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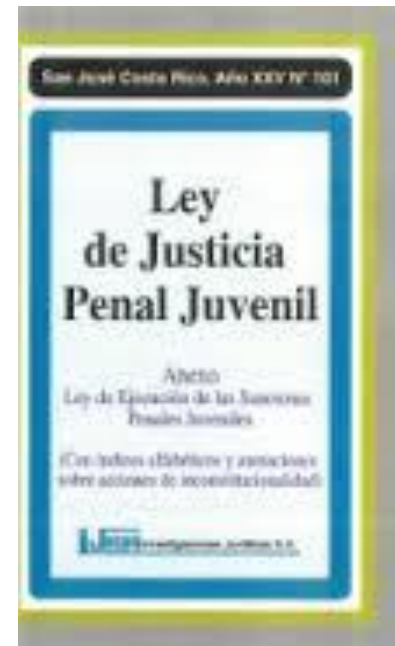
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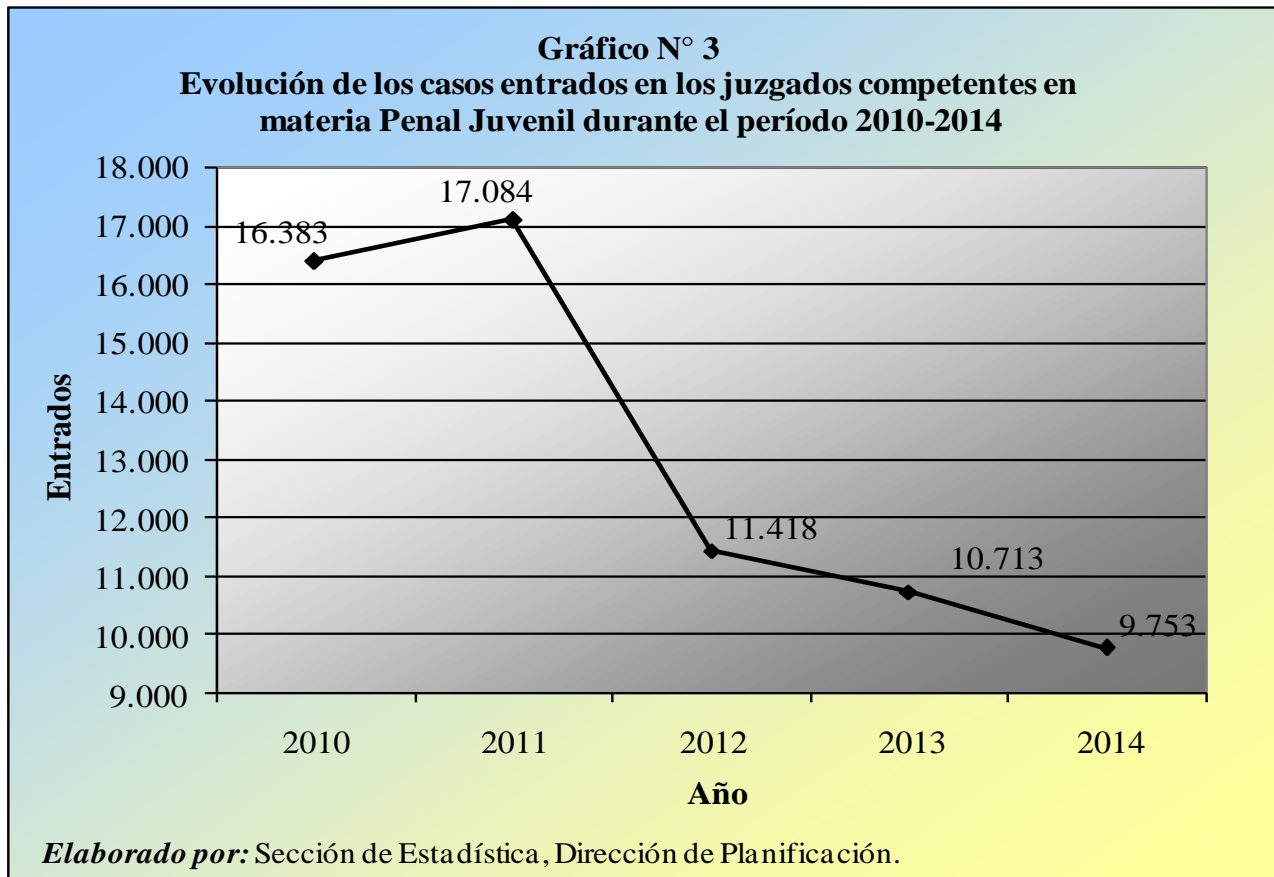
Juvenile Criminal Justice Law (LJPJ). N° 7576 of 1996.

