



Training Police in Responding Effectively to Youth

A Challenge: Youth are Different

Police generally see teens in a negative light, using words like disrespectful, lazy, angry and entitled to describe them.

However, police newer to the force describe children more positively with words like active, curious and in-need (of supports).

Even though many officers understand that youth are less mature than adults, they self-report low skills for interacting effectively with teens, especially with children impacted by trauma.

Better Equipping Police

Even trainings for police as short as three hours that focus on child

