

The Power of Lenses to Shape Services to Youth

Victim	Villain	Resource
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dysfunctional • Mentally Ill • Abused: sexually, physically, emotionally • Damaged, diseased • Ignored, neglected • Indifferent systems: school, health, community • Learning disabled • Sick, incapable, weak • Vulnerable—inevitably victimized over and over again • Dependent—needing to heal—restore health over a lengthy therapeutic process • Broken, but repairable • Lost, without direction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evil, bad seed • Predatory • Without conscience or empathy • Highly intelligent • Selfish, arrogant, victimizer, manipulator • Untrustworthy, unreachable • Resistant and defiant • Dangerous, bloodthirsty • Not interested in changing: satisfied with antisocial lifestyