

CRJ is Bennington County's one-stop community justice agency. CRJ partners with the courts, schools and community agencies to provide a full continuum of services to all residents of Bennington County. CRJ is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization that receives funding through state grants, towns, private foundations, and donations. A total of **1,447 Bennington County** individuals were served through one of CRJ's many programs this past year. Below is a snapshot of CRJ services provided in FY 23:

School-Based Programs: **56** students were served in CRJ's Restorative Alternative Program and Truancy Project in Bennington County schools.

Diversion Programs: **21** Juveniles in Family Court and **142** adults were referred to CRJ's Court Diversion Program and had their charges expunged upon successful completion. **77** young people with civil underage possession of alcohol or marijuana violations completed CRJ's Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program. **91** individuals were assisted to get their driver's license reinstated and in CRJ's Civil DLS Program.

Juvenile Restorative Programs and Support Services: **30** youth adjudicated in Family Court participated in restorative justice panels through CRJ's Juvenile Restorative Programs. A total of **83** at-risk teens received services through CRJ's many youth restorative programs including our Street Checker Program, Mentoring, Life Skill Development and prevention programs. **63** youth engaged in CRJ's The Lounge afterschool drop-in program. **86** juveniles new to the Family Court system received Youth Risk Assessments by CRJ. CRJ's Juvenile Pre-Charge Program, supported **61** juveniles to make amends to their victims and their community in lieu of court action. **416** teens accessed Threads (CRJ's boutique clothing shop offering free quality used clothing to all Bennington County teens).

Pretrial Services: **56** people who were supported through CRJ's Pretrial Services Program to connect them to substance use, mental health, and other community support services while awaiting court case resolution.

Adult Restorative Programs and Support Services: Through CRJ's adult restorative panels, **80** people completed their contract requirements through CRJ's Reparative Program. **88** people with various motor vehicle convictions completed one of CRJ's DRIVE (Driving Responsibly in Vermont)/Victim Impact Classes. CRJ provided Expungement Petition Assistance for **36** people.

Community Reentry Programs: **6** people reentering the community from incarceration received services through CRJ's Circle of Support and Accountability Program (CoSA). **15** offenders reentering the Bennington community from incarceration were assisted to find housing, employment and connect with services through CRJ's Reentry Program. **32** individuals received reentry education and COSA Lite programming.

Risk Reduction Program: **9** people were served in CRJ's Risk Reduction Program; classes are held weekly at Bennington Probation and Parole and are run by CRJ.