



Talking Points for Active Balanced Community

IMPLEMENTATION

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THE INITIATIVE

Michigan Building Restorative Communities (BRC) program was a year-long strategic planning effort at the county level focused on building a Five-Year Plan that integrates the juvenile justice system into a comprehensive community collaboration to support healthy youth and families. The implementation of this Five-Year Plan is the **Active Balanced Community Initiative**.

OUR VISION

Making a positive difference in the lives of youth and families.

OUR MISSION

Engage our community and its resources in the ongoing effort to create a healthy and protective environment in Monroe County that encourages responsible families and positive behaviors in youth.

OUR GOAL

Implementation of the FIVE-YEAR PLAN through community action to support youth and families.

OUR COMMITTEES

1. Steering Committee
2. Data Collection and Analysis
3. Resource Assessment
4. Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ)
5. Communications/Media
6. Youth Projects

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VALUES FOR BUILDING AN ACTIVE BALANCED COMMUNITY

Strengthen the family

- Create a multifaceted team that will evaluate the needs of the entire family
- Establish a collaborative network that can provide the services necessary to support the family

Support core social institutions

- Work within the existing health and human services available in Monroe County
- Support local organizations/agencies that have established programs

Balance prevention and intervention

- Continue/establish early childhood programs that teach prevention (respect for family, community, legal system etc.)
- Invite the victims to participate in the process.

Intervene with graduated sanctions

- Provide a system that will allow schools, parents, churches and community to report and request assistance for inappropriate behavior that has not yet escalated to the criminal level.
- Create a linkage with HSCN to intervene/collaborate on the truancy program.

Repair harm to victims and communities

- Establish a sentencing/recommendation panel to review offender's background, severity of the crime and make a recommendation for restoration to the victim and community.

Engage the community

- Establish a speaker's bureau to present Active Balanced Community to the community.
- Invite the community to be a part of the process, get involved, work with Active Balanced Community to create awareness and provide for a safer community.

Foster responsibility

- Hold each offender accountable for his/her actions.
- Judicial system ensures no child and/or family is lost in the system.