

Multnomah County Community Justice

JUVENILE SERVICE DIVISION

Police Agencies as a Meaningful Participant in the Development of Juvenile Justice Policies

Portland Police Community Partnership Program

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Include Police as Part of the Decision Making Group

Dispel and do not tolerate common misperceived stereotypes – “all police want to do is lock em up and throw away the key” / “all the juvenile department wants to do is reduce the number of kids in detention.”



**Educate
folks on
the
facts**



Include Police as Part of the Decision Making Group (continued)

Start by discussing common goals:

The right kid in the right place –

Detention/Alternative Place





Include Police as Part of the Decision Making Group (continued)

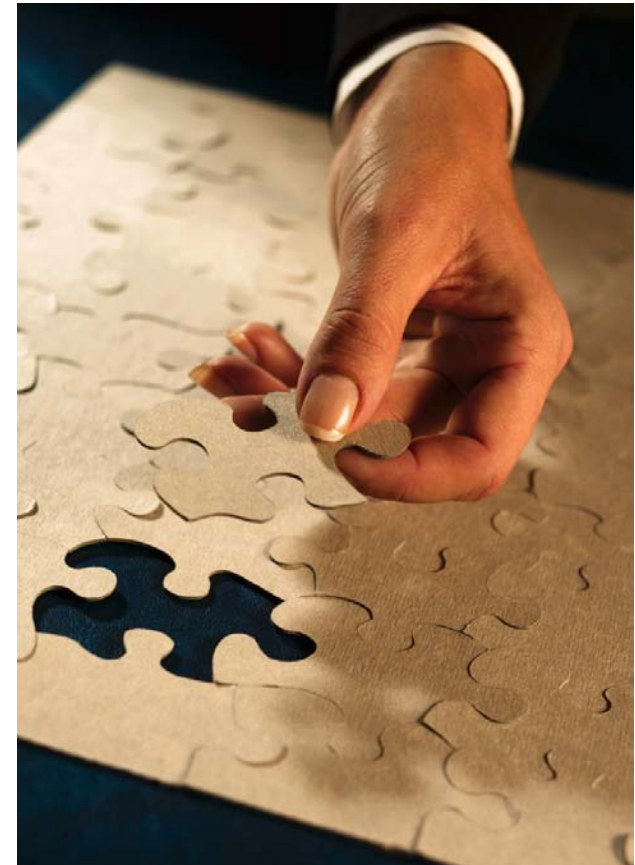
The foundation of a strong juvenile system is a comprehensive and realistic plan that protects the community and assists the youth in his or her own individual success.





Include Police as Part of the Decision Making Body (continued)

Police commit to being a sustained and active participant in these discussions. Command level as well as street officer participation is essential to maintain a grounded and sustained discussion.



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Conclusion

Collaboration does not mean that all parties always agree. Focus is on making system partners meaningful participants in the process and being open to different perspectives. This approach needs to come from the top down but is well worth the effort.