

## **Training Program Overview**

### **Effective Police Interactions With Youth**

*(Tools that Work for Patrol Officers)*

#### Curriculum Description

This is a one-day (5 hours of instruction) training delivered via classroom instruction by 2 certified police trainers who are experienced youth officers or School Resource Officers (SROs).

#### Training Goals

- (A) Increase patrol officer awareness of DMC (Disproportionate Minority Contact)
- (B) Increase patrol officer knowledge of youth behavior and strategies for interacting effectively with youth
- (C) Improve police attitudes toward young people
- (D) Increase the likelihood that police/youth interactions will have positive outcomes for youth; and
- (E) Increase the likelihood that youth will respond positively toward police officers

#### **PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN**

- The role of police officers in helping to eliminate the problem of disproportionate minority contact with the juvenile justice system.
- Why adolescents tend to test boundaries, challenge authority and have difficulty controlling impulses and making sound decisions.
- Strategies for communicating more effectively with young people and improving police/youth relations.

#### **Who should attend?**

This training is designed for law enforcement personnel. Key police trainers, DMC Coordinators and DMC Committee members may want to attend a session to see if the curriculum might be suitable for their jurisdiction.

#### **Evaluations**

*“I came away feeling that I learned things I could take back with me and use.”*

*“The training gave me the opportunity to hear what the youth of today think of police and how we could better the interaction.”*

97% of trainees rated this training very or reasonably interesting.

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