

Juvenile Justice in Guatemala

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BICE acts for restorative justice

In Guatemala, BICE works in partnership with [the ICCPG](#) (Institute for Comparative Studies in Criminal Science of Guatemala).

[The Childhood without bars programme](#) supports the policy implemented by the National Plan for Childhood and Adolescence in Guatemala, which aims to improve the socio-familial reintegration of children in conflict with the law.

On the one hand, non-custodial sanctions have been set up by the Department of Social Welfare and the Institute for Public Defense.

On the other hand, a programme is specifically aimed at indigenous youths who have committed an offense.

Activities

- Workshops to help adolescents in custody and children in open detention centres to prepare their future
- Training for members of the judiciary on restorative practices within the juvenile justice system
- Training on children's rights for public defenders
- Workshops with multi-disciplinary professionals on support for children in conflict with the law
- Workshops on positive parenting, with the families of children in closed or open detention centres
- Study on the legal and institutional aspects of juvenile justice, in particular on restorative justice
- Evaluation of the impact of information disclosed via the media on public opinion
- Workshops and a conference with media professionals on children's rights
- Organisation of an awareness campaign "Include me" with three groups of children in conflict with the law

Key figures per year

- 170 adolescents in conflict with the law
- 550 members of the family circle of minors (parents, tutors, communities...)
- 60 persons involved in the juvenile justice system (judges, personnel, judicial police...)
- 60 social workers from closed detention centres
- 50 members of the media informed on juvenile justice (radios, TV, written press...)