A better way to handle restitution

When a young person harms someone, the court may order restitution. That means that the young person is ordered to pay money to help fix the harm.

But many young people and families cannot afford to pay. When that happens:

> Families go into debt

> People who were harmed often do not get paid

AFTER offers a different way

AFTER helps:

> The young person take responsibility

> The person harmed gets paid sooner

How it works:

> The young person completes community service and writes a reflective essay

> The person harmed is paid from a community fund

This helps both people move forward.

Read on to see if AFTER is a good option for you.

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WHAT IS AFTER?

AFTER is a program that helps repair harm in a more effective way. It:

> Holds young people accountable for their actions

> Helps people harmed receive restitution

> Reduces financial stress on families

AFTER focuses on responsibility, learning, and moving forward.

WHY IS AFTER NEEDED?

In many cases, restitution does not work as intended.

Families may struggle to pay, and people harmed may wait years—or never receive payment.

In San Francisco, only a small amount of ordered restitution is ever collected.

YOUNG PEOPLE

How does AFTER help me?

AFTER gives you a chance to make things right without going into debt.

If you participate:

> You will complete community service on Saturdays, for example

> You will write a reflection essay

> You will be supported by adults who want you to succeed

When you finish the program:
The restitution you owe is paid

How does AFTER help me?

You may be eligible if you:

- Are between 12–17 years old at the time of the offense
- Owe financial restitution

PERSON HARMED

How does AFTER help me?

AFTER helps you get restitution **faster** than the usual court process.

When the young person completes their AFTER program including community service, you get paid.

You do not have to wait years for payment.

Who can participate?

You may be eligible if:

- Your case is being handled by the San Francisco Juvenile Justice Court
- Your losses are not covered by insurance or CalVCB

How does it work?

> The young person completes community service and other AFTER requirements

> When they finish, **your restitution is paid from a community fund**