

State Funded Community Based Restorative Justice Programs

The purpose of this document is to map out in a visual format how state-funded restorative justice is provided, and by whom, across the state. The funders focused on in this document are the Attorney General’s Office, the Department for Children and Families and the Department of Corrections. Together they fund 8 separate programs. **All of those programs** are provided/available in each county and AHS District and none of them are duplicative.

Where there seems to be some confusion is that some CJs, Court Diversion and/or combined CJC/Diversion agencies have sought and received other funding, that is **not** from AGO/DCF/DOC, and use that funding to provide additional/different programs and services than the state funded restorative justice programs. Examples of this might include school based or truancy programs, an after-school program or a mentoring program.

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The following diagram lists each of the programs each agency currently funds.

FUNDER	<u>Attorney General’s Office (AGO)</u>	<u>Department for Family & Children (DCF)</u>	<u>Department of Corrections (DOC)</u>
PROGRAMS FUNDED	Court Diversion	Balanced & Restorative Justice (BARJ)	Restorative Justice Intervention (Restorative Justice Panels/Circle Processes)
	Youth Substance Use Awareness Safety Program (YSASP)		Restorative Reintegration (Circles of Support & Accountability – CoSA and Reentry Navigation)
	Civil DLS Program		Restorative Community Engagement (Community Dialogue/Awareness/Dispute Resolution)
	Tamarack/Pretrial Services Program		

The next diagram gives a brief description of each of those 8 programs.

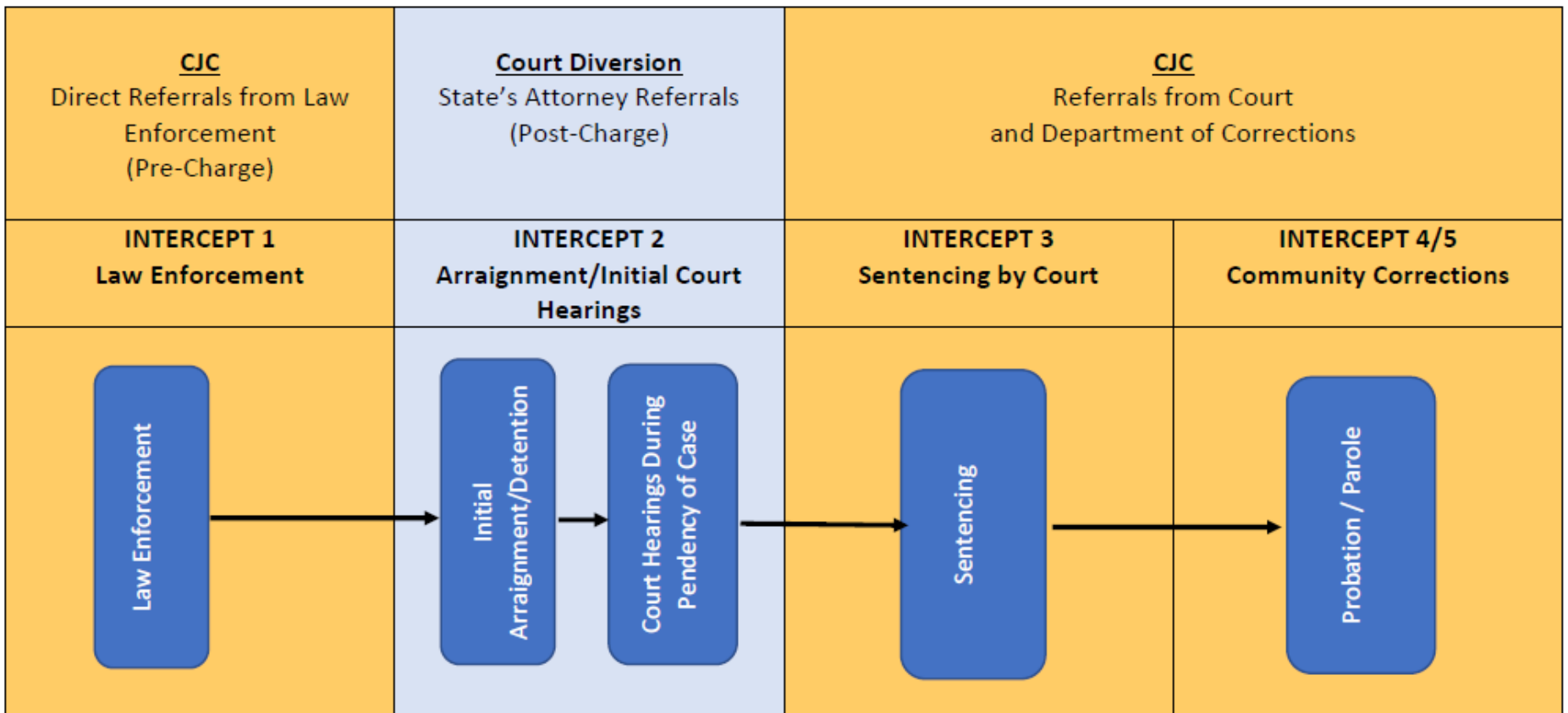
PROGRAM	FUNDER	DESCRIPTION
Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ)	DCF	Individualized support services, guided by restorative justice principles, for youth aged 10 through 18 who are on juvenile probation, at risk of becoming involved with the justice system, or struggling with school attendance

