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**Serving Victims**

The RJ process allows victims of crime to participate more fully in the resolution of the offense – with a focus on seeking solutions and making amends.

**Investing in Youth**

RJ supports positive behavioral changes and re-integration into the community.

**Cost Savings**

The cost for every youth who enters the RJ process is one-third the cost for a youth in the traditional criminal justice system.

**Safer Communities**

RJ cuts the recidivism rate by more than half for every youth who participates. RJ has an impressive record in Jefferson County that demonstrates that young people served are far less likely to commit a future offense.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO**

Volunteer to be a RJ facilitator. We are also looking for individuals to be ‘community representatives.’ This volunteer opportunity engages participants to speak to the impact of the crime on your community.

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