



Edmonton  
Youth Justice  
Committee  
Society

Support. Repair. Grow.

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# Who We Are

Edmonton Youth Justice Committee Society (EYJCS) is a non-profit organization that relies on trained volunteers who are dedicated to providing an effective **restorative justice program** for Edmonton youth, young adults and the community.

**Restorative justice** is an approach that recognizes that crime or conflict can cause harm to people and their communities. It focuses on **repairing harm** and aims to provide meaningful resolution to **all people involved**.

**EYJCS** uses a restorative justice Circle process in order to help youth and young adults **take responsibility** and understand the harm caused by their actions and **provide a voice** to the community members who have been harmed.



## Benefits to You

**Tell your story** - You will have the opportunity to tell your story and be involved in the discussion on how you can repair the harm caused by your actions.

**Supportive place** - A Circle is a supportive place where trained volunteers are present to help you understand the impact of your actions and allow you to speak directly with the harmed person in a safe environment.

**No Criminal Record** - Upon successful completion of this program, you will not have a permanent criminal record for this offense. A criminal record could prevent you from getting a job in the future, volunteering, and travelling.

# The Circle Process



Accept responsibility for actions -  
Enter EYJCS program



EYJCS contacts the young  
adult and harmed person to  
set up a circle



Trained volunteers hold circle and all circle  
participants discuss events and determine sanctions



Sanctions Complete -  
File Closed



Sanctions Incomplete -  
File returned to court





# Your Responsibilities

**Attend** with a support person (family member or other supportive person)

**Be ready** to accept responsibility for your actions and participate fully in the program

**Be prepared** to discuss the events that led to your charges

**Before the Circle,** think about some ways that you can repair the harm caused by your actions

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