



Community Ministry Start-Ups:

Developing a Juvenile Justice Ministry Model from a Parent Life Ministry Model

Purpose:

How to start a Juvenile Justice Ministry Model in your chapter from an existing City Life Ministry Model

Steps:

1. Study: [JJM 101](#), [JJM PSBPs](#), [First Encounter](#), [Aftercare](#), [Diversion](#), [Processes Timeline](#), [JJM in a Box](#)
2. Contact a JJM specialist to begin coaching: jjm@yfc.net
3. Identify common areas where parenting young people have contact with the juvenile justice system:
 - a. Community
 - i. Alternative schools
 - ii. Day programs
 - iii. Probation or parole officers
 - iv. Diversion programs
 - b. Courts
 - i. Judges, public defenders, state attorneys
 - c. Corrections
 - i. Juvenile Justice Facilities (detention, long-term commitment, group homes, etc.)
4. Conduct a community listening tour with key stakeholders from the above common areas (Community, Courts, Corrections) regarding the needs of the parenting teens they are seeing.
 - a. See [Community Listening Tour Questionnaire](#) in Knowledge Base.
5. Analyze data collected from listening tour and determine which pathway is most conducive in serving youth in your context: Community, Courts, or Corrections. We recommend starting with **one** of these areas! Examples may include but are not limited to:
 - a. Community: Parent Life leaders connect with probation officers to offer mentoring
 - b. Courts: Parent Life leaders connect with a judge to receive mentoring referrals for youth who live in the neighborhood they're serving
 - c. Corrections: Parent Life leaders begin to intentionally conduct RMAs with youth at a local facility.
6. Start a prayer team to pray for the young people from the specific community



- a. Consider having board members and Community Support Team to be part of these prayer team(s).
7. Recruit at least 5 ministry leaders to begin to do holistic ministry with young people
 - a. [Find](#) and [Win](#) ministry leaders to serve in new JJM ministry site
 - i. Opportunity to [Lift](#) current ministry leaders
 - b. Recruit in pairs. Ministry Leaders feel more invested when they have someone to do ministry with
8. Begin Training: See [JJM Vimeo Trainings](#)
9. Identify community partners (local churches, community centers, etc) to help provide opportunities deepen Authentic Christ Sharing Relationships with young people and provide holistic care.
10. Input new JJM site into [YFC Impact](#)
11. Have Ministry Leaders begin to do Relational Ministry Actions. Start with one or two that make sense for your context!
12. Continue to use ministry process timeline to foster growth of JJM new ministry site

