

**Unleashing Potential:  
Exploring  
Strength-based  
counseling for Children  
involved in the Juvenile  
Justice System**



# How I landed on my topic

# **Intersecting strengths training with my passion for juvenile justice**








# **Strengths Based Counseling**

# Article 1






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- JIACM is a non-traditional correctional program that implements strength based case management philosophies in a variety of ways to manage at-risk behavior of juveniles on probation.
  - Of the 97 children who were on JIACM, Only nine of the youths who successfully completed the program were re-arrested in the follow-up period, whereas 21 of the unsuccessful clients were re-arrested. (Kurts, 2016)
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# Article 2



- A successful implementation of a strengths based assessment called the Youth Competency Assessment in the Washington County Juvenile Department noted deteriorating recidivism rates after shifting towards this strength based approach.
  - “Washington County made stronger gains in reducing youth recidivism compared with the state as a whole. Recidivism in 2004 (defined as a subsequent delinquency referral within one year of the initial referral) was 26% in Washington County compared with 31% statewide.
  - This represents an improvement over 1997 when the figure for one- year recidivism was 37% in Washington County versus 38% statewide. (Barton, William H. and Butts, Jeffrey A. (2008)
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# CONCLUSIONS

