



MTR CLASS

Statement of Purpose and Objectives

Purpose:

Participation in MTR class will significantly impact the perspective of juvenile offenders as they reflect on the criminal offense they have committed. This changed understanding will focus on:

1. how the youths' thinking errors contributed to their criminal offenses;
2. how the youth have harmed other people by their offenses;
3. the obligation the youth have to make meaningful amends to their victims and the community.

Objectives:

Successful completion of the MTR class will:

- enable offenders to verbally present a full account of the criminal offense they committed;
- reduce or eliminate thinking errors by offenders when they speak about their offense;
- increase the offenders' ability to identify thinking errors when they hear them;
- enable offenders to state how any given thinking error, used in explaining a crime, is an avoidance of taking personal responsibility;
- enable offenders to state specific impacts or feelings victims may experience as a result of the offense;
- enable offenders to identify specific people harmed by the offense, and to state how these people may have been harmed;
- move offenders from a stance of feeling victimized by the community's response to their offense, to an understanding that they are personally responsible for their actions and the consequences of those actions (among those consequences is the obligation to make amends for the harm caused).
- enable offenders to state reasons they have an obligation to make amends to their victims and the broader community;
- assist offenders in identifying personal interests, skills and abilities and to identify specific community service opportunities where they can make use of their abilities