

Robeson Restitution

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Robeson Restitution provides direct supervision of juveniles in which juveniles are held accountable for their actions that have affected the community and/or victim(s). Through supervised, assigned work, a juvenile earns credit towards payment of monetary compensation for victims (if required) and performs work for the benefit of the community as a consequence of his offense. Juveniles between the ages of seven (7) and 17 are eligible. Juveniles 11 and older are appropriate for supervised work groups for community service hours or to earn restitution. Juveniles ages 10 and younger should have age appropriate assignments on a case-by-case situation that will be determined by the Program Coordinator and/or Program Manager. Robeson Restitution is open to juveniles ordered by Juvenile Court to perform community service or pay restitution. Youth will be from Robeson County and classified as delinquent. Juveniles may also be diverted from intake and enter the program. Priority will be given to juveniles who demonstrate financial need and willingness to work. Likewise, a higher priority will be placed on those cases where the crime victim is a private citizen.

The program director utilizes a combination of community service projects for government and nonprofit organizations and paid jobs for local business and individuals to employ juvenile offenders who need to make restitution. Some earn community service hours, others are paid \$5.00/hour. Earnings are forwarded directly to the Clerk of Court and sent to the victim.

The restitution program attempts to instill pride, accountability, as well as a positive attitude toward themselves. It teaches kids to be responsible for their actions and strives to set clear standards in their lives. The client will learn how to get along with others in the workplace as well as develop good working skills. Hopefully, the client will carry this with them throughout their daily lives.

The Adolescent Sex Offender Evaluation component serves juveniles between the ages of six (6) and seventeen (17), who must be adjudicated delinquent for a behavior that is either a sex offense or is otherwise illegal sexual activity, or referred under a Diversion Contract provided that the juvenile and parent/legal guardian admit that the behavior occurred. The target population for the program is Level I, II, and post release. Our primary referrals will come from the Robeson County Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Program.

Adolescent Sex Offender Evaluation-To help youth and their families develop and increase positive self-esteem and self-confidence, communication and conflict resolution skills, interpersonal relationship skills, and problem-solving abilities. Hope Thru Horses will also address the use of alternative coping skills in the areas of anger management and will help to develop healthy lifestyle patterns and behaviors that support positive growth and parenting. In this interactive setting, youth and their families will have the opportunity to practice their new skills thereby developing immediate insight and pro-social results.

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