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Systemic Design and Access, Inclusion, and Equity

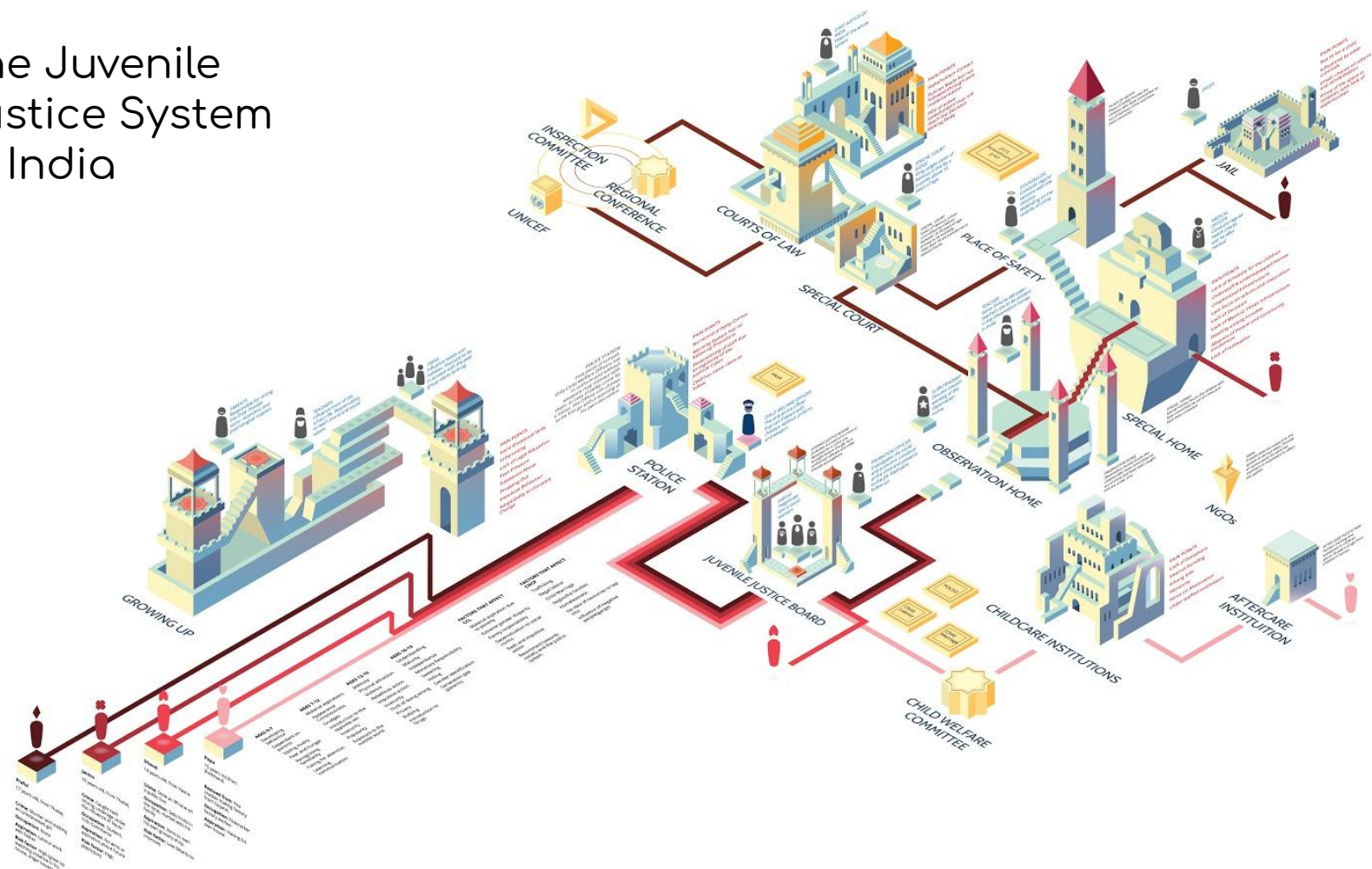
Systemic Design and Governance: Policy making and Decision Making



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The Juvenile Justice System of India



Recidivism

40,000

crimes by juveniles were reported in India in 2015

11%

of those juveniles were incarcerated for re-offence

40 lacs

were spent on the Delhi Observation homes

Pain Points

Police Station

- .No record of petty crimes
- .Warning system has no follow ups.
- .Desensitizing of staff due to regularity of the juvenile cases.
- .CWO is overburdened.



