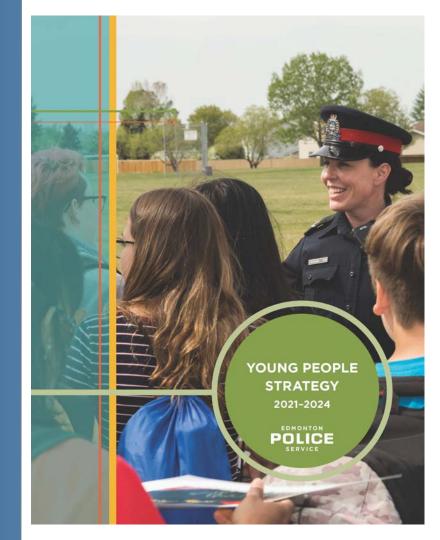
DIVERSIONfirst

Redirecting youth away from the criminal justice system



Young People Strategy

"Early is best, but it is never too late to impact trajectories and decrease harm."



PROGRAM CRITERIA

- Youth 12 -17 years old
- Grounds to lay a criminal charge
- Youth and parent(s) are willing to participate
- Non-violent offense related to YCJA
- Limited involvement in criminal justice system (court)

PROGRAM INTAKE

- Intake conversation with parent/guardian
- Resiliency and YLS/CMI 2.0 Screening tool
- Agreement meeting to match community support with youth's risk & need
- Risk, Need, Responsivity (criminogenic needs, non-criminogenic needs, and protective factors)

RECIDIVISM 2020

3-Month	Did not reoffend	Reoffended	Total
Pilot Group (2018-2019)	86 (88%)	12 (12%)	98% (100)
Current Group (2020)	108 (95%)	6 (5%)	114(100%)

9-Month	Did not reoffend	Reoffended	Total
Pilot Group (2018-2019)	77 (79%)	21 (21%)	98% (100)
Current Group (2020)	78 (91%)	8 (9%)	86 (100%)

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE APPROACH

- Addresses accountability
- Identifies the impact and ripple effect of the behaviour
- Highlights individual strengths and challenges
- Provides creative ways to repair harm

EVOLUTION AND GROWTH

- Expertise available within the DIVERSION first team can support young people with repeat calls for service
- Piloting "mid-risk" young offenders within the structure of DIVERSION first

 Efforts are underway to mobilize community partners that can effectively address the more complex needs of higher risk young people and families

DIVERSION*first* Community Partners

- Provides an individualized approach to meet each youth "where they are at"
- Provides youth and families with community connection & supports at their earliest stage of involvement with the youth justice system
- Provides ongoing support that youth can reconnect with at any time
- Provides access to broader spectrum of YMCA & BGCBIGs programs

THANK YOU