- International Standards on Childhood and Adolescence.
- Specialized Jurisdiction
- Criminal Responsibility.
- Age Range: 12-17 years.



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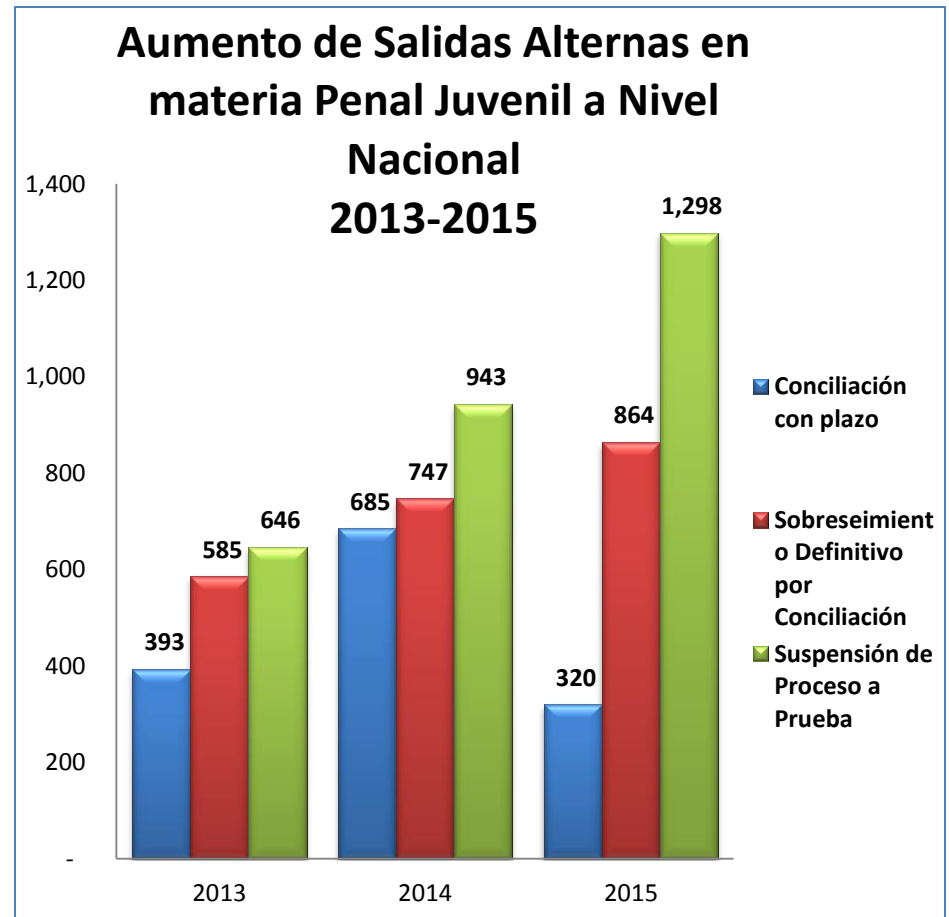
Crime Indictments



ALTERNATIVE SENTENCE JUVENILE JUSTICE

□ Suspension of Judicial Process (89 LJPJ)

□ Reconciliation (64 LJPJ)



PRECEDENT FOR ALTERNATIVE SENTENCE

Article 132 LJPJ.

- a) Efforts to repair the damage done.
- a) Low level of harm or injury.
- b) Opportunity for educational or work development.
- a) Social and family situation.
- b) Formulate an alternative life project.

MINORS WITH CRIMES LINKED TO CONSUMPTION

Diagnosis of the Juvenile Criminal System. Costa Rica. 2012.

“...At least 80% of the youth population that has entered the Zurquí Youth Training Center have drug problems...”

MINORS WITH CRIMES LINKED TO CONSUMPTION

Survey on Drug Use of Young People with Cases in Juvenile Criminal Courts. Costa Rica. 2016.

- ❑ 62% consumed alcohol.
- ❑ 57% consumed marihuana.
- ❑ 24% consumed cocaine.
- ❑ 14% consumed ketamine.
- ❑ 12% consumed LSD.

MINORS WITH CRIMES LINKED TO CONSUMPTION

Study on drug use of minors in conflict with Juvenile Criminal Law. Costa Rica. 2017.

Recommendations to reduce crime associated with drug use:

- ❑ *Comprehensive treatment programs.*
- ❑ *Support for the youth and their families.*
- ❑ *Intersectoral articulation policies.*
- ❑ *Monitoring & evaluation.*

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RESTORATIVE JUSTICIA

“... An evolving response to crime that respects the dignity and equality of all people, fosters understanding and promotes social harmony through the recovery of victims, offenders and communities...”

