

REBUILDING EXPECTATIONS AND WALKING IN NEW DIRECTIONS

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MISSION

- To deflect youth away from the traditional criminal justice system, instead providing early intervention, resources, and support in an effort to reduce juvenile crime.
- Serves as a pre-file, one-point-of-entry system for at-risk youth that addresses misconduct through a communitybased approach
- Partnership between:
 - City of Longmont Community Services Division (Children, Youth & Families)
 - Municipal Court (Probation)
 - Public Safety (Police)
 - BRITE Collaborative (non-profit Restorative Justice organization)



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HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT

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HISTORY

- Voluntary Diversion Program developed in 2017
- Partnership between COL's:
 - Community Services (Children, Youth & Families)
 - Municipal Court (Probation)
 - Public Safety (Police)
- Post-File



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Offenses eligible for REWIND		
Level I Offenses	Level II Offenses	Level III Offenses
 Curfew Parks violation Littering Fireworks Unreasonable noise Obstructing a highway / passageway 	Trespass Fighting in public Fighting words Underage possession/consumption of alcohol/marijuana Obstructing a police / firefighter Public indecency Resisting arrest Disrupting class function	Assault Theft Harassment Vandalism Reckless endangerment Menacing Weapons charges excluding those involving menacing or threats

The following offenses disqualify a youth from participating in REWIND:

- Traffic
- Sex crimes (except public indecency)
- Domestic violence
- Felony charges
- · Bond conditions

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PROGRAM EVOLUTION

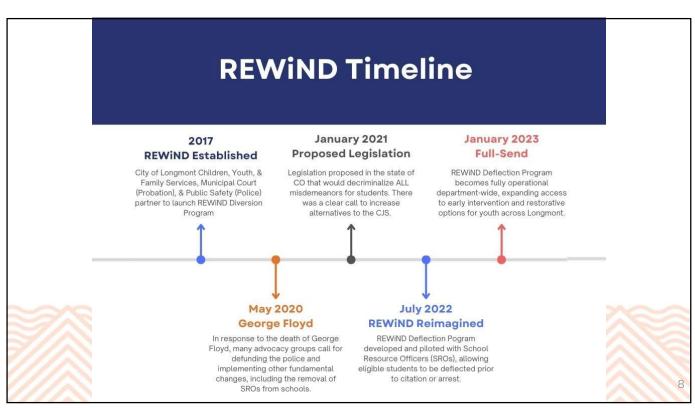
REWIND REVAMPED

- Summer of 2022, transitioned to a Pre-File (Deflection) & One-Point of Entry program
- REWiND partners with Longmont Community Justice Partnership (LCJP), now known as BRITE Collaborative
- Took the LCJP pre-file model and applied it to REWIND



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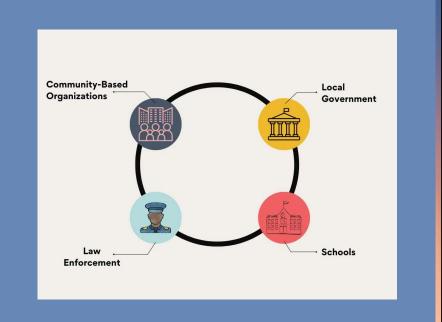


WHY?



COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACH

- Breaking down silos between agencies
- Coordinated response involving schools, mental health services, law enforcement, & family support systems
- Holistic treatment of underlying issues rather than symptoms
 - The RIGHT Intervention
 - CANS & ARNA Assessments
 - Offender & Victim Focused
- Council on Criminal Justice "Ten Essential Actions"



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DATA-DRIVEN

Early intervention reduces adult criminal behavior

Diversion & Deflection reduces court caseloads (Urban Institute, 2023)

Diversion & Deflection reduces recidivism rates approximately 10-15 percentage points compared to CJS (Wilson & Hoge, 2013)

Pre-File vs. Post-File studies show 15-20% lower recidivism rates (Mears, Kuch, Lindsey, Siennick, Pesta, Greenwald, & Blomberg, 2016)

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COST-EFFECTIVE

Category

Juvenile Incarceration (National Avg)

Juvenile Incarceration (Colorado)

Diversionary & Deflection Programs

Cost per Youth Annually

Approx. \$88,000

\$132,000

\$1,500 – \$39,000 (intense wraparound services) **Notes**

(Justice Policy Institute 2020)

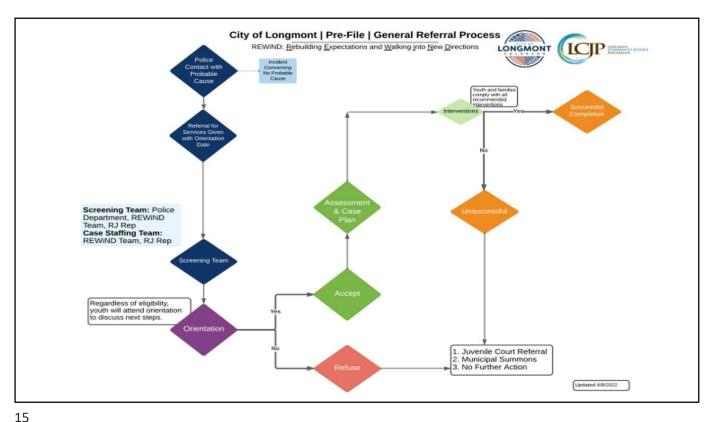
State-specific cost

Much lower-cost alternative

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HOW?



