

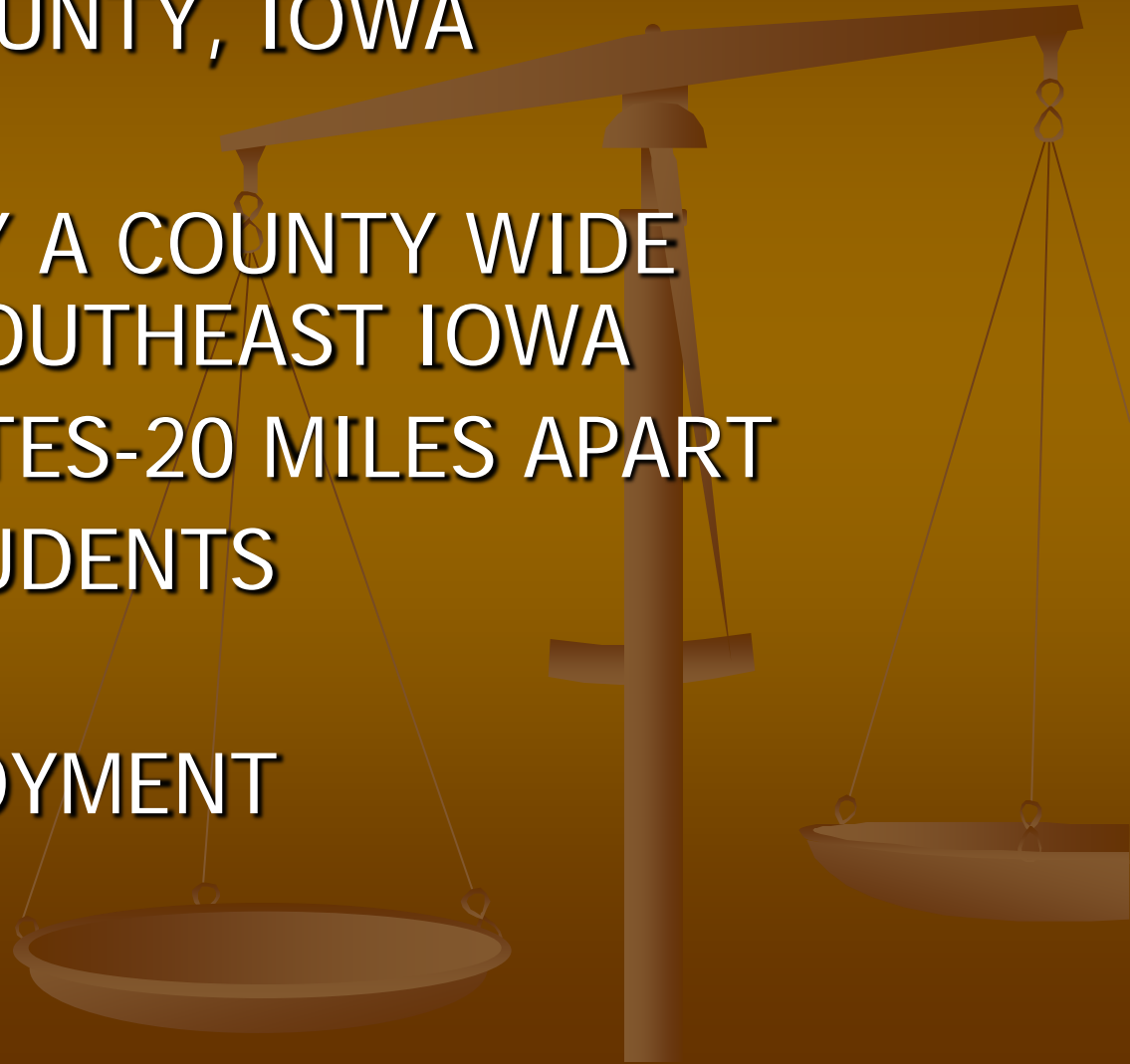


# VAN BUREN SCHOOLS

SAFE SCHOOLS/HEALTHY  
STUDENTS INITIATIVE  
2005-2009

# ABOUT VAN BUREN

- VAN BUREN COUNTY, IOWA
- POP:7500
- RURAL, NEARLY A COUNTY WIDE DISTRICT IN SOUTHEAST IOWA
- 4 BUILDING SITES-20 MILES APART
- ABOUT 750 STUDENTS
- HIGH POVERTY
- HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT

