

CARLTON COUNTY

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Thirteen Years in Review
2010 to 2022

"Since 2010, Carlton County has been using restorative justice (RJ) to respond to juveniles cited for criminal behavior. Carlton County Restorative Justice (CCRJ) has grown into one of the leaders in Minnesota, specifically in relationship to demonstrated success with broad eligibility criteria for their program and to their sustainable structure as a county funded program that is adjacent to rather than within the legal system." -Beckman 2023

CONTEXT:

Researchers from the Division of General Pediatrics and Adolescent Health at the University of Minnesota's Medical School were selected from a competitive bid process by the Community & Family Initiatives Department to conduct an evaluation of the CCRJ Program.

U of M research expertise related to the specific potential of restorative justice to create meaningful accountability for young people while limiting the harmful aspects of traditional and punitive approaches informs the methods and structure employed in creating this report.

630 cases and 502 individual young people

Success Rate

1st case 92%

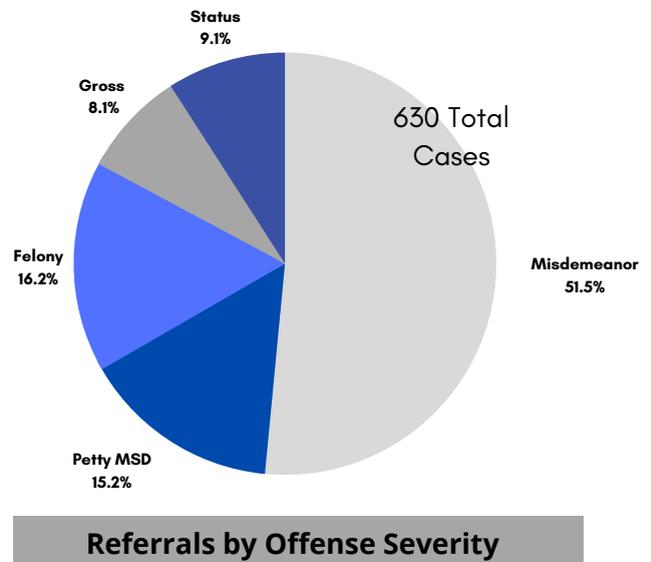
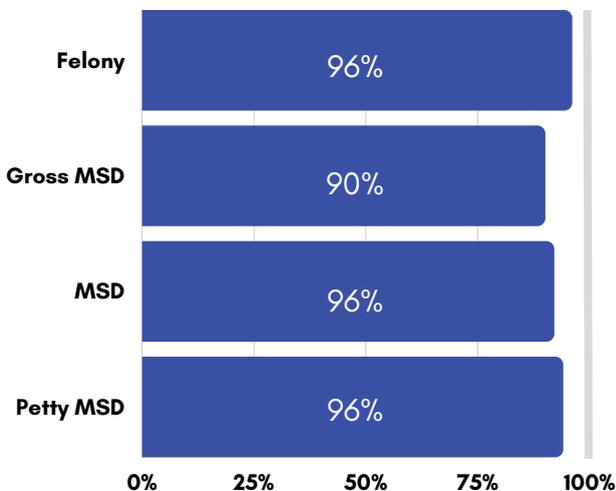
2nd case 89%

3rd case 96%

Other post-charge RJ programs in the region reported 82%
Other pre-charge RJ program in Minneapolis reported 55%

"CCRJ is a leader in demonstrating RJ can be and is an appropriate response for any level of harm by young people." -Beckman

Success Rate by Offense Severity



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How much does it cost?

The Minnesota Management and Budget Office (OMB) in 2018 published a Juvenile Justice Benefit-Cost Analysis. The report concluded "diversion with services," such as CCRJ, is a **"proven effective"** strategy resulting in **\$1,830** of estimated future societal benefits to Minnesota, including reduced costs of \$720 per case, taking into account some of the costs to provide those services.

"CCRJ has demonstrated sustainability."

-Beckman

Benefits from diversion accrue from:

- Decreases in Crime
- Decreases in Health Care Expenses
- Increases in High School Graduation
- Increases in Employment

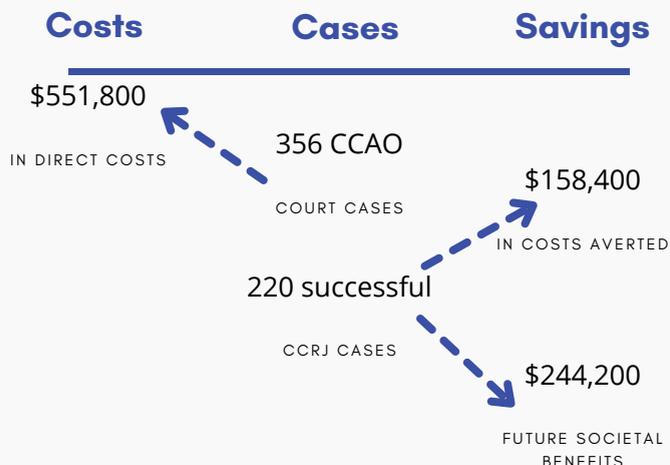


Comparable Data

CCAO and CCRJ

Applying the OMB cost analysis to recent data for both CCRJ and CCAO illuminates additional contrasts. CCAO reported 356 court cases opened from 2019-2022, while CCRJ had 220 successful pre-charge RJ cases in the same time period. The OMB analysis indicated that, on average, court cases have an overall cost to society of \$1,550 compared to pre-charge diversion approaches such as CCRJ, which on average avert \$720 in direct costs, while adding another \$1,110 in future societal monetary benefits.

Est. Costs & Savings 2019 - 2022 Court vs Restorative Justice Cases



Est. Societal Cost Benefit



"...broad eligibility paired with consistently high rates of success have undoubtedly reduced the rates of youth court cases."

-Beckman

Recidivism/Re-referral (1yr)	Comp	CCRJ
Compared to traditional processing		
Carlton ARC 2015	29%	11%
Ramsey 2nd referral 2010-2019	57%	15%
Compared to other Pre Charge Diversion		
Ramsey 1st referral 2010-2019	12%	5%

"75% of the youth had only one case over this 13 year period."

-Beckman