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- To restore the losses suffered by the victims of crimes.

Objectives are defined by statements of specific, measurable aims of program activities<sup>8</sup>. Objectives detail the tasks that must be completed to achieve goals<sup>9</sup>. Descriptions of objectives in the proposals should include three elements<sup>10</sup>:

- 1) Direction – the expected change or accomplishment (e.g., improve, maintain);
- 2) Timeframe – when the objective will be achieved; and
- 3) Target Population– who is affected by the objective.

Examples of program objectives<sup>11</sup>:

- By the end of the program, drug-addicted youth under the age of 17 will recognize the long-term consequences of drug use.
  - To place eligible youth in an intensive supervision program within two weeks of adjudication to ensure offender accountability and community safety.
- To ensure that youth who have harmed others, and have agreed to participate in the program, carry out all the terms of the mediation agreements they have worked out with their victims by program completion.

## Harm Reduction

Harm reduction is a set of practical strategies that reduce negative consequences of drug use. It incorporates a spectrum of strategies that move through stages of safer use, managed use, and abstinence. Harm reduction strategies meet drug users “where they’re at,” addressing conditions of use with the use itself. It can also be used to address other behavioral health concerns.

Harm Reduction Principles:

- The individual has a voice in the process and identifies goals and a path to achieve them
- Workers raise awareness of risk and strategies to reduce harm
- The focus is on reducing harm, not consumption
- There are no pre-defined outcomes
- Abstinence may be a goal but alternatives to reduce risk are equally valued
- The Individual’s decisions to engage in risky behaviors is accepted
- Does not condone risk that can cause serious harm
- The individual is expected to take responsibility for his or her own behavior
- The individual is treated with dignity
- Recovery is a non-linear process
- Services are highly accessible: low barriers, informal atmosphere, extended hours<sup>12</sup>

<sup>8</sup> National Center for Justice Planning. Overview of Strategic Planning. *Where Do We Want to Be? Goals and Objectives*. Retrieved from <http://ncjp.org/strategic-planning/overview/where-do-we-want-be/goals-objectives>.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*; see *supra* fn 1.

<sup>10</sup> Justice Research and Statistics Association, Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center. (2003, June). *Juvenile Justice Program Evaluation: An overview (Second Edition)* p. 5. Retrieved from <http://www.jrsa.org/njiec/publications/program-evaluation.pdf>.

<sup>11</sup> *Id.*

<sup>12</sup> Corporation for Supportive Housing <http://www.homelesshouston.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/2a-Harm-Reduction-9-2014.pdf>





























