!**

What is Oneida County Teen Court?

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- Teen Court offers eligible youth an alternative to the traditional juvenile justice system. Youth will receive meaningful sanctions from their peers.

Why Teen Court?

- Teen Court offers eligible youth an opportunity to take responsibility for their actions without receiving a juvenile record.

Benefits of Teen Court?

- When juvenile offenders successfully complete their sanctions, they will have the offense removed from their record. Youth get a true second chance to make positive choices.
- Parents are no longer held totally responsible. The youth is held accountable.
- The community is able to see youth being held accountable and benefit from their community service and learning.
- Volunteer panelists are given a chance to make a difference in the lives of their peers and in their communities.

What is the role of a teen court panelist?

- To ask meaningful questions about the incident to explore why the youth made the decision he/she did
- To listen with an open mind and better understand the social and cultural context of the youth's decision-making and behavior
- To work with the youth in designing sanctions that will help the youth in learning from their mistakes, repairing the harm to others and building life necessary skills.
- To be a responsible leader and role model within the school and community

What are the requirements of being a teen court panelist?

- Complete an application and interview
- Complete new panelist training and any ongoing trainings
- Follow all academic and behavior expectations and all Code of Conduct requirements.
- Attend regular meetings
- Facilitate at least three teen court hearings per year



Oneida County Teen Court Mission:

To benefit youth and the community by providing an alternative method of adjudicating first time juvenile offenses giving youth the opportunity to become accountable for their actions.

Comment from panelist:

"I have really enjoyed this opportunity for the last two years, and now as I move on to college, I look forward to opportunities like this that I may find on campus. Thank you and thanks to the Oneida County Juvenile Court System for providing this service to the youth of the area so that they can revive the second chance that they deserve."