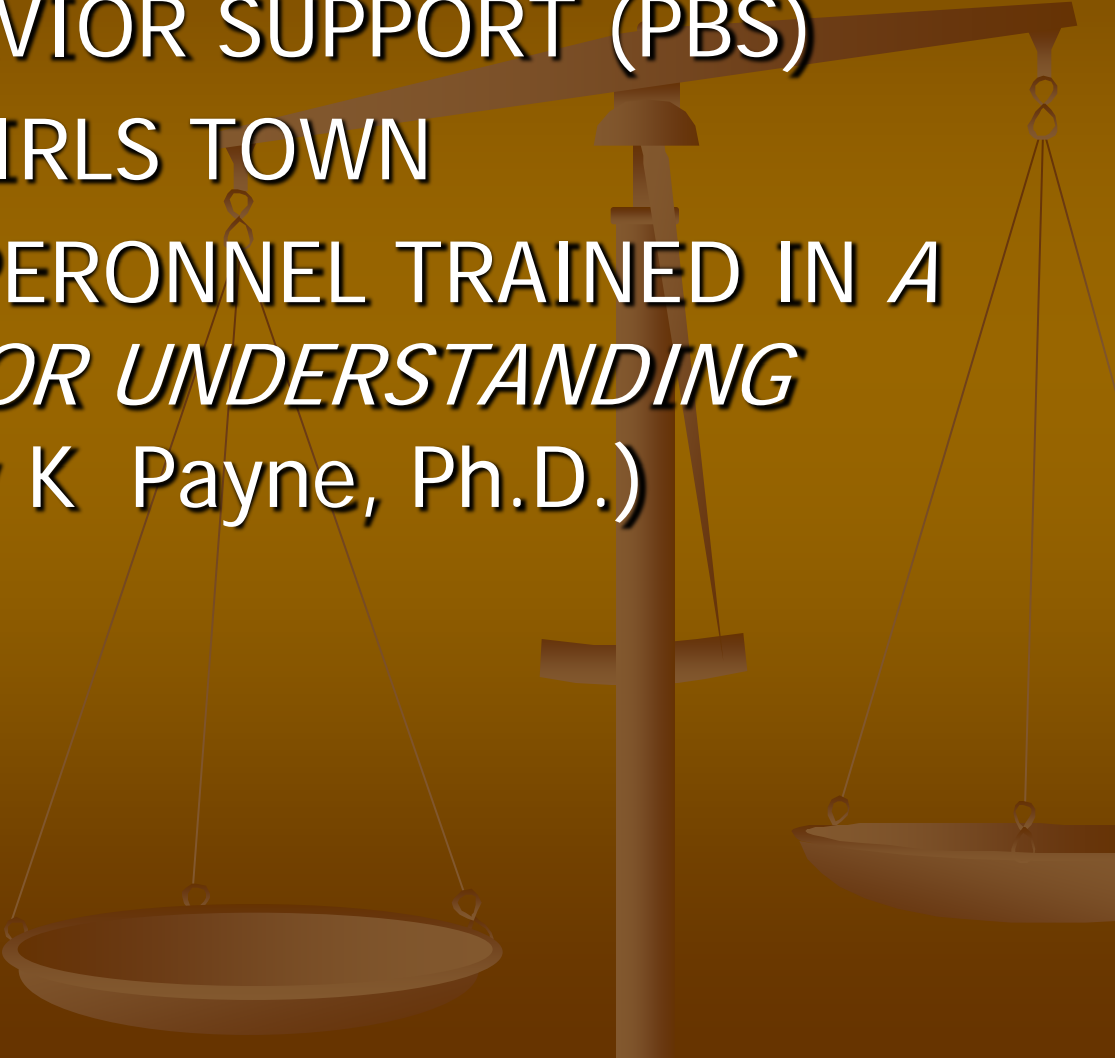


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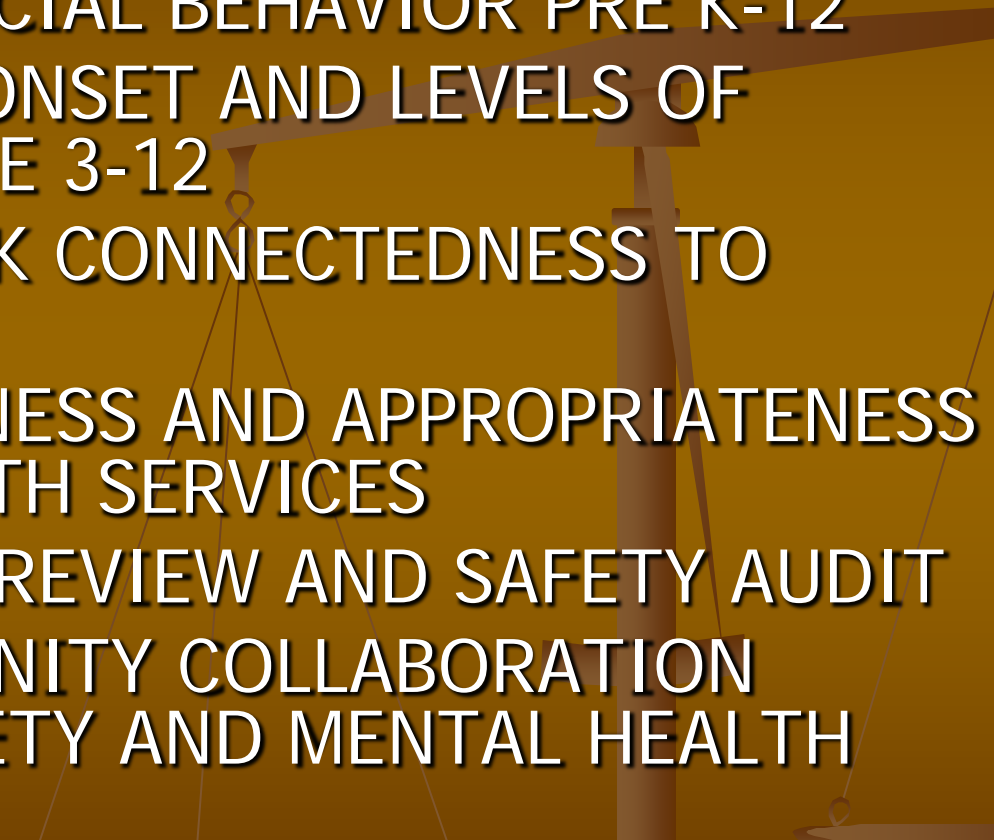


- BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK
- DEDICATED, WELL EDUCATED STAFF
- PROACTIVE BOARD AND RESOURCEFUL SUPERINTENDENT
- RECEIVED ABOUT \$15M IN STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS OVER LAST 10 YEARS

# EXISTING PROGRAMS

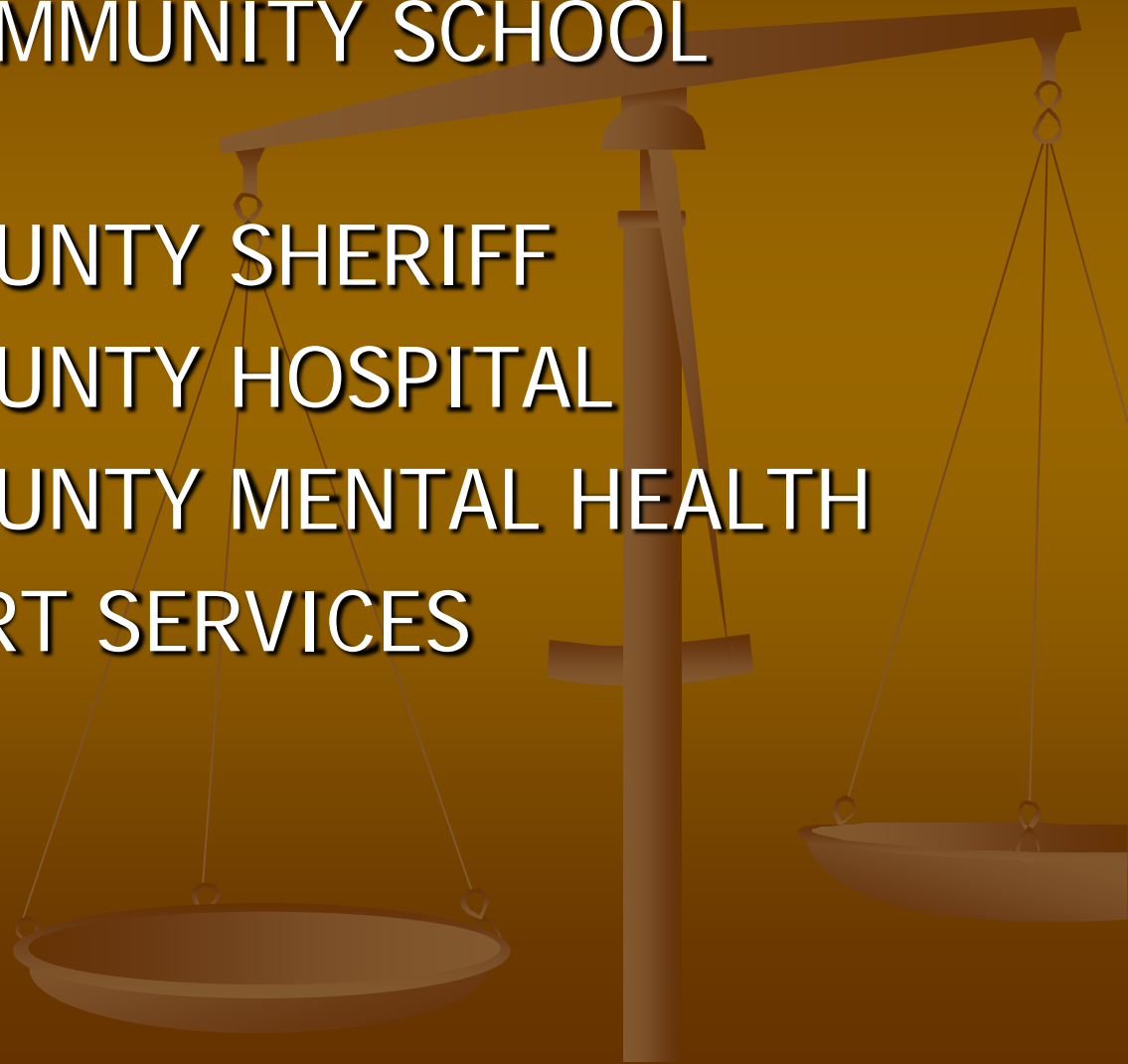
- POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT (PBS)
  - BOYS TOWN /GIRLS TOWN
  - ALL DISTRICT PERSONNEL TRAINED IN *A FRAMEWORK FOR UNDERSTANDING POVERTY* (Ruby K Payne, Ph.D.)
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# OUR SS/HS LOGIC MODEL GOALS