Courts

- .Stakeholders contact.
- .Policies made but not followed through past implementation.
- .POV of active stakeholders may not reach the decision making body.

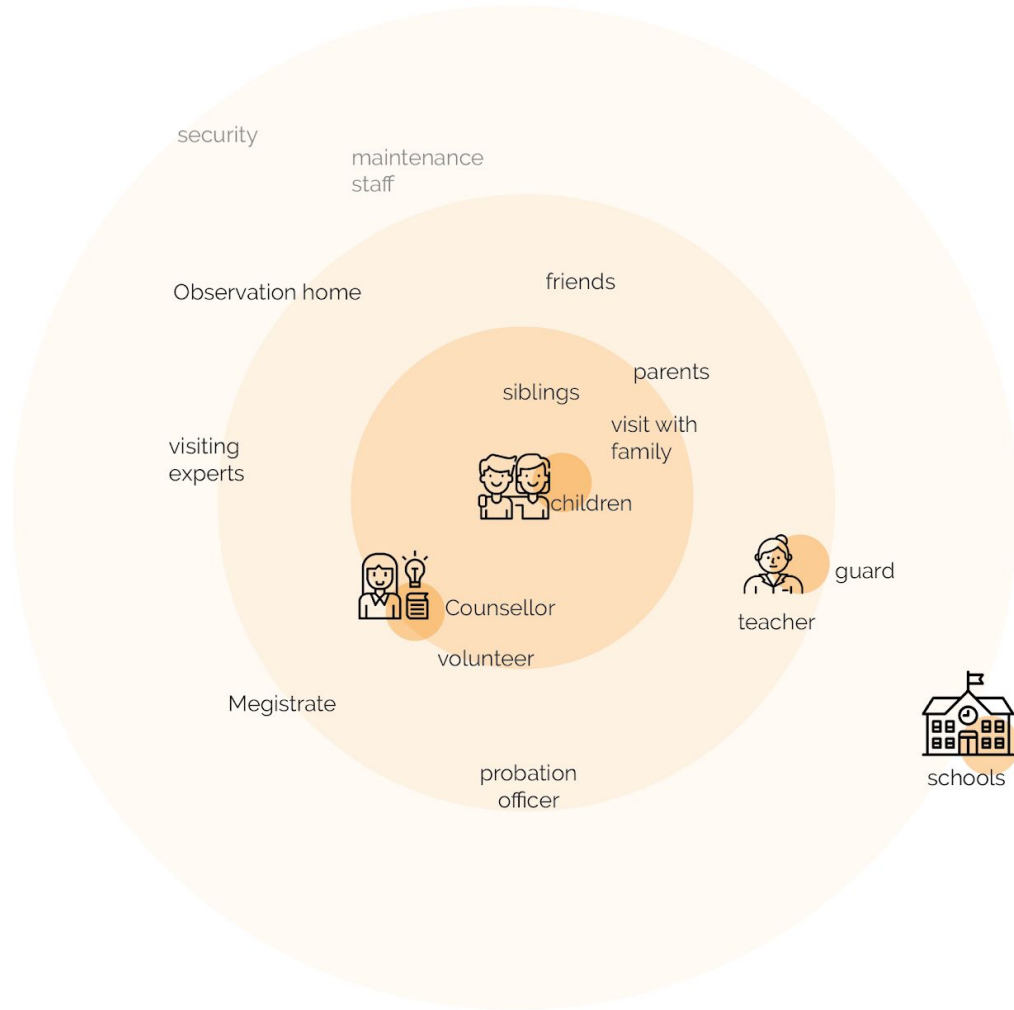


Observation Home

- .**Lack of reformation**
- .Lack of schedule for the children.
- .**Understaffed and under equipped homes.**
- .Unoptimized Infrastructure.
- .Absence of Parent and community.