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ASSESSMENT

Child & Adolescent Needs & Strengths (CANS)

 The CANS Assessment is a person-centered, consensusbased assessment tool used to gather information about a child or adolescent's needs, strengths, and functioning.

Arizona Risk Needs Assessment (ARNA)

The ARNA is a brief, actuarial risk tool used to screen youth who have been charged with an offense for their level of risk for recidivism.

OVERVIEW OF INTERVENTIONS

- Restorative Justice (LCJP)
- Service-Learning Programs
- Substance Use Education & Counseling Specifically for REWIND Youth
- Mental Health Counseling (individual and/or group)

- Psychoeducational Groups
- Crisis Intervention
- Family Counseling
- Parenting Skill Development
- Quality Recreation & Organized Programs

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INELIGIBILITY

Offenses

- Mandatory Arrests (DV, VPO, etc.)
- Traffic offenses & DUIs
- Sex offenses
- Crimes involving the <u>USE</u> of a deadly weapon
- Currently on probation
- Safety issues

Individuals

- 3 strikes and you're out
- Needs beyond available interventions

OUR DATA

- Juvenile court cases reduced by 90+%
- Supervised probation reduced by approximately 80%
 - On pace for 99% in 2025
- Recidivism has decreased 10+ percentage points
 - Down to 16% in 2024
 - As low as 14% for cases receiving RJ Interventions
- Program fee is \$75 w/ sliding scale; interventions do not incur additional fees
- Typical probation fees are \$130 per juvenile; may incur additional costs for classes

Year (August 1-July 31)	School-related Arrests & Summonses
2019-2020	109
2020-2021 (COVID)	20
2021-2022	93
2022-2023 (Pre-file REWIND Implemented)	23
2023-2024	25
2024-Present	7

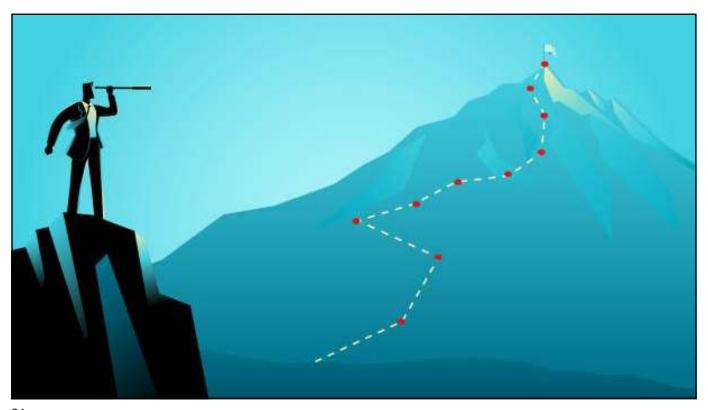
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NATIONAL ATTENTION

- Outside agencies & communities
- NAACP
- State Legislators
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (Juvenile Justice Coalition)
- · Denver DA's Office
- · National Center for Youth Law

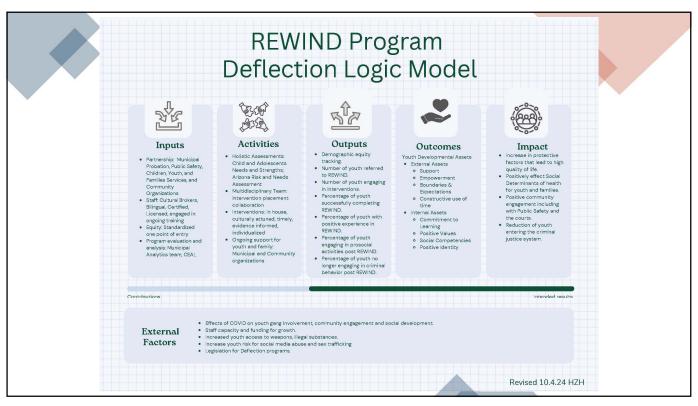


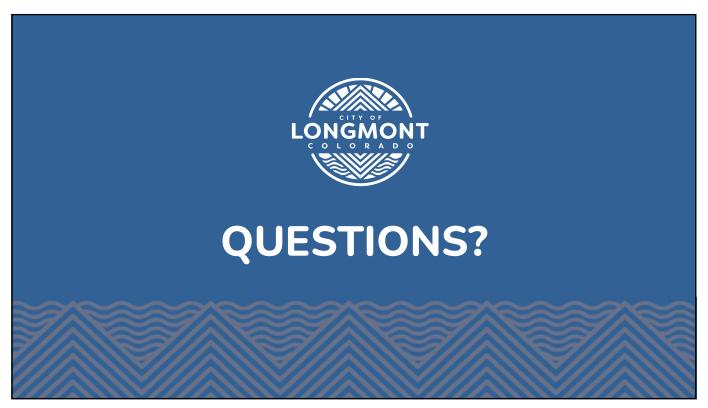


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TODAY & BEYOND

- Expansion for Young Adults
 - **18-25**
- Inspire and Scale the Model for Statewide Programs
 - Colorado HB 25-1146
 - Passed 12-1
 - \$4 million in funding for Deflection Grant Program- Year 1





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