



Quarterly Report to Steering Committee / Co-Chairs October through December 2005

I. Committee Updates

- A. **Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ)**. [April Corie, Facilitator]. The BARJ full Committee quarterly meeting was held on October 7, 2005. Representatives from each of the BARJ Sub-Committees provided updates. The next full Committee meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2006.

A youth civic engagement presentation was conducted on November 17, 2005 at the Youth Leadership Day sponsored by the Monroe County Intermediate School District. The event hosted approximately 250 youth who have been identified as leaders from all nine county school districts. Volunteers from the Civic Engagement Sub-Committee presented to the entire group, and then offered two workshops regarding the development and implementation of a countywide youth volunteerism council. Youth brainstormed strategies and provided feedback as to what they would need to make volunteerism a part of their lives. The hope is that with the support of ABC volunteers and the Volunteer Action Center at the United Way, youth will develop opportunities for volunteerism in their own communities throughout the county.

A team has been formed and is meeting regularly to develop and implement a community plan for Re-Entry for Juvenile Offenders.

Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) pamphlets have been distributed throughout the community. The BARJ Speakers Bureau continues to offer individualized presentations to community agencies, organizations, and groups.

Active Balance Community ordered youth volunteer "BARJ" t-shirts that have "VOLUNTEER- I'm giving back!" on the back.