Children at the centre of the system





Research through Design

- Arrange yourself by age
- Draw your partners portrait
- Draw your hobby
- Make groups by hobby
- Find 5 things in common
- Two truths and a lie

- New skill you want to learn
- New skill learnt here
- 1 thing you like about the place
- What to do next?
- Write to somebody outside

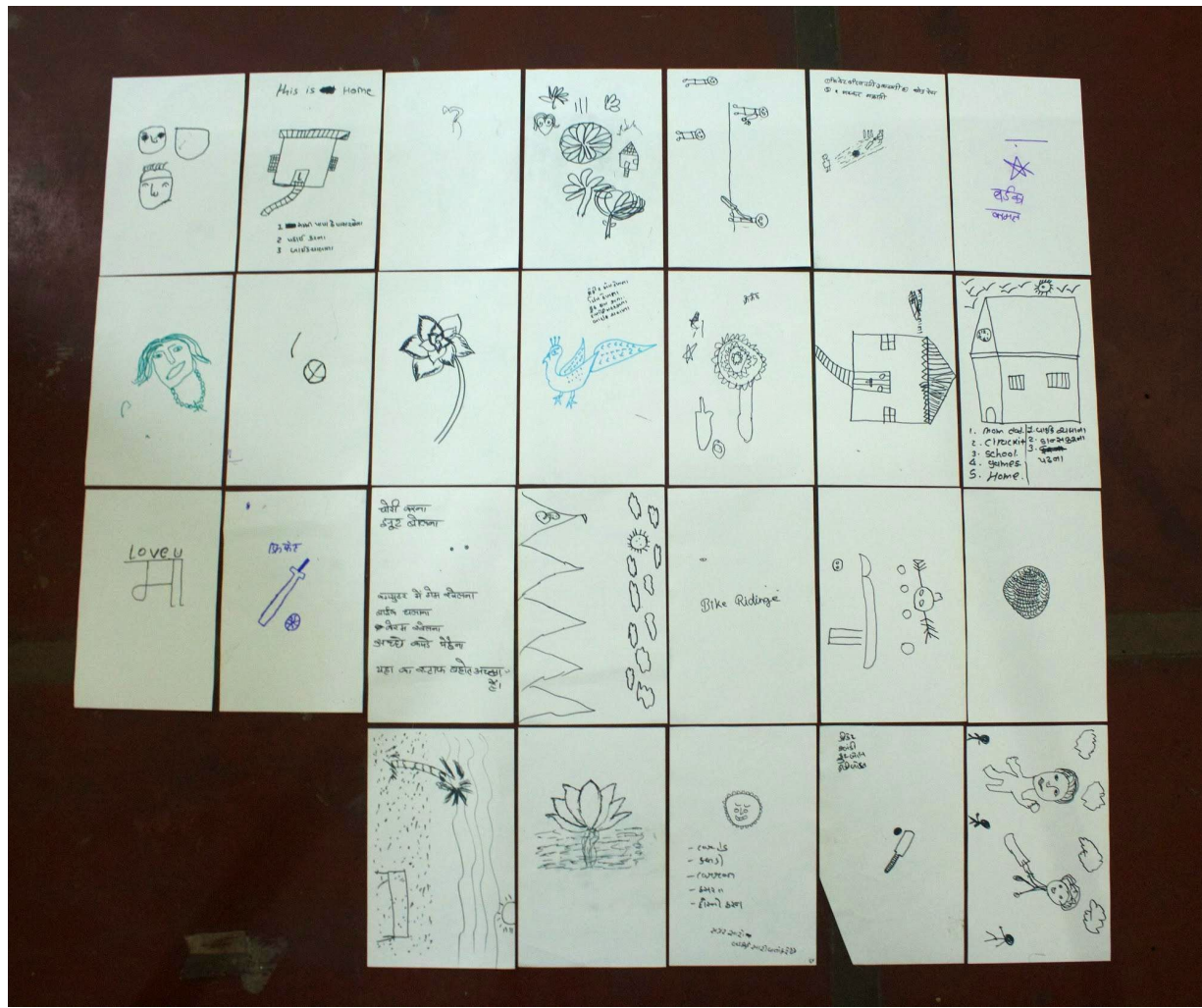
Dear, Mom and Dad

I am really

Sorry.