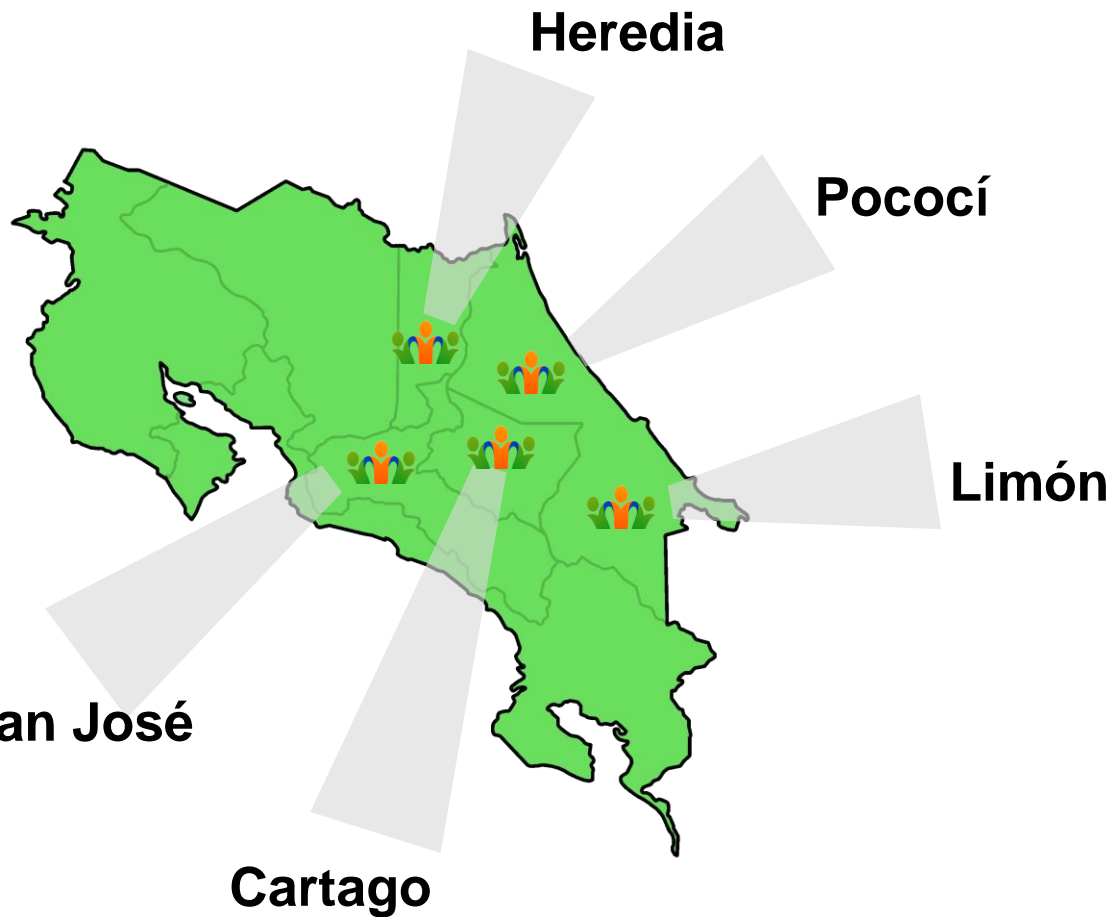
United Nations Economic and Social Council (2002).

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- Legal requirements.
- Onboarding and psycho-social coordination.
- Restorative Meeting and Judicialization of Agreements.
- Follow-up.

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San José: 7 Cases.

Heredia: 2 Cases.

Cartago: 7 Cases.

Pococí: 3 Cases.

Limón: 2 Cases.

TRAINING AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

- Judicial officials.
- Health related professionals.
- Broader Community.



POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE REFORMS

- Restorative Juvenile Justice Public Policy. 2015. Executive Decree 40.303.
- Promotion of a code to allocate resources to a treatment center for minors.
- Restorative Justice Bill 19.935.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Intersectoral Support Network.
- Encounters with relatives of People in conflict with LJPJ.
- Youth workshops.



CHALLENGES



- Greater Training and Awareness.
- Increasing Treatment Options.
- Scaling the Program at the National Level.

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"Restorative Justice transforms hearts, knocks down walls and builds bridges, intertwining people and communities."

Dr. Doris María Arias Madrigal

Costa Rican Supreme Court Justice

Director of the Restorative Justice Program