

Cost-Benefit Analysis

Our cost-benefit analysis has determined that when the RCMP refers to Chilliwack Restorative Justice, there is an annual savings to the Province of \$256,950.00.

CRJYDA "Typical Offender" Profile

Gender: Male (57% of CRJYDA offenders)

Age: 16 (20% of CRJYDA offenders)

Offense: Theft Under (78% of CRJYDA offenders)

This typical adolescent offender, let's call him Billy, is a first-time offender (no previous criminal record), who is accepting responsibility for his part in the offense. Because Billy is accepting responsibility, it is considered the equivalent of pleading guilty within the court system, for the purpose of this cost-benefit analysis. Therefore, the case of an offender pleading not guilty in court will not be examined here.

Although he has no previous criminal record, Billy will likely have some minor problems at home or school. These difficulties manifest themselves as behavioral or discipline problems, learning disabilities, or even drug and alcohol issues. These issues will have to be faced by any individual or organization dealing with Billy.

CRJYDA Process

The arresting RCMP Member documents the police file and completes the Restorative Justice Referral form after running the checks through CPIC and PIRS. The original is sent to the Restorative Justice program. A Diversion Meeting is held, and a Diversion Agreement is completed. A mentor is assigned. Upon completion, a Closure Meeting is held.

	Action	Time Spent	Dollar value
Coordinator, CRJYDA	Administrative (paperwork)	30 minutes	\$6.00
Coordinator, CRJYDA	Contact and Scheduling	60 minutes	\$12.00
RCMP Member	Administrative	30 minutes	\$44.00
RCMP (Records, etc)	Administrative	60 minutes	\$18.00
Committee Volunteers	Intake Meeting	60 minutes x 3	N/A
Committee Volunteers	Closure Meeting	15 minutes x 3	N/A
Volunteer Mentor	Mentoring	6 hours (+ mileage)	N/A
Totals		12 hours 45 minutes	\$80.00