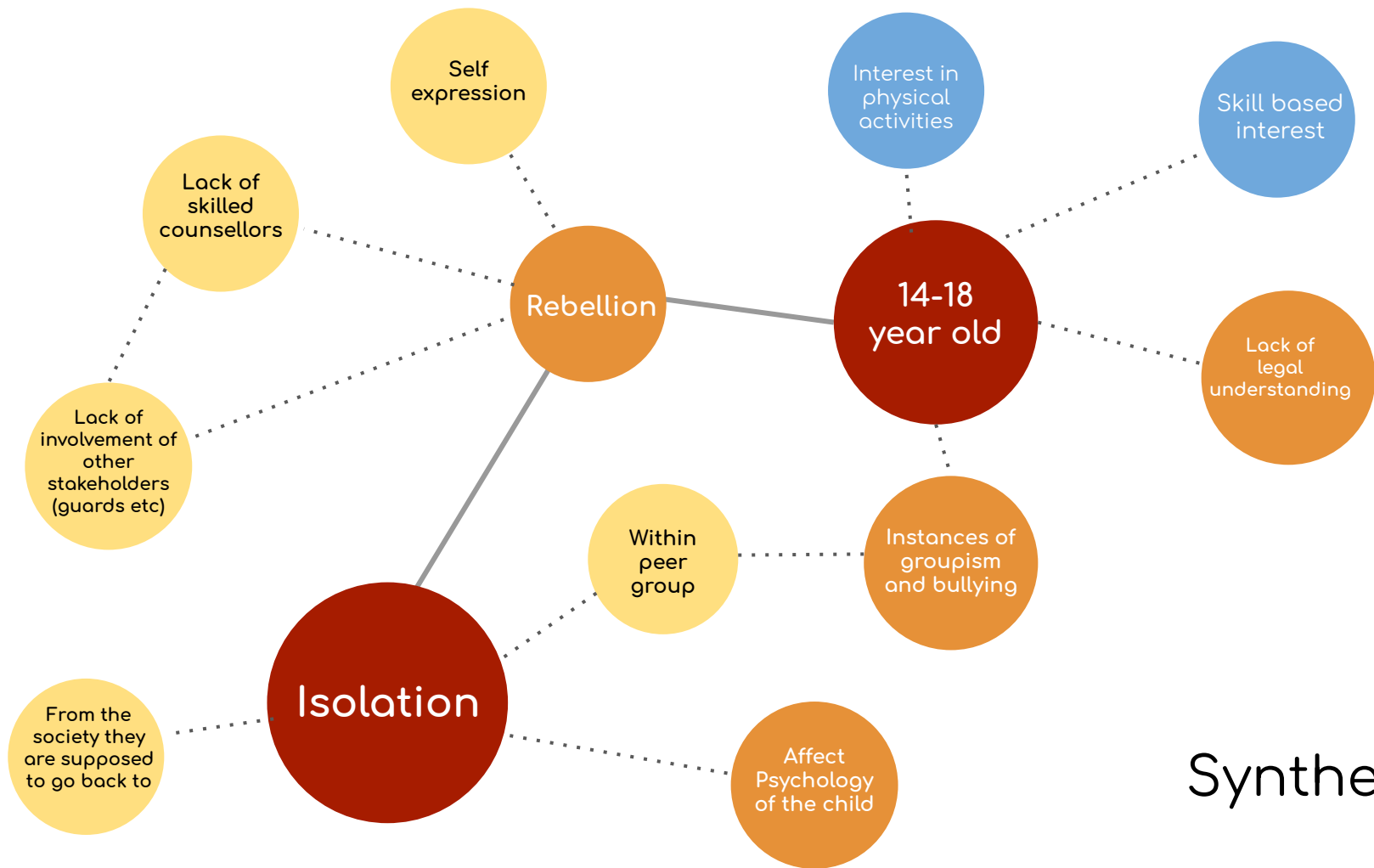
For. Judge and court

Plz sir I am really sorry
I will come first time
baymestek will come in
the 1st of July sir