- IMPROVE PRO-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR PRE K-12
  - REDUCE AGE OF ONSET AND LEVELS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE 3-12
  - INCREASE AT-RISK CONNECTEDNESS TO SCHOOL
  - IMPROVE TIMELINESS AND APPROPRIATENESS OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
  - PROVIDE POLICY REVIEW AND SAFETY AUDIT
  - IMPROVE COMMUNITY COLLABORATION RELATED TO SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
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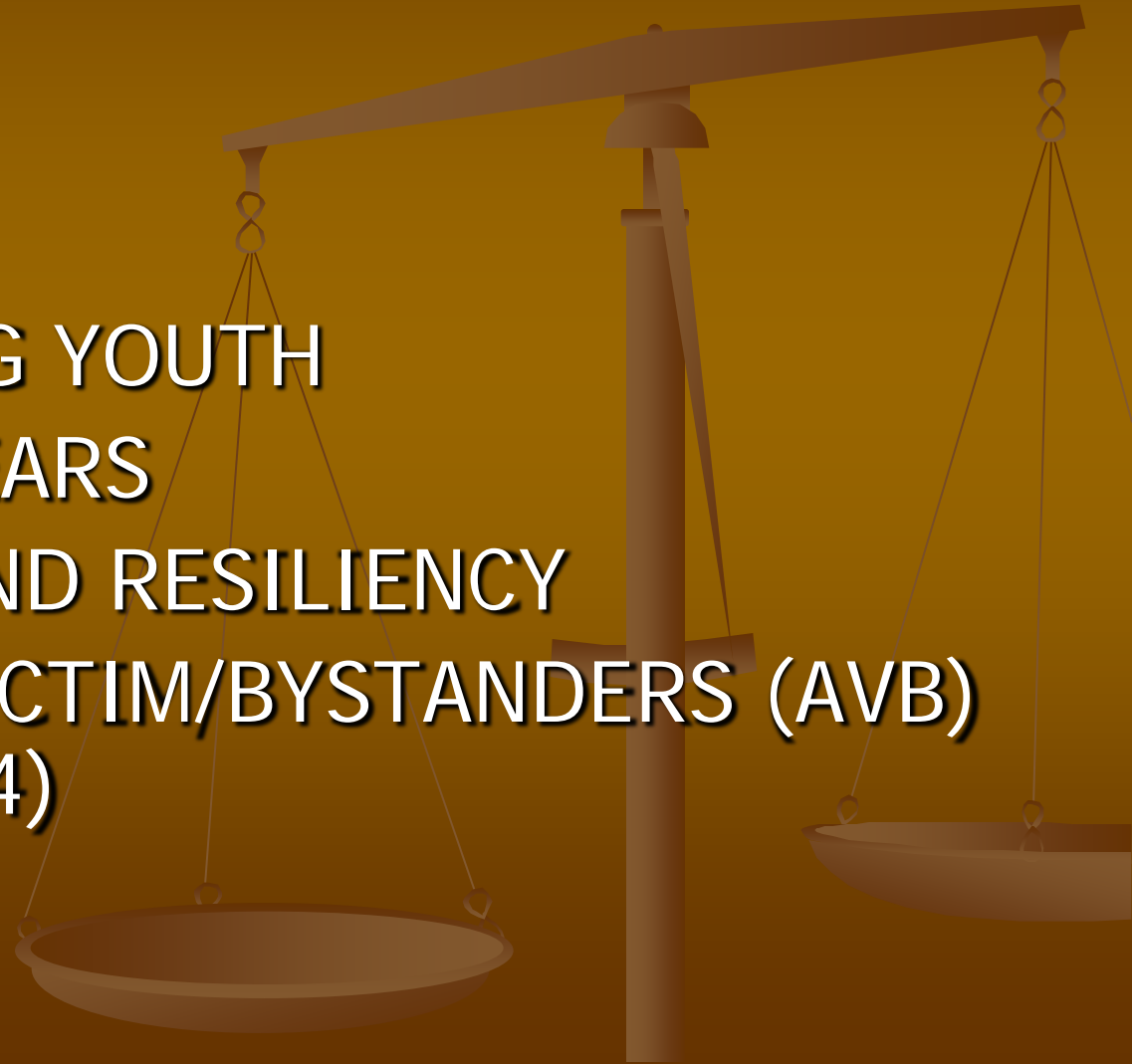
# PARTNERS

- VAN BUREN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
- VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF
- VAN BUREN COUNTY HOSPITAL
- VAN BUREN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH
- JUVENILE COURT SERVICES



