

WHAT IS INTERVENTION AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Intervention is described as a practice of intervening in the affairs of another. For those of us in law enforcement that are committed to helping youth become successful young adults, it means stepping in and getting involved with a young person's daily activities when we have identified the individual as at risk or flirting with criminal activity.

This is important for several reasons. The time we spend with youth now is minimal but pays a huge dividend. The money we spend now on intervention is pennies on the dollar when compared to incarceration, when youthful offenders turn in to adult criminals and occupy our state prisons which are over populated and consume billions of dollars annually.

It just makes sense to invest in our youth and make them productive and healthy members of our communities.