The Process





Synthesis

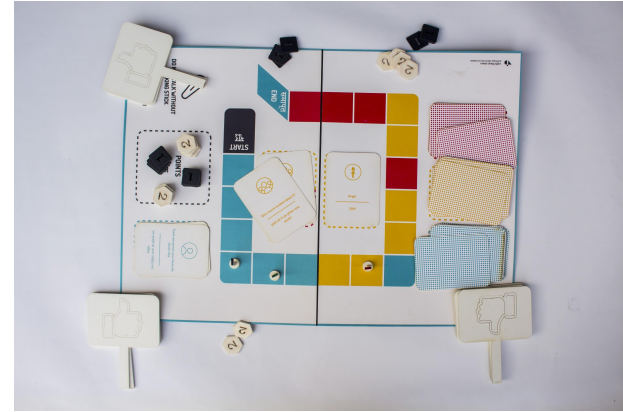
Juveniles Participation in Decision making



Prototype 1



Prototype 2



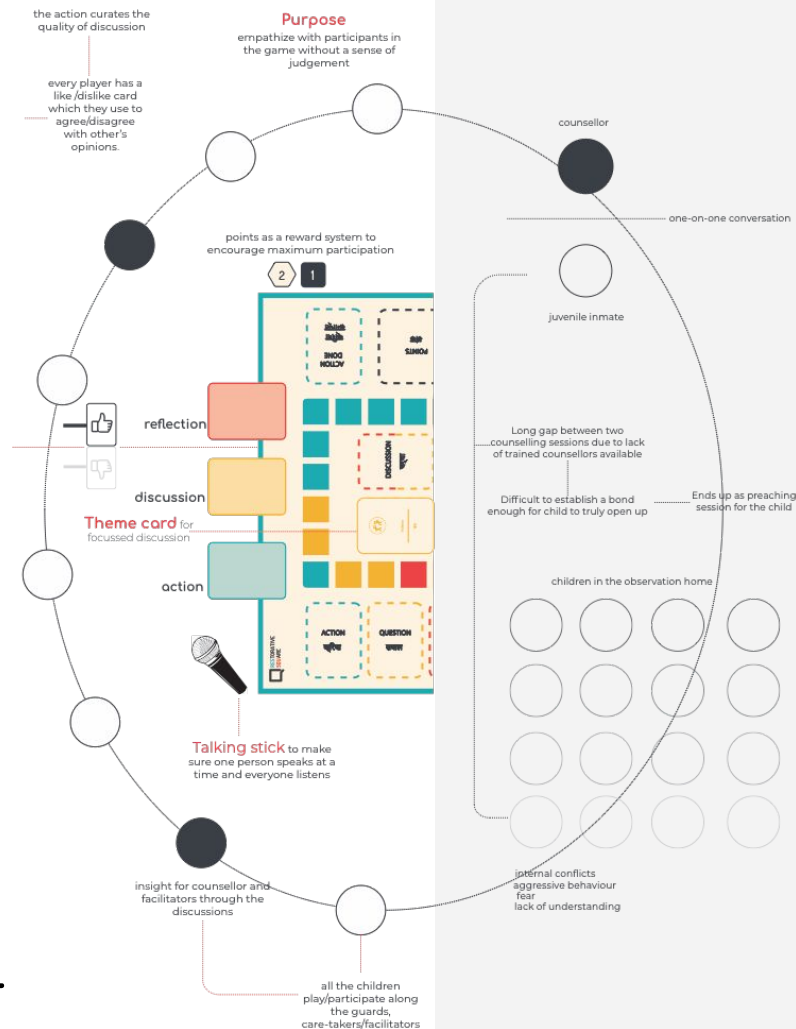
Prototype 3



ResQ provides counsellors, inexperienced in conducting a restorative circle, a way to conduct a restorative circle, and children to be able to sustain the practice on their own without the need of a facilitator.



