

San Diego County Probation Department



NATIONAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION CENTER RESTORATIVE COMMUNITY CONFERENCING (RCC)



History & Background

- The Restorative Community Conferencing (RCC) Pilot Project has been in effect since May 2014
- RCC is a result of a collaboration between residents of City Heights, community based organizations , Mid-City Community Advocacy Network (CAN), National Conflict Resolution Center (NCRC) and juvenile justice partners from San Diego County Probation, District Attorney, and Public Defender.
- RCC is an alternative to the traditional juvenile justice system that focuses on restoring health of persons harmed, strengthen the community, and reducing juvenile crime rates.

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Probation has been an active partner with RCC since May 2014. Probation currently refers pre-adjudicated youth to the program. In order to be eligible for RCC, the offense must occur in the following zip codes or the youth arrested/victim reside in the following zip codes:

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Mid-City

92102

92104

92105

92114

Southeast

92113

92115

92139

RCC Eligible Zip Codes

Lemon Grove

91945

Spring Valley

91977

91978

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**Eligibility
Requirements**

**Must be an
identifiable victim**

**Youth, Victim,
And/or
Offense must be
within RCC Zip
Codes**

**Youth must be
under 17.5
years old**

Eligible RCC charges

Theft

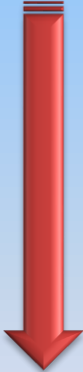
Assaults

Family Violence

Vandalism

Weapon Charge

Resisting arrest



Eligible misdemeanor to low level felony

Ineligible RCC charges

Homicide



Serious gang
offense


Arson



Sexual Assault

Screening Process


Probation reviews all out of custody police misdemeanor referrals and felony referrals for youth 13 and under, in order to determine if a youth is eligible for informal handling or needs to go to Court.



If the youth meets the abovementioned RCC criteria, the case is referred to RCC.



RCC staff then contacts the youth and victim to determine their willingness to participate in the program



Screening Process

If they are willing to participate, the RCC process begins.

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Benefits of RCC

Benefits of RCC in the Juvenile Justice System

- An additional program for youth offenders to be eligible to participate in.
- Youth is held accountable for their actions.
- The victim is heard and they will be involved in the RCC action plan created for the youth.
- Youth is able to reflect how their actions impacted not only themselves, but the victim, and community as a whole.

Benefits of RCC

Benefits to the youth and the victim

- Youth hears from the victim and the impact of their actions
 - Able to explain their actions
 - Apologize
 - Reduce likelihood of reoffending
- The victims have the opportunity to express feelings
 - Ask questions
 - Possibly address restitution



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