Civil DLS Diversion Program	AGO	The Civil DLS Diversion Program helps people regain their Vermont driver's license while they pay off their fines and fees. Participants work with Diversion staff to develop a contract and payment plan. After the Vermont Judicial Bureau approves the contract – and other Department of Motor Vehicles requirements are met, the person's driver's license is reinstated
Court Diversion	AGO	Court Diversion is a restorative alternative to the court process. The state's attorney may offer Diversion to adults or youth who are charged with committing a crime (or youth charged with being delinquent). While in Diversion participants are required to do a Restorative Justice Panel. After successful completion of the program, the original charge is dismissed
Restorative Community Engagement	DOC	CJCs develop restorative justice strategies and programs that promote community awareness, improve citizen understanding and enhance public safety. This includes developing alternative dispute resolution processes. Participants can self-refer or be referred by law enforcement, landlords. Schools. CJCs also assist citizens in identifying the issues regarding crime and community conflict that are important to them and help the community address these issues using restorative methodologies including public forums and educational events; for example, racial justice, equity, and other relevant issues present the community
Restorative Justice Intervention (Restorative Justice Panels/Circles)	DOC	The Restorative Justice Panel is a volunteer group who work with offenders and victims involved in locally perpetrated crime. The purpose of the Panel is to support victims and provide offenders with the opportunity to acknowledge their wrongdoing and to make amends to individuals affected by the crime and the community. In more complicated cases, the CJC and its volunteers are able to offer Restorative Justice Conferences or Circle Process. Referrals can come directly from Law Enforcement (Pre-Charge) or post-conviction from the Courts or VTDOC.
Restorative Reintegration (Reentry Navigation, CoSA)	DOC	CJCs have Reentry Coordinators that provide enhanced community connections for people who are released from incarceration. This may also be referred to as <u>Resource or Service Navigation</u> . This may include referrals to relevant service agencies, and resource identification within a community. It is intended to serve individuals for a short-term period with the greatest intensity during the first three months following the release from incarceration

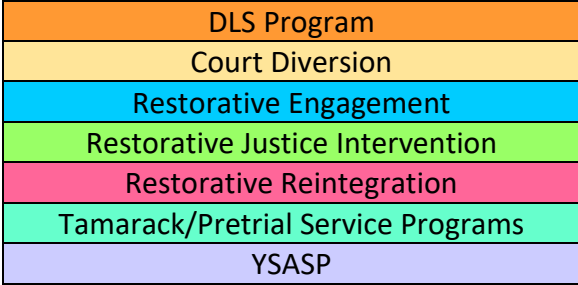
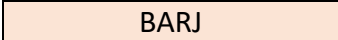
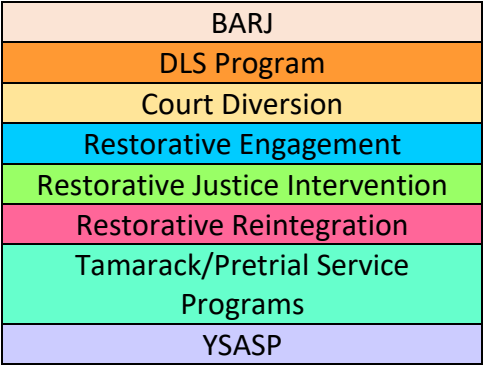
		<p>The primary focus of the CoSA program is “no more victims.” CoSAs provide a restorative approach to justice by supporting, building, and maintaining healthy patterns of living for serious criminal justice offenders as they re-enter the community. CoSA teams or “circles” include 3-5 trained volunteers and a staff member who meet weekly with the core member to help them develop healthy relationships, manage day-to-day life, and adhere to post-release expectations. As the core member grows and rebuilds community connections, the CoSA celebrates their successes while supporting their transition through daily struggles and potential challenges. CoSA volunteers are essential in representing a bond of mutual respect, understanding, and building on the life experience of others. The diversity amongst CoSA volunteers’ thinking, age, experience, and perspectives represent the community at large.</p>
<p>Tamarack/Pretrial Services Programs</p>	<p>AGO</p>	<p>The Tamarack Program is a form of court diversion which assists adults charged with a crime who have a substance use or mental health treatment need regardless of their criminal history. Tamarack Coordinators quickly connect participants referred to this program with substance use, mental health, and other community-based services supports, with the aim of improving the person's health and reducing future adverse involvement in the justice system. Tamarack participants must be willing to take responsibility for their actions and when appropriate, participate in a restorative process aimed at repairing the harm caused by their crime. Service needs related to the charge are addressed in a restorative agreement. The prosecuting attorney may refer the individual to Tamarack before or after arraignment. If the Tamarack participant completes their program contract successfully, their charges will be dismissed, and their record expunged.</p> <p>The Pretrial Services Program is for adults with substance use or mental health treatment needs who are going through the court process and awaiting final case resolution. The service may be ordered by the court or through self-referral. A person’s refusal to engage cannot result in a new charge or in a violation of conditions of release.</p>
<p>Youth Substance Use Awareness Safety Program (YSASP)</p>	<p>AGO</p>	<p>YSASP provides an alternative to the civil court process for youth who violate Vermont’s underage alcohol or marijuana laws ages 16-21. Vermont’s Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program (YSASP) holds young people accountable for breaking underage drinking laws, educates them about the consequences and risks of alcohol, and identifies youth with potential substance abuse problems so they may receive treatment. The program is a voluntary alternative to a \$300 fine and 90-day driver’s license suspension.</p>

