

COLLABORATION

Getting The System Back On Track:

- Target funding toward specific, identified needs;
- Consolidate and leverage resources;
- Reduce gaps in services;
- Increase access to services in rural and underserved communities;
- Advance case management and service delivery through formal collaboration;
- Uphold agency accountability through data collection and evaluation;
- Enhance public safety;
- Reduce disparities in juvenile sanctions;
- Develop a systemic approach to juvenile justice services;
- Provide a continuum of predictable, graduated sanctions;
- Divert at-risk youth from penetration into the formal juvenile justice system;
- Free the formal system to work with the most serious, chronic and violent youth.

S U C C E S S

"When you make a mistake, don't look back at it long. Take the reason of the thing into your mind and look forward. Mistakes are lessons of wisdom. The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power."

– HUGH WHITE



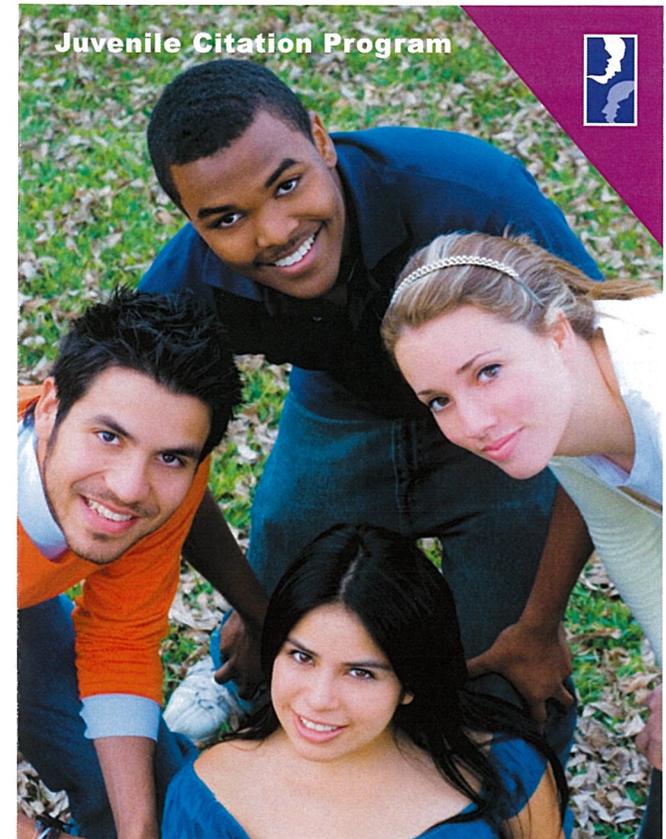
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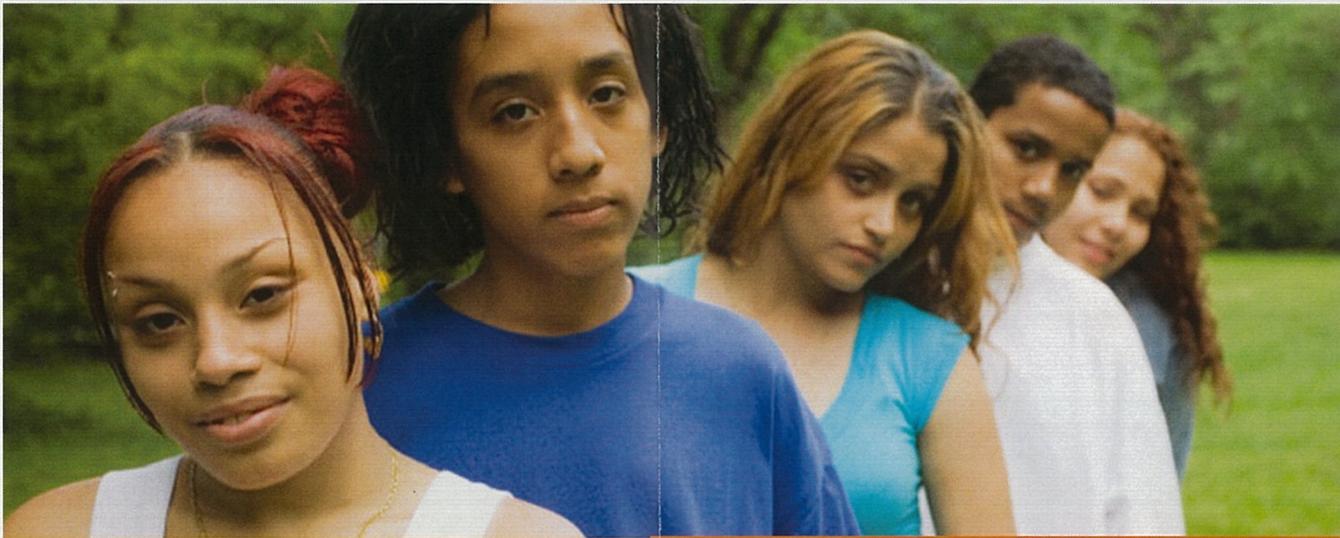
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COLLABORATION WORKS

**Doña Ana
Juvenile
Justice
Continuum**





CONTINUUM IMPACT FY2013:

1432 Youth Served

**97% Successful
Completion Rate**

**4,829 Hours of
Community Service**

A SECOND CHANCE:

John is a success but it wasn't always that way. As a young child his mother was sent to prison and John and his siblings were shuffled among family members. As a teen, when the stress and the fighting at home became too much, John ran away. John began experimenting with marijuana to escape his feelings. He was arrested twice, once as a runaway and a second time for possession of marijuana. John would be the first to tell you he made poor choices. Lucky for John his offenses were minor.

The police and the Juvenile Probation Office (JPO) had options. John was directed to the Juvenile Assessment & Reporting Center (JARC) where he was assessed and later referred to counseling. John's delinquency case was referred to the Juvenile Citation Program (JCP). At the Citation Program he was able to learn life skills, access positive adult role models and connect with community support systems. Through his own efforts and the staff member's encouragements John began to do what he had to do to change. He attended school regularly, actively engaged in counseling sessions and stayed crime free.

John is one of thousands of youth in Dona Ana County successfully diverted from formal probation through assessment and referral by the JARC and the Juvenile Citation Program. Targeted, meaningful services for early offenders can produce life-long success.

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Juvenile Assessment & Reporting Center (JARC)

A central point of entry where youth with or without a citation are assessed and referred to appropriate services within the community with the goal of addressing underlying behavioral or mental health concerns.

Juvenile Citation Program (JCP)

A series of classes and community service offered to early offenders to address the criminal matter in lieu of placement on formal probation. Successful completion of the JCP results in the youth's case being closed informally by the JPO.

Money Well Spent

Both the JARC and JCP are funded through the State of New Mexico Juvenile Justice Continuum Fund. These dollars, along with matching funds from the City of Las Cruces (JCP) and Families & Youth, Inc. (JARC) make it possible to offer these services free of charge to families in Doña Ana County.

