Preventing Violence

Against Children in Conflict with the Law
Contemporary Opportunities
# ASEAN Regional Plan

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Framework

- Rights
- How?
- Best Interest
Principle

Effective rehabilitation of offenders in the community with maximum participation of families and the community.
Families

Research shows that successful rehabilitation of youth offenders is highly dependent on the timely involvement and active support of their families and significant others.

A local study done on the predictors of re-offending for youth probationers under the age of 19 revealed that the domain of ‘family circumstances’ in the YLS/CMI was a key predictor for failure on probation and further offending.
Tool

- The Family Advocacy and Support Tool (FAST)

Training

- Stepfamilies
- Functional Family Therapy
Communities

8th ASEAN Para Games
28th Southeast Asian (SEA) Games

Transient Workers Count Too (TWC2)
Rehabilitation
Strategies

- Licensing
- Review Board
- Confidentiality
- Effective Behaviour Management
- Length of Stay
From Theory to Practice

Practices

Principles  People
Opportunities

“The complexity of juvenile crime requires a multi-prong approach. It has to incorporate elements of deterrence, incapacitation and rehabilitation. A balance will have to be struck between the need for rehabilitation and accountability for the offending behaviour. Restorative justice seeks to achieve this. We realise that we can never rely alone on laws and punishment to meet the challenge of juvenile crime. Effective family support and control can help to keep our juveniles out of crimes in the first place and equip them to lead a law-abiding life.”

Honourable The Chief Justice Chan Sek Keong at the Subordinate Court Workplan 1997/8
**Paradigm Shift**

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<td>• Crime is a violation of the law and the state</td>
<td>• Crime is a violation of people and relationships</td>
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<td>• Violations create guilt</td>
<td>• Violations create obligations</td>
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<td>• Justice = State determine guilt and impose punishment</td>
<td>• Justice = Victims, offenders and community work together to make things right</td>
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<td>• Offenders get what they deserve</td>
<td>• Offenders takes responsibility to repair harm and victim needs are met</td>
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CONTEMPORARY or OPPORTUNITIES
We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now

Martin Luther King Jr
Restorative Justice

“… a process whereby all the parties with a stake in a particular offence come together to resolve collectively how to deal with the aftermath of the offence and its implications for the future”

Restorative Justice

Restorative practices are based on a restorative justice view that offenses represent conflict between people that is best addressed by working to restore relationships and making things right, not by blaming and punishing that is focused on retribution.

Zehr (1990)
Positive Behaviour Change

McCold & Wachtel 2003
### Relationship

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Restoring Lives
Leading Restorative Justice

- Model
- Training

- Supervision
- Time
- Culture

- Evaluation
- Revise

Framework

Process

Outcomes
Restorative Disciplining

- Values implemented with relationships as foundation
- All individuals involved
- Different roles, same objectives
  - Staff-resident relationships
  - Staff-staff relationships
  - Resident-resident relationships
Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.

Helen Keller