



FY '25 Program Highlights

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, schools, private foundations/grants, and donations. Nearly **1,400** 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 25:

School-Based Programs: **72** students were served in CRJ's Restorative Alternative Program and **33** students supported through CRJ's Truancy Project in Bennington County schools.

Diversion Programs: **211** juveniles and adults participated in CRJ's Court Diversion Program and had their charges expunged upon successful completion. **70** young people with civil underage possession of alcohol or marijuana violations completed CRJ's Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program. **120** individuals were assisted to get their driver's license reinstated in CRJ's Civil DLS Program. CRJ's Pre-Charge Program, supported **23** individuals to make amends to their victims and their community in lieu of court action.

Juvenile Restorative Programs and Support Services: **46** youth adjudicated in Family Court participated in restorative justice panels through CRJ's Juvenile Restorative Programs. A total of **92** at-risk teens received services through CRJ's many youth restorative programs including our Mentoring, Life Skill Development and Prevention Programs. **40** youth engaged in CRJ's afterschool drop in program- The Lounge. CRJ provided screenings using the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) for **58** juveniles new to the Family Court system. CRJ's Jump on Board to Success (JOBS) helped connect and support **18** youth to obtain meaningful employment. And THREADS, CRJ's clothing store run by teens and exclusively for teens, provided quality, free clothing to over **275** Bennington County teens.

Pretrial Services: **58** people who were supported through CRJ's Pretrial Services Program connecting and supporting them to engage in substance use and mental health counseling services while awaiting court case resolution. **58** individuals referred by the Court received Substance Use and Mental Health Screenings.

Adult Restorative Programs and Support Services: Through CRJ's adult restorative panels, **52** people completed their contract requirements through CRJ's Reparative Program. **75** people with various motor vehicle charges completed CRJ's DRIVE Program (Driving Responsibly in Vermont). CRJ provided Expungement Petition Assistance for **35** people.

Community Reentry Programs: **7** people reentering the community from incarceration received services through CRJ's Circle of Support and Accountability Program (CoSA). **48** offenders reentering the Bennington community from incarceration were assisted to find housing, employment and community services through CRJ's Reentry Program.