

## Community Justice History

The development of Community Justice Committees began in 1975 with the first Committee established on the Roseau First Nation. Committees have since spread to all areas of the province.

Community Justice Committees seek to advance the idea of community participation in justice, especially in dealing with youth who are in conflict with the law in their own communities. The Winnipeg Youth Justice Committees are administered by Mediation Services. All committees are made up of volunteers, with cases referred from the legal system.

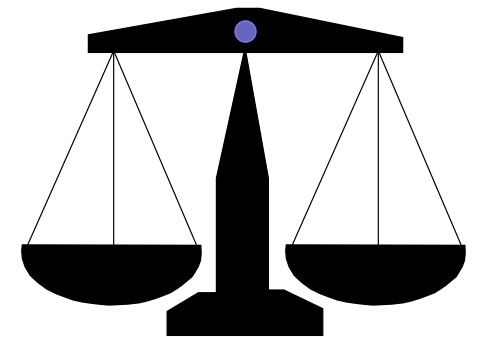
## Community Justice Information

The Winnipeg Community Justice Committees are:

- Central Winnipeg Youth Justice Committee
- Keewatin/Maples Youth Justice Committee
- North End Justice Solutions
- River Heights Youth Justice Committee
- St. Boniface/St. Vital Youth Justice Committee
- St. John's Youth Justice Council

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# Youth & Community Justice



## What is an Extra-Judicial Sanction?

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An Extra-Judicial Sanction is a program which helps to address crime without having the case proceed through court. Young people, ages 12-17, who have been charged with a crime, can be referred for Extra-Judicial Sanctions by the Crown Attorney. Youth Justice Committees are one of the possible Extra-Judicial Sanctions. They work with the youth, their family, and the victim, using a restorative justice model.

## Youth Justice Committee Goals

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- To give the youth a chance to take responsibility, and to try to put things right
- To give victims a voice in the process
- To provide support for parents and guardians
- To provide choices and options for youth
- To involve the victim, the youth offender, and the community in addressing the harm.

## What's the Process?

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- A youth becomes in conflict with the law
- The Crown Attorney refers the youth to a Justice Committee in their community
- The youth and their family can choose whether or not to participate. If they don't wish to, then the case is referred back to the court
- If they want to participate, the youth and their parent or guardian meet with the Justice Committee to discuss the incident.
- Victims can also choose whether they wish to be involved.
- The Justice Committee, the youth, their family and the victim work together to develop a resolution