



## Monroe County Building Restorative Communities Youth Workgroup Activity

Michigan's Building Restorative Communities (BRC) is a unique year-long, strategic planning effort at the county level, designed to make a positive difference in the lives of youth and families in the state.

### BRC PRINCIPLES

- Strengthen the family
- Support core social institutions
- Balance prevention and intervention
- Intervene with graduated sanctions
- Repair harm to victims and communities
- Engage the community
- Foster responsibility

### BRC YOUTH WORKGROUP PROJECT

The role of the Youth Workgroup is to create a picture of your county that describes its geography, communities, people, recreational opportunities, businesses and other points of interest. Identify those things in your community that make it a good place to live (e.g., a skateboard park) and those things in your community that cause concern (e.g., abandoned homes). In other words, paint a picture of what your county is like. We will also ask you to help us understand what might be changed – what young people need to grow up to become productive adults.

You may be very creative in the method you choose to present your information (e.g., written report, brochure, PowerPoint presentation with pictures and music, video presentation, etc.). Youth group output will be **due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2004**. In late January or early February representatives from the youth groups that prepared the "picture" will meet to review all the entries and create one "picture" of the county.

#### Your project result will show:

- Who lives in the county – age, gender, ethnicity
- What is the history and geography of your county – why is it famous; what art, culture, recreation and industry are in the county
- What is it like growing up in the county – what are young people like, what do they do for fun, where do they hang out and what do they do
- What can be changed to help young people grow into productive adults

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