

RISE COURT

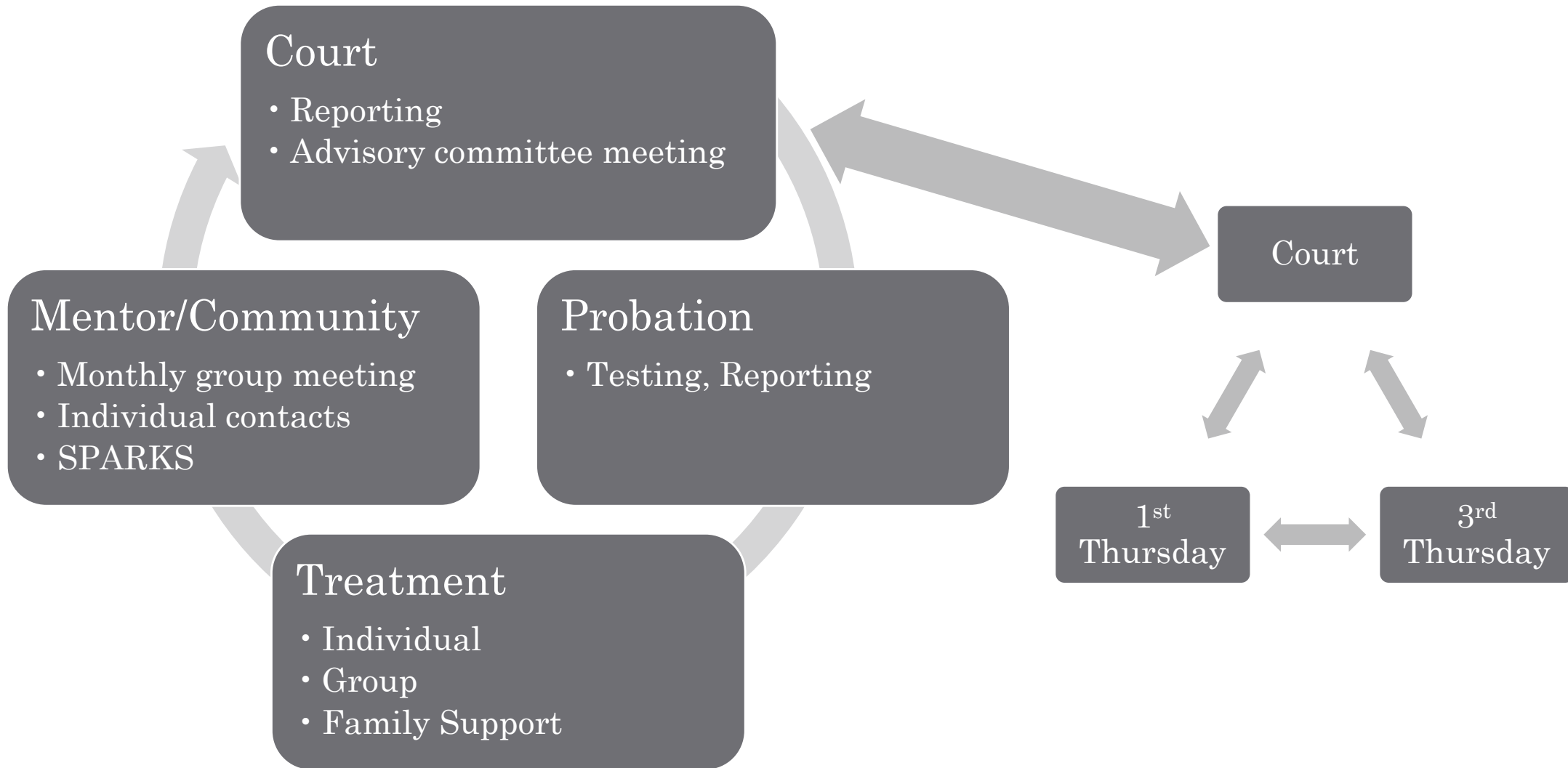
Restore.Invest.Support.Empower.

