

Victim Offender Meeting Program client quotes 2011

Here are some recent quotes from the evaluation forms for our Victim Offender meetings and Restorative Alternative Meetings. The program clearly has a strong positive impact on those who participate.

Offender Evaluation Responses: What did you like best about the meeting?

“I liked the part where we did the bored (board) and finding out how much money everybody lost. It made me feel bad.”

“Talking about what happened.”

“Someone that listens, and gives me better choices.”

“Learning new ways to avoid harmful situations and sharing my thought with somebody.”

“I am excited and glad to have this meeting. I had someone to listen to me and they actually tried to understand where I’m coming from.”

“The thing I like about the meeting was that they were very easy to talk to and they understood me. The thing I didn’t like was that I broke the window because it was wrong.”

“I felt/feel optimistic that I shall NEVER again hit my mother. I also think my life has really turned its final corner before the home stretch towards the end prizes and goals.”

“That my mom (victim) said she was proud of me for straightening up.”

“When I wrote the letter to my mom. I liked least when I heard how much damage I did and the time it took away from other people’s life.”

Victim Evaluation Responses: What did you like best about the meeting?

“They listen to what my child had to say about what happen. And she open up and talked to them. I am very happy.”

“Liked walking out and feeling I could breathe again and there is light at the end of my tunnel.”

Victims’ General Comments

“I believe that this was a great meeting and should continue to be offered to children/teenagers. They will leave with a great feeling that life doesn’t have to stop because of a mistake but to learn from it and move on to better.”

“Good program. Grateful to have someone to help us out of the same habits/stalemate we’ve been in.”

“I believe this meeting is an eye opener for my grandson. I think it will be helpful for both of us.”