The ResQ Model



- Reduces the need for skilled counsellors.
- Reduces power dynamics between guards and children.
- Facilitates difficult conversations.
- Teaches in an implicit method.
- Creates a safe space for the children to express themselves and their opinions.



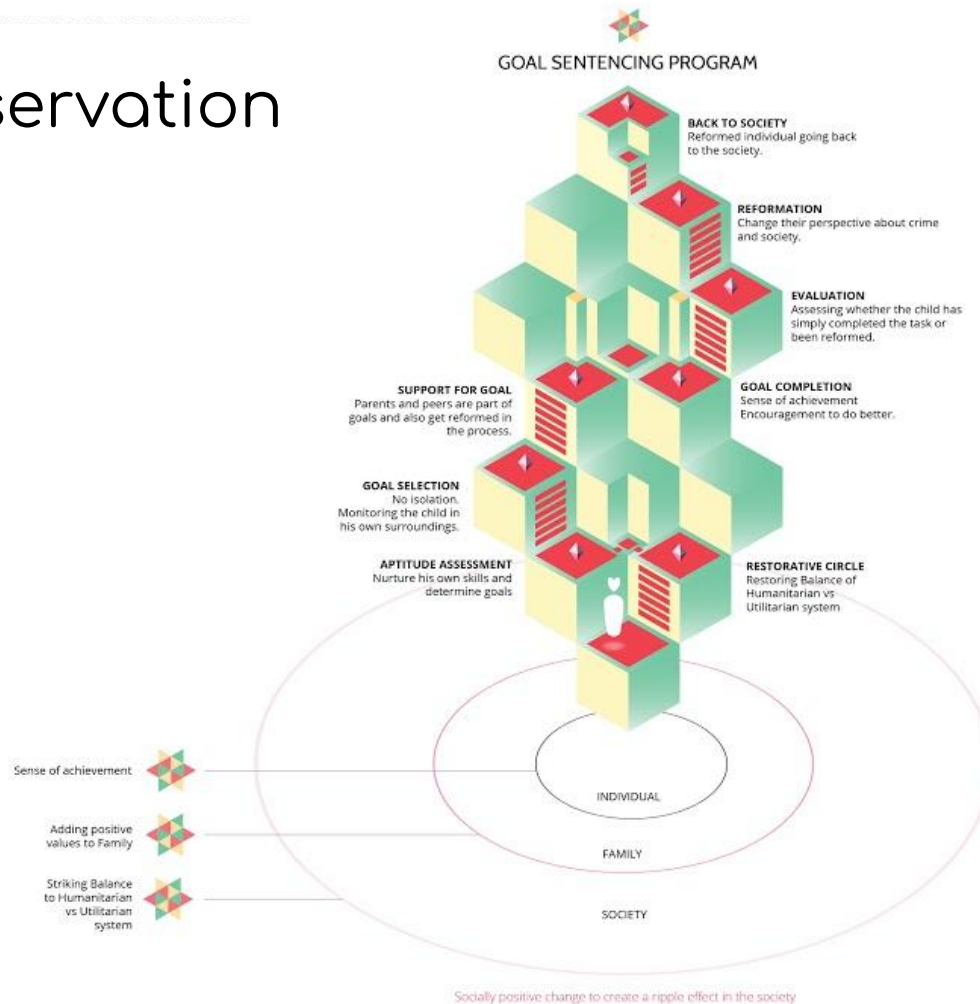
Restorative Justice


Restorative Justice as a method for reformation of juveniles has yet to catch up in India. Officials in 1-2 observation homes in the country practice an aspect of restorative justice through restorative circles which has showed immense potential for reformation and overall improvement in the children.

Social isolation ethical or merely efficient

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Open Observation Homes





Thank you!

Open for questions?

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