An information session for Potential Volunteers

RISE Court – Grayson County

- 11th county registered in Texas to do specialty court work with youth
 - Out of 254 counties
- Targeted work with 10 youth (and their families)
- Significant challenges (working with higher risk/higher needs youth)
- Demanding schedules (intensive treatment and reporting requirements)
- Traditionally (in past efforts) poor outcomes
 - We have had two other attempts with specialized services
 - SA Cases
 - Did not do all that well in the program
 - Unaddressed SA issues usually led to criminal activity/problems as an adult
- Family significance – those who have done well have had supportive family

RISE Court Expectations



RISE Court Mission Statement

The mission of the Grayson County Juvenile Drug Court program,
in partnership with other community resources,

- is to help our youth break the cycle of substance use and delinquent behavior;
- strengthen families,
- and move towards more empowered decision making.

RISE Court Elevator Pitch (Purpose)

- The purpose of RISE Court is to provide youth with an individualized plan for success in the community, providing intensive treatment and supervision, as well as empowering each youth to make healthy choices and changes.

RISE Court Advisory Committee

Judge Brian Gary 397th DC

- Serve as team leader
- Recognize and build on strengths of youth, families and community
- Holds the youth and the family accountable if they fail to comply with the rules

Defense Attorney(s): Rogers, Caldwell, and Riddles

- Actively participate as defense counsel by advocating for the juvenile during staffing and court proceedings

School Representative Jim May

- Establish lines of communication between the school and the Juvenile Drug Court
- Participate in staffing and promote partnership between the schools and the JDC

Court Coordinator Tommy Parker

- Overseeing the drug court budget and resources
- Establish and maintain community partnerships and ensure that data collection and reporting requirements are being met

Family Representative Jonathan Campbell

- Interacts in the staffing and advocates for the family unity and resources that should be provided to the family
- Ensures that the incentives and sanctions are fair and consistent to the parents

Law Enforcement Representatives: Ross, Hall, Haywood, Cruz

- Actively participates in the staffing and advocates for the needs of the safety of the community – including safety for the youth and the family
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Assistant District Attorney Laura Wheeler

- Assist in assessing cases that appear appropriate for the Drug Court
- interact with the staffing team to address revocations, pleas and application of sanctions and incentives as they apply to participants

Treatment Provider Jamie Huckaby

- Provide individual and family counseling and groups for the juvenile and their family.
- Will identify and/or provide a continuum of care for participants

Engagement Specialist: Joseph Parchman

- Actively engages the child, family, and advocates for the well being of the family

Juvenile Probation Officer Rosa Hubert

- Monitors the juvenile referral compliance and the juvenile's progress in the program
- Conduct random drug test and home/school visits
- Meets regularly with juvenile and family

Community Representative: Rita Noel

- Establish and maintain community partnerships. Represent the best interests of the community.

Mental Health Representatives: TCC

- Actively participates in the staffing and advocates for the mental wellbeing of the child and the family
- Provides support in the treatment of issues related to substance abuse and mental health

RISERs

Individuals need a few seemingly simple things to thrive: a person/or persons around them that will consistently offer them 2 things:

- 1) High Expectations – “they think I can do it”
- 2) Deep Devotion or Support - “they are here for me no matter what”

We want to intentionally cultivate RISERs within the Grayson County community – specifically for this group of youth in the RISE Court.



Your Role as a Volunteer

Qualifications: (For Direct, Unsupervised Access)