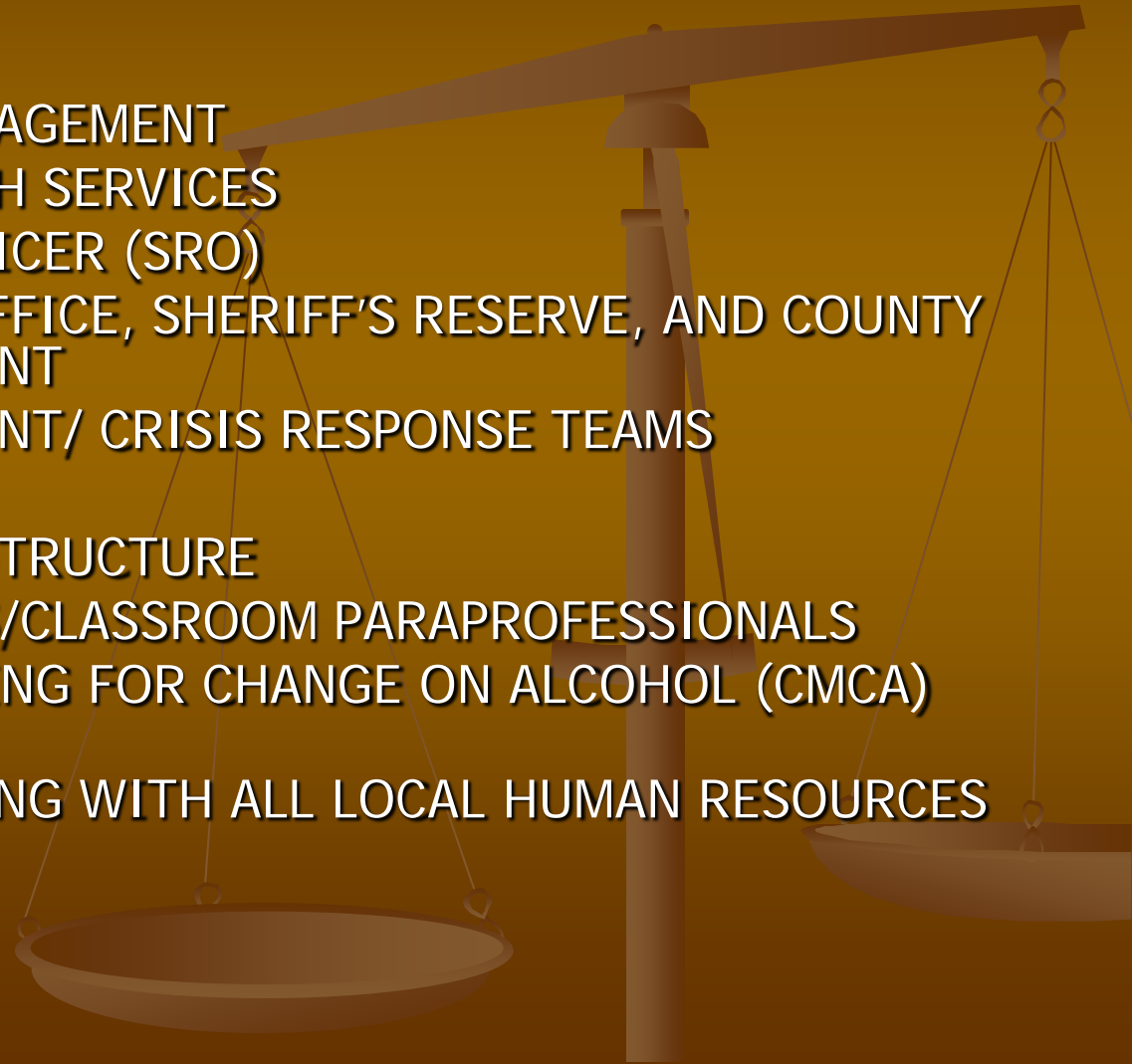
# SS/HS INITIATED EB PROGRAMS

- ALL STARS
- LIFESKILLS
- OLWEUS
- RECONNECTING YOUTH
- INCREDIBLE YEARS
- LEADERSHIP AND RESILIENCY
- AGGRESSOR/VICTIM/BYSTANDERS (AVB)  
(added in year 4)



# SS/HS INITIATED SERVICES

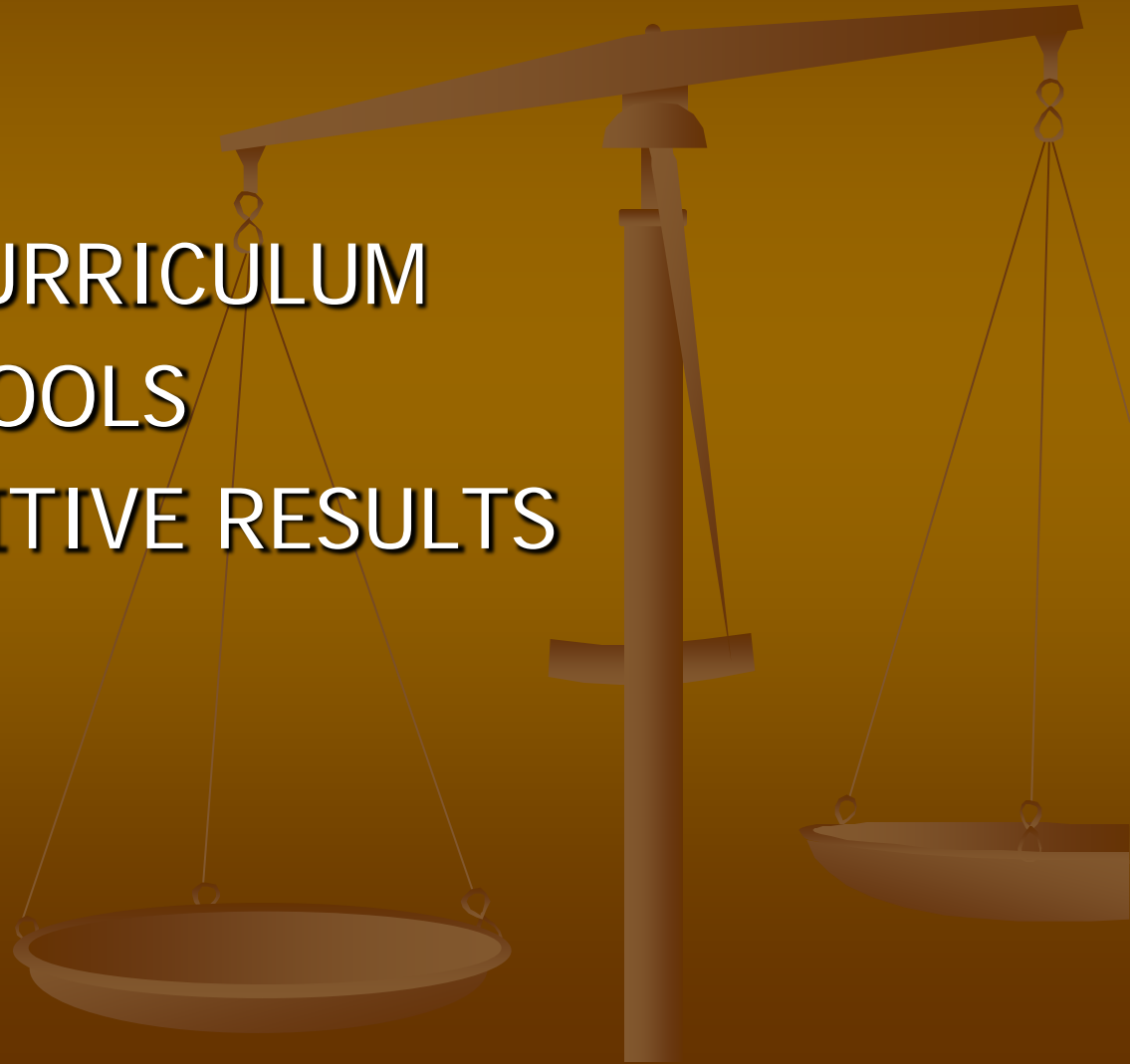
- WORK EXPERIENCE
- CREDIT RECOVERY
- COUNSELING/CASE MANAGEMENT
- ON SITE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
- SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)
- MOA WITH SHERIFF'S OFFICE, SHERIFF'S RESERVE, AND COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/ CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS
- SCHOOL SAFETY AUDIT
- SCHOOL SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE
- SCHOOL BUS MONITORS/CLASSROOM PARAPROFESSIONALS
- COMMUNITIES MOBILIZING FOR CHANGE ON ALCOHOL (CMCA) SAFE COALITION
- COMMUNITY NETWORKING WITH ALL LOCAL HUMAN RESOURCES





