



**CENTER FOR
RESTORATIVE
YOUTH
JUSTICE**

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



VISION | OUR FUTURE

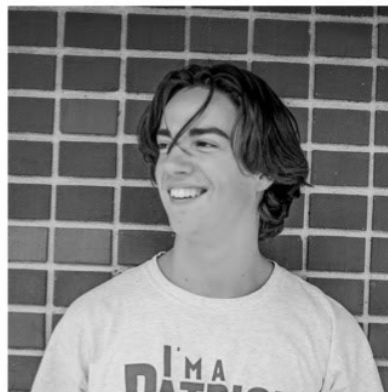
A community that values and embraces all young people while addressing harm together.

MISSION | WHAT WE DO

CRYJ creates opportunities for reflection, connection, & empowerment for youth, victims, & families in the Flathead Valley.

VALUES | WHAT MATTERS

Resilience | Accountability | Integrity
Collaboration | Inclusion | Relationships



DEAR COMMUNITY,

2018 marked an important year for CRYJ: We celebrated 20 years since our foundation as Flathead County Peer Court! Much has changed in the past two decades, but your commitment to building positive opportunities for young people has only strengthened.

Today, CRYJ continues to evolve and develop new ways for teens to experience community connection, accountability and personal growth. Since 2008, more than 2,500 youth have completed CRYJ programs. Flathead County has been recognized for its collaborative approach to creating systems of support for young people that is cutting edge in effectiveness and innovation.

When I think of CRYJ, I think of a supportive and safe space - a place that is responsive to the needs and realities of local teens and their families. Our goal is no longer just about reducing recidivism and helping a teen to 'undo' a recent MIP or a theft. Our community has worked toward building much more than that.

CRYJ is about recognizing what leads to a young person's delinquent behavior - about giving young people the opportunity to be seen, to recognize who they want to be. CRYJ is about supporting teens to grow into a more integrated version of themselves.

With your help in 2018, many young people were given the chance to face challenges and explore who they want to be with greater confidence, self-awareness and a sense of belonging.

Moving through adolescence takes time and resilience, but with your help in 2018, nearly 250 at-risk teens have had the support needed to re-shape their stories, and build a more solid foundation for a successful future.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to empowering youth and strengthening community - We are excited to see what we can create together in 2019!

With Gratitude,

Burket Kniveton
Executive Director

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE



CRYJ's juvenile justice diversion program is rooted in **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE** philosophies and promotes meaningful accountability and healing between teens, families, victims & the community.



TEEN EMPOWERMENT



CRYJ'S **EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOPS** provide teens with opportunities to learn new life skills through facilitated group reflections, activities & projects.



**LIFE
SKILLS**



**STRESS
MANAGEMENT**



**JOB
SKILLS**



**HEALTHY
DECISION
MAKING**

239

**FLATHEAD
VALLEY
TEENS**

152

**EMPOWERMENT
WORKSHOPS**

233

**RESTORATIVE
JUSTICE
CONFERENCES**

91%

**PROGRAM
COMPLETION
RATE**

2018 STORIES

932 FLATHEAD VALLEY TEENS

TEENS SAY THAT PARTICIPATING IN CRYJ:

94% Had a positive impact on me

73% Improved my outlook on the future

96% Helped me feel like my voice mattered

92% Helped me understand how my actions impact others

72% Improved how I feel about myself

>22%
Drug or alcohol
abuse in their
home

12%
Homeless or
couch surfing

46%
Divorce or
ongoing
parental
conflict

>50%
Living at or
below the
federal
poverty level



*"I first showed up at CRYJ when I might have otherwise gone to juvenile detention, it was a scary time... Since then communication with my mom has improved and I have been given a safe place to think about what is real for me and what direction I want to go in life. I feel supported. This program really helped, **thank you for making CRYJ possible.**"*

16 year old CRYJ Program Participant

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT

FUNDERS

Flathead County
MT 11th Judicial District Youth Court
Montana Board of Crime Control
Montana Health Care Foundation
Oro y Plata Foundation
Whitefish Community Foundation

VOLUNTEERS

Community members
volunteered more than
350 hours in 2018!

PARTNERS

Care Farms (A+ Health Care)
Flathead Family Planning
Kalispell Public Schools
Kalispell Police Department
The Heart Locker
Montana Academy
Montana SOARS

BUSINESS IN-KIND

Bonsai Brewing Project
Center for Native Plants
Ceres Bakery
Chef Seth Bostick
Forestation, Inc.
Great Northern Brewing Company
Lindsey Jane Photography
Montana Coffee Traders
Purple Frog Garden
Sweet Peaks Ice Cream
Thomas Cuisine
Two Bear Farm

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2018 FINANCIALS



"CRYJ is the first thing I've heard of that does anything like what you are doing. My son wanted to go more than he needed to. It is something he often talks about..."

Parent of a 2018 CRYJ Participant

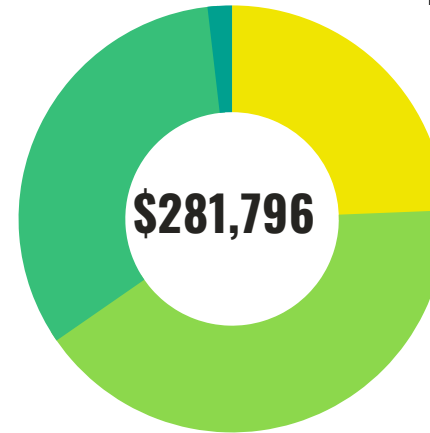


INCOME

Government Grants
32.8%

Program Fees
1.8%

Private Foundations
24.4%



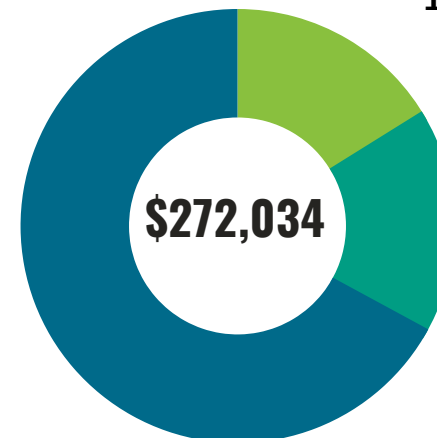
Donations & Fundraising
41%

EXPENSES

Youth Programs
67.1%

Fundraising
16.1%

Management
16.8%







**THANK YOU FOR
EMPOWERING YOUTH &
STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY!**