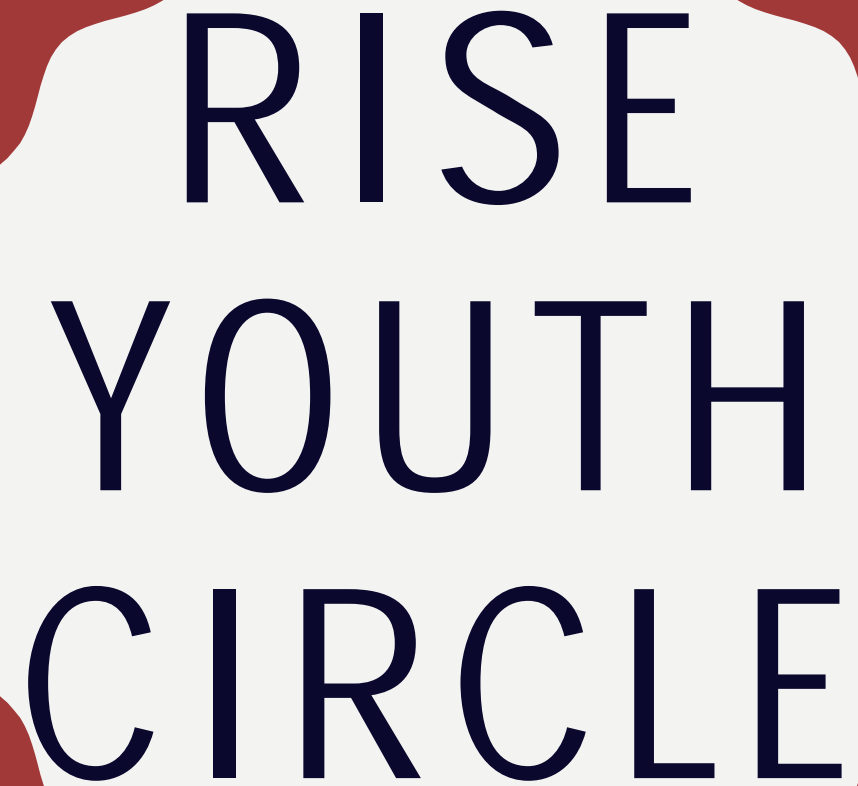
Must be 21 years old

Be of good moral character

Ex-offenders permitted at the discretion of the Director.

May not provide volunteer services to any relatives.

We want to be creative with the possible use of credible messengers and young adults



**RISE
YOUTH
CIRCLE**

A COMMUNITY MODEL

RISE YOUTH CIRCLE

- 2-3 Adults
- 1 Youth
- 2 hour minimum commitment per month per adult
 - 1 group interaction/circle
 - 1 individual contact per adult with youth
- Youth would have up to a 4 hour commitment
 - 1 group interaction/circle
 - Up to 3 different individual contacts with adults

WHY A CIRCLE – WHY THIS MODEL?

- Circles – Ancient (circle around the campfire) - A stance of curiosity:
 - What transforms a meeting into a circle is the willingness of people to shift from informal socializing or opinionated discussion – into a receptive attitude of thoughtful speaking and deep listening.
 - When we listen –
 - We speak more thoughtfully
 - We lean in to shared purpose
 - A structure for:
 - Deeper relationships
 - Equity
 - Voice
 - Support
 - Empowerment
- We did not want a model where a child needs to be rescued by wise adults. We wanted a model where a community comes together to be community and support for one another.
- A place where people would show up for others. Where people would have each other's back.

CIRCLE DETAILS

- 6 – 9 month program (and commitment)
- Initial Circle meeting would begin the process (probably at the department or at a place coordinated by the probation officer or treatment and the client/family).
 - Monthly circle meeting for the duration of probation.
- Individual contact would be negotiated with youth:
 - Dependent upon schedule, it could be a phone call, a supportive text, a card in the mail
 - Never at your home. Never at youth's home alone. Could be at public setting/restaurant etc.
 - In the context of circle - may end up being around the meeting of needs (youth & family)
 - Could be just simple support and checking in

JUSTUS LEAGUE



We may not be the heroes you need, but we are the heroes that show up. We are not sure we would say we are heroes at all. It is Just Us!



JUSTUS LEAGUE



- A league is defined as a collection of people or groups that combine for a particular purpose.
- The Justus League is coming together for the purpose of supporting youth and families in the RISE Court.
- This group may not be able to commit to a particular amount of time or over time, but they are just as focused on showing the youth and families of RISE Court that they are valuable members of our community and that this community has their back.
- Still in some ways a larger CIRCLE of support



JUSTUS LEAGUE – WHAT DO THEY DO?



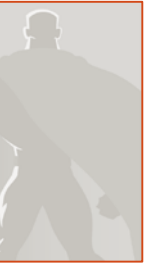
- It Depends – Only limited by your creativity/desire to assist

- Donation
 - Money
 - Time
 - Cookout
 - Talent/Skill
 - Music
 - Art

- Resources
 - Place?
 - Bike?
 - Jobs?



JUSTUS LEAGUE DETAILS



- A focus on meeting the needs of youth and families
 - And understanding that there are resources/people available to meet those needs

- How much involvement?
 - It Depends
 - Upon request?
 - Based on interest of volunteer?
 - One time? A few weeks? Every so often?



ANOTHER POTENTIAL ASK

- Youth Recovery Groups
 - Someone to provide space
 - Someone to provide structure
 - People willing to invest in youth

