

## **Spokane County Juvenile Court Detention Alternative Program (DAP)**

### **Community Service Program:**

The Community Service Program has been active in Spokane for over 10 years. This program is for youth who have been court-ordered community service as well as an alternative to confinement for being in violation of their court order. The following youth are served: Probation, Diversion, Truancy and At-Risk-Youth. Youth have the opportunity to take active responsibility for their actions and give something back to the community in a positive way. They serve over 30 charitable and non-profit sites in the County and do special work crew projects needed by the community. Special focus is on intergenerational community service with youth interacting with seniors at the East Central Community Center and taking care of senior yards through Catholic Charities.

### **Evening Reporting Program (ERP):**

ERP began in October 2005 and is an alternative to confinement for youth that have violated their conditions of probation. Youth are ordered to the program between 1 and 8 days. This Tuesday-Friday four hour program is located at the Central YMCA in Spokane. Youth are held accountable for their actions by attending classes with evidence-based components that focus on avoiding future probation violations. They are also introduced to pro-social activities in the community which help build protective factors.

### **Weekend Program:**

The Weekend Program began in the fall of 2004 and is an alternative to confinement for status offenders (Truancy and At-Risk-Youth) who are in contempt of their court order. Youth are ordered to attend up to four Saturdays. This three hour class is followed by three hours of community service. The program encourages status offenders to identify reasons for continued violation of at-risk and truancy petitions and to learn the skills and specific steps needed to make better decisions in the future. In the afternoon youth participate in service activities which positively contribute the needs of the community.