The following diagram shows where just one of the 8 programs, Restorative Justice Panels, are provided along the different intercept points of the criminal justice system and who provides them.

Sequential Intercept Model of Criminal Justice System



This final diagram attempts to show, by county, what agencies provide which of the 8 programs.

County	Funded Community-Based Organization	
Addison	<p data-bbox="512 410 1094 467">Addison County Restorative Justice Services (Non-Profit)</p> 	<p data-bbox="1419 410 1581 467">Easter Seals (Non-Profit)</p> 
Bennington	<p data-bbox="921 810 1377 867">Center for Restorative Justice (Non-Profit)</p> 	

<p>Caledonia & Essex</p>	<p>The Community Restorative Justice Center in St. Johnsbury (Non-Profit)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="533 274 1058 396"> <tr><td>Restorative Engagement</td></tr> <tr><td>Restorative Justice Intervention</td></tr> <tr><td>Restorative Reintegration</td></tr> </table>	Restorative Engagement	Restorative Justice Intervention	Restorative Reintegration	<p>Northeast Kingdom Youth Services (Non-Profit)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1249 237 1715 479"> <tr><td>BARJ</td></tr> <tr><td>DLS Program</td></tr> <tr><td>Court Diversion</td></tr> <tr><td>Tamarack/Pretrial Service Programs</td></tr> <tr><td>YSASP</td></tr> </table>		BARJ	DLS Program	Court Diversion	Tamarack/Pretrial Service Programs	YSASP			
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Franklin Grand Isle Restorative Justice Center
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<p>Orange</p>	<p>Orange County Restorative Justice Center (Non-Profit)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DLS Program Court Diversion Restorative Engagement Restorative Justice Intervention Restorative Reintegration Tamarack/Pretrial Service Programs YSASP 	<p>Washington County Court Diversion Northeast Kingdom Youth Services and Valley Court Diversion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BARJ
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Barre Community Justice Center
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Serving Barre, Washington, Williamstown, Plainfield, Marshfield, Cabot, and Woodbury

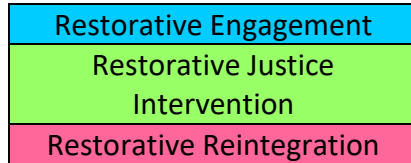
Montpelier Community Justice Center
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Serving Berlin, Calais, Montpelier, Middlesex, Northfield, Roxbury, Waitsfield, Warren, Waterbury, and Worcester

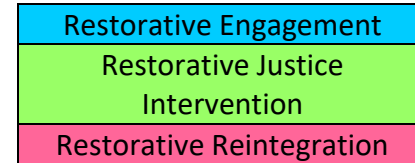
<p>Windham</p> <p>* This is one agency that provides all AGO and BARJ programs county-wide but DOC programs to only part of the county</p>	<p align="center">*Youth Services/Brattleboro Community Justice Center (Non-Profit)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="903 203 1323 446"> <tr><td>BARJ</td></tr> <tr><td>DLS Program</td></tr> <tr><td>Court Diversion</td></tr> <tr><td>Tamarack/Pretrial Service Programs</td></tr> <tr><td>YSASP</td></tr> </table>		BARJ	DLS Program	Court Diversion	Tamarack/Pretrial Service Programs	YSASP	
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Hartford Community Justice Center
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Pomfret, Barnard, Stockbridge, Rochester, Bethel,
Royalton, Sharon, Norwich

Greater Falls Community Justice Center
(Non-Profit)



Serving Springfield, Weston, Andover, Chester, Ludlow,
Baltimore, Weathersfield, Cavendish