

**Emerging
Adult
Justice
Project**

Comparison of VT's Juvenile and Adult Justice Systems

	Juvenile Delinquency	Adult Criminal
Seeks to hold individuals accountable	Yes	Yes
Rehabilitation the primary goal	Yes	No
Prosecution in the Family Division of the Superior Court (with other youth cases)	Yes	No
Justice stakeholders connected with schools and community youth services	Yes	No
Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) offers programs specifically tailored to court-involved young people	Yes	No
Proceedings are confidential	Yes	No
Adjudications (not convictions)	Yes	No
Youth Assessment Screening Instrument (YASI) used pre-merits (to inform referral decisions) & post-merits (to inform disposition report and case planning)	Yes	No
Developmentally tailored mental and behavioral health services	Yes	No
Education/vocational training part of residential treatment (confinement)	Yes	No
Supervision and coordination of services provided by Dept. for Children and Families using a social work model of care/treatment	Yes	No
Outreach made to families to strengthen connections; in-person visits encouraged	Yes	No
Developmentally appropriate disciplinary measures used	Yes	No
Federal requirements to identify and address racial disparities	Yes	No
Imposition of fines/financial sanctions	No	Yes