Strategies for Youth

Strategies for Youth, Inc. (SFY) is a non-profit organization that promotes positive police/ youth interactions through training and advocacy. We train patrol and school resource officers across the nation in age-appropriate, best practices for working with youth. Using a game based approach, we teach youth how to appropriately interact with law enforcement. Since its founding in 2010, Strategies for Youth has become a national thought leader in this area.

When Strategies for Youth works with cops and kids, good things happen:

- Arrests decrease.
- Runaway reports decline.
- Police innovate.
- Public safety improves.

WHAT WE DO

- Equip front-line law enforcement officers, gatekeepers of the juvenile justice system, with information on best practices for working effectively with our nation's young people. We are committed to providing officers with interdisciplinary training based on science and research.
- Teach youth positive behaviors to use in navigating interactions with their peers and with police and teach them the legal consequences of their behavior.
- Consult with law enforcement agencies to develop policies and practices, as well as partnerships with youth-serving community based organizations.
- Research and policy development to raise public awareness of the benefits of law enforcement agencies' use of developmentally appropriate, trauma-informed equitable practices with youth.



SFY incorporates a psychologist and a patrol officer in trainings.



SFY consults with local stakeholders.



SFY teaches youth though Juvenile Justice Jeopardy™ games.



SFY uses a variety of methods to inform policy recommendations.

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