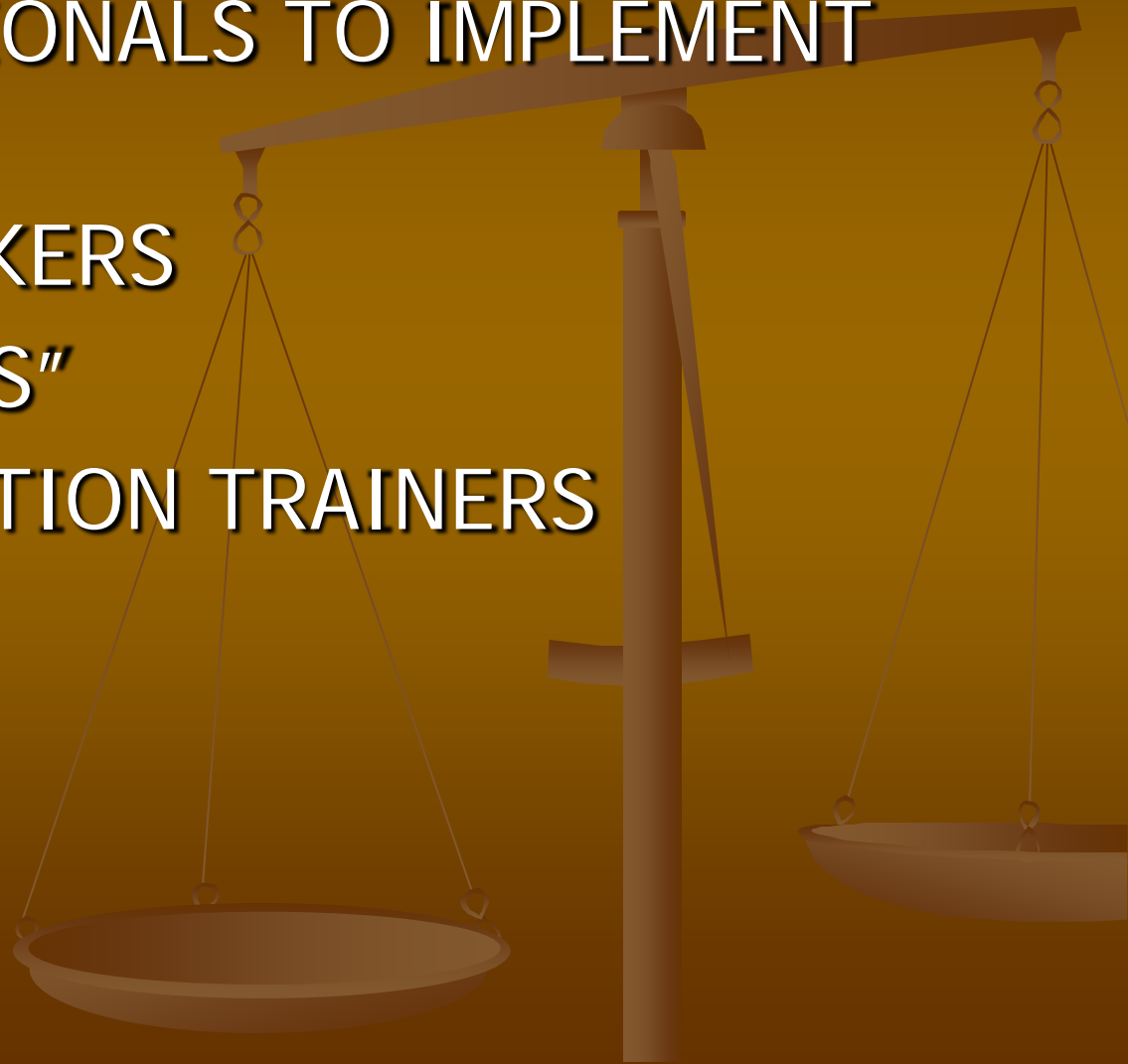
# EVIDENCE BASED PROGRAMS

- TRAINING
- MATERIALS
- GUIDELINES/CURRICULUM
- EVALUATION TOOLS
- FIDELITY=POSITIVE RESULTS



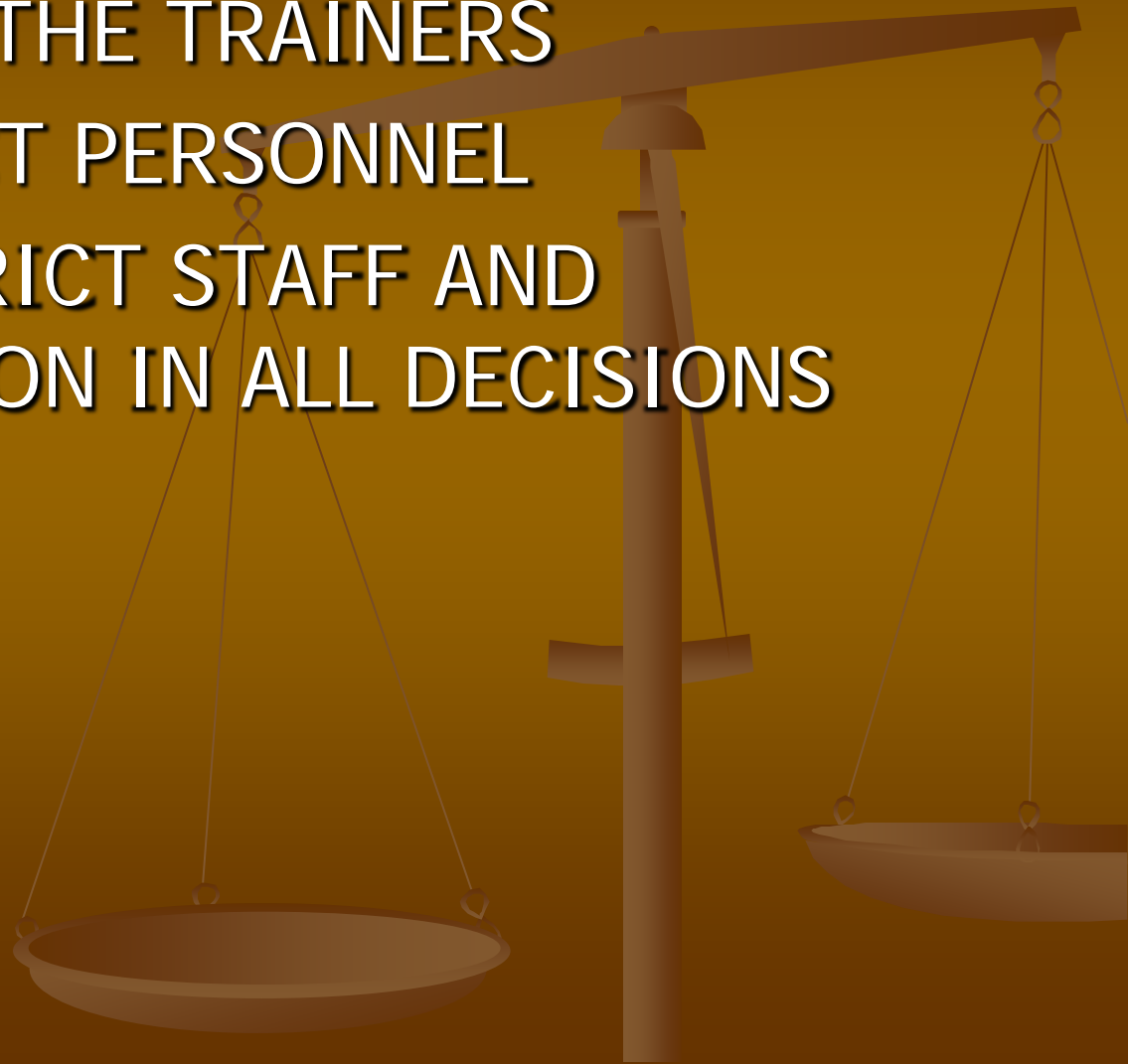
# OUR APPROACH

- HIRE PROFESSIONALS TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS
- 2 SOCIAL WORKERS
- 2 "COUNSELORS"
- 3 IMPLEMENTATION TRAINERS



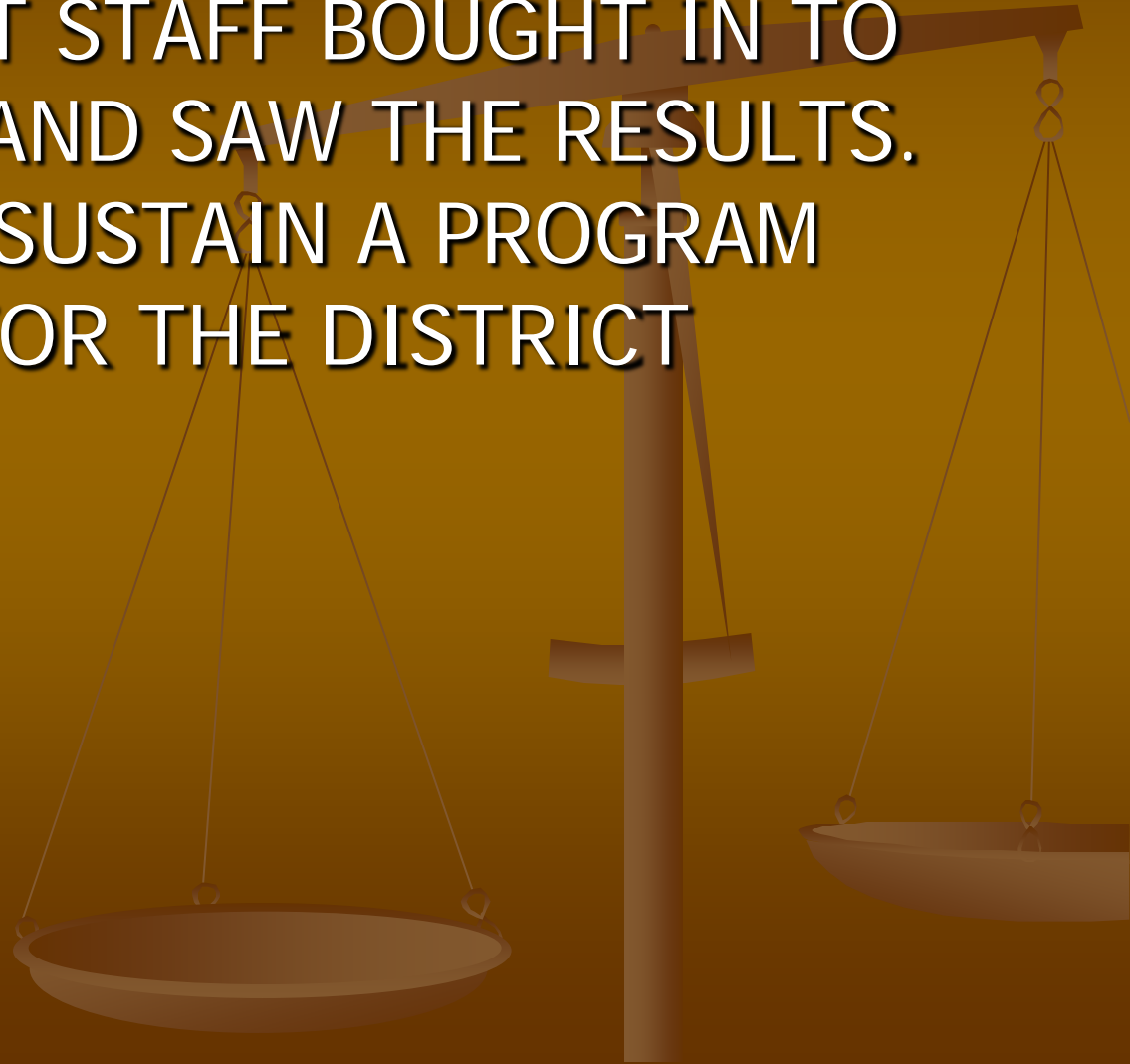
# SUSTAIN TRAINING

- PAY TO TRAIN THE TRAINERS
- TRAIN DISTRICT PERSONNEL
- INVOLVE DISTRICT STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION IN ALL DECISIONS



