

**Name of Program: Restorative Justice Project**

Program Description: Project is a diversion program for first-time offenders with generally low misdemeanor offenses. Youth are given the opportunity to take responsibility for the harm to the victim, community and his/her family. In conjunction, youth attend services that will build skills to help him/her not re-offend. Life skills groups are offered, focusing on empathy, risk, resiliency, and skill building/ healthy relationships.

Eligibility Criteria: Youth who are cited with low misdemeanor offenses.

Referral Sources: Gilroy, Morgan Hill and San Jose Probation.

Referral Procedure: P.O. cites youth. Citation goes through Santa Clara County Juvenile Probation Department and is then screened through RJP to see if it qualifies. Youth are then referred to Probation Officer in the assigned area.

Client Fees and Payment Requirements: None

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