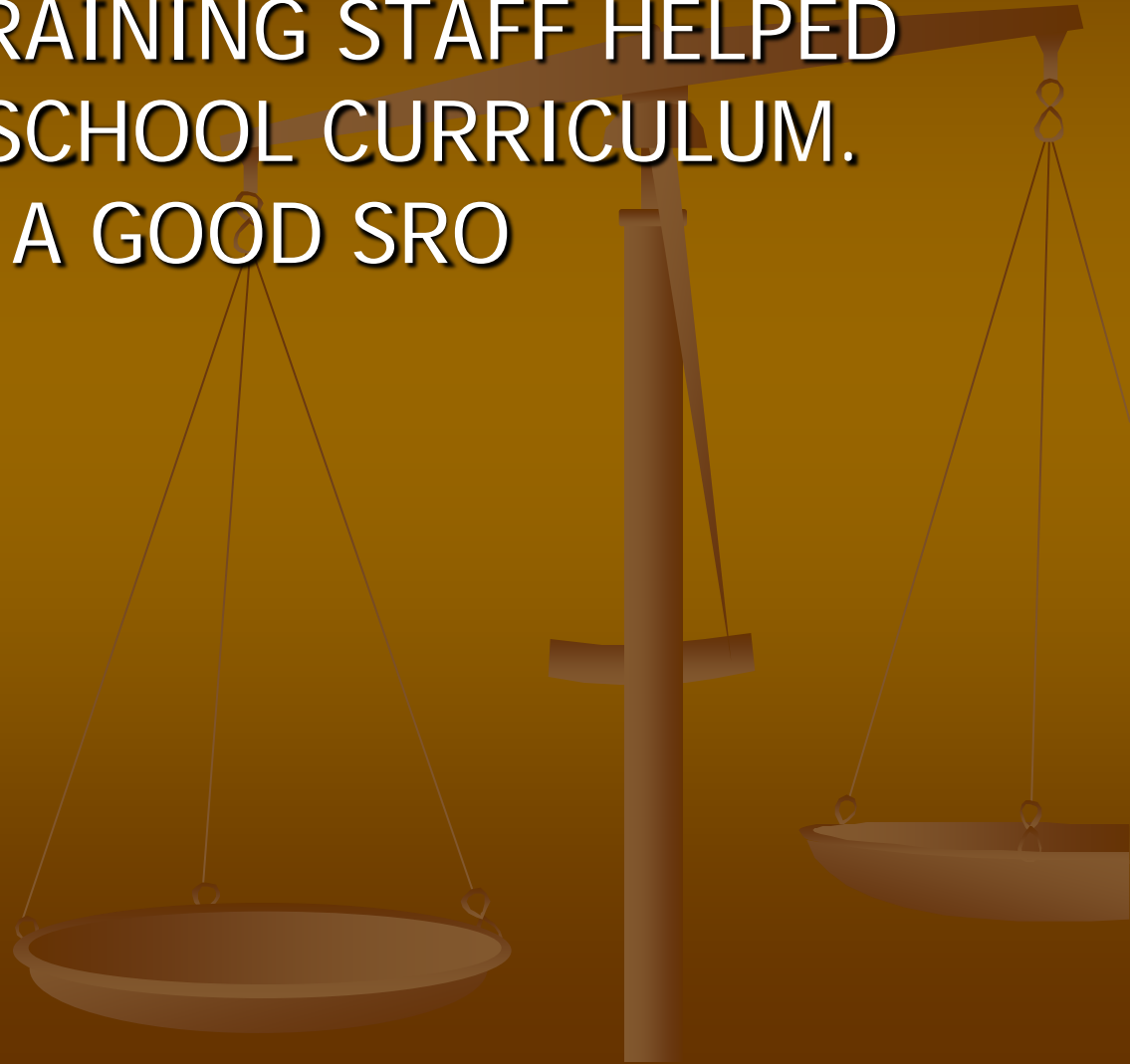
# PROGRAMS THAT WORKED FOR US

- **PBS:** DISTRICT STAFF BOUGHT IN TO THE CONCEPT AND SAW THE RESULTS. SS/HS HELPED SUSTAIN A PROGRAM THAT WORKS FOR THE DISTRICT



# PROGRAMS THAT WORKED FOR US

- **ALL STARS:** TRAINING STAFF HELPED WITH MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM. COMPLEMENTS A GOOD SRO CURRICULUM



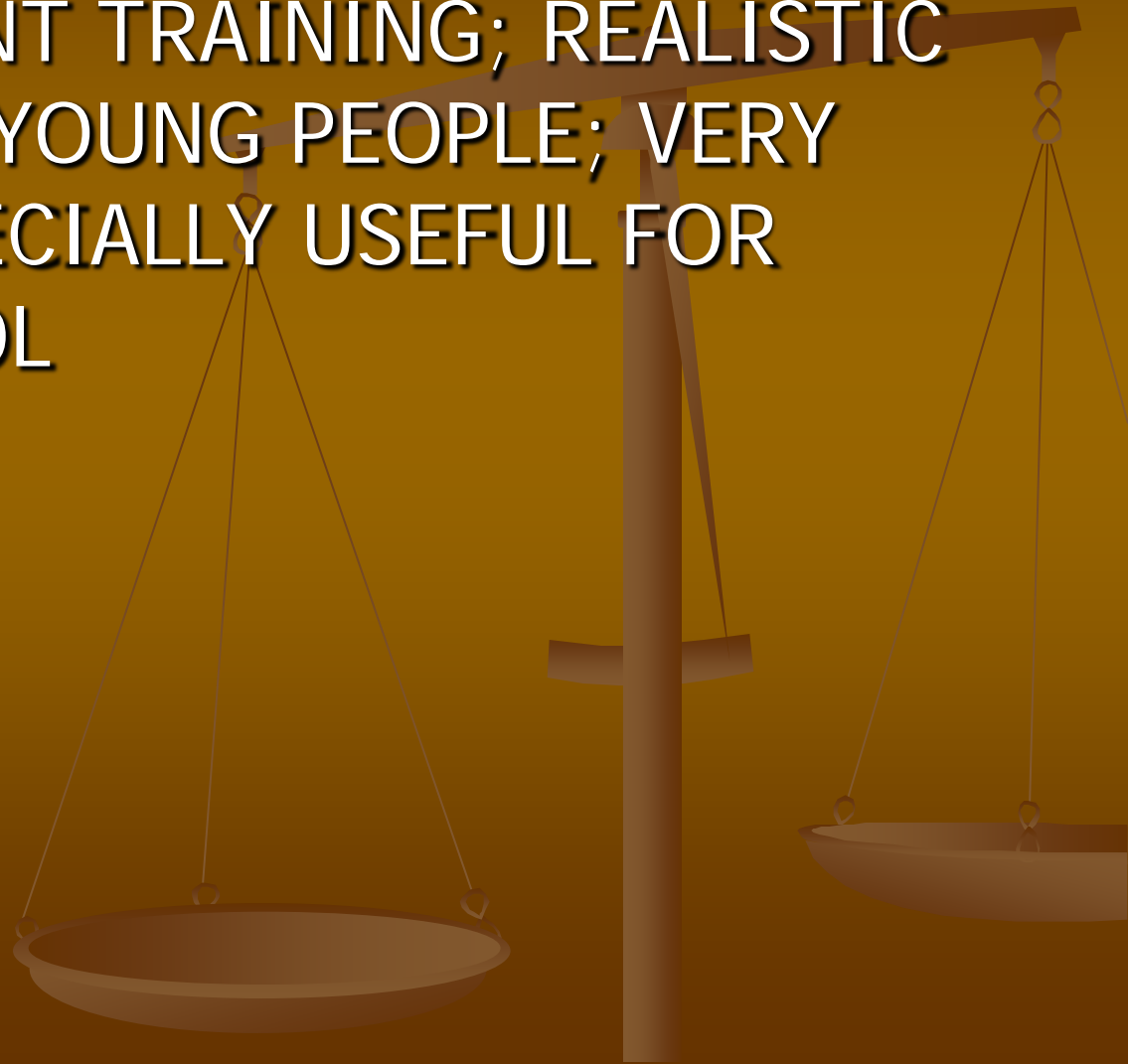
# PROGRAMS THAT WORKED FOR US

- **INCREDIBLE YEARS:** EXPENSIVE TRAINING, BUT DISTRICT STAFF BENEFITTED FROM CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT COMPONENT

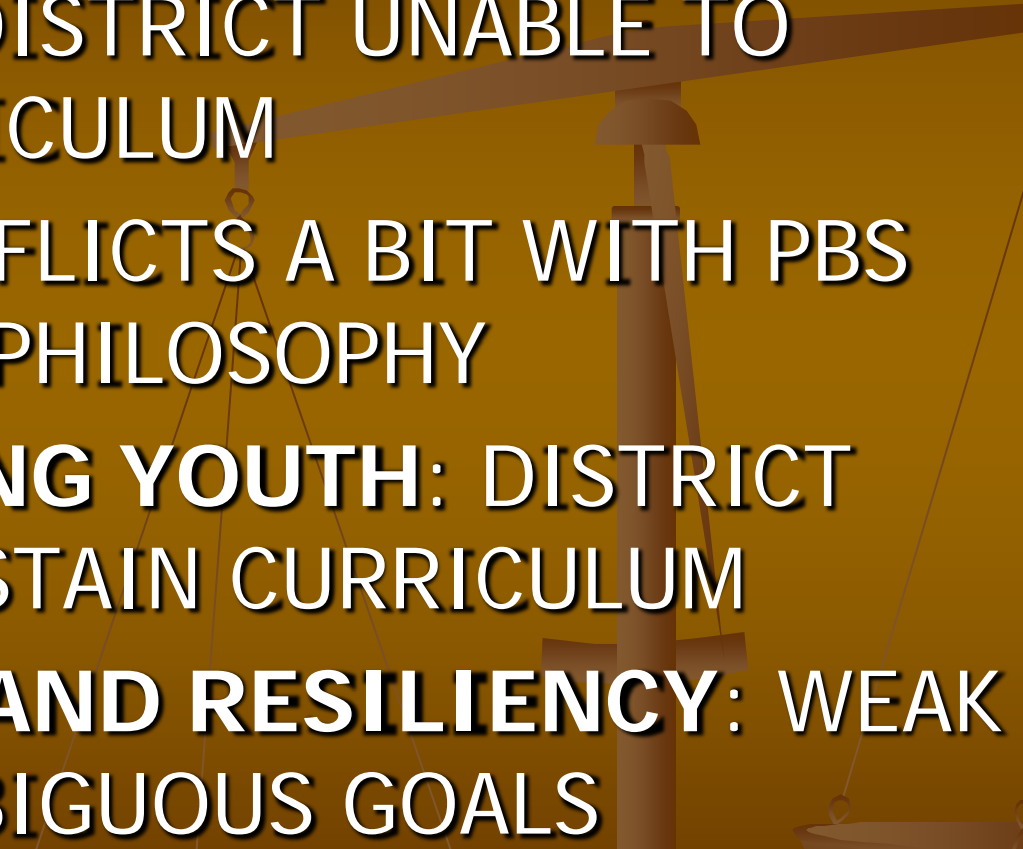


# PROGRAMS THAT WORKED FOR US

- **AVB:** EXCELLENT TRAINING; REALISTIC APPROACH TO YOUNG PEOPLE; VERY FLEXIBLE; ESPECIALLY USEFUL FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL



# PROGRAMS WITH MIXED RESULTS

- **LIFESKILLS:** DISTRICT UNABLE TO SUSTAIN CURRICULUM
  - **OLWEUS:** CONFLICTS A BIT WITH PBS AND DISTRICT PHILOSOPHY
  - **RECONNECTING YOUTH:** DISTRICT UNABLE TO SUSTAIN CURRICULUM
  - **LEADERSHIP AND RESILIENCY:** WEAK TRAINING; AMBIGUOUS GOALS
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# LESSONS LEARNED

- EB PROGRAMS MUST FIT DISTRICT PHILOSOPHY
  - DESIGN EB PROGRAMS TO FIT THE SIZE OF YOUR DISTRICT(S)
  - USEFUL EB PROGRAMS ARE FLEXIBLE
  - GOOD TEACHERS MAKE EB PROGRAMS FIT THE STUDENTS IN THE ROOM
  - DISTRICT STAFF MUST ULTIMATELY CARRY THE LOAD
  - REQUEST A PROGRAM CHANGE IF SOMETHING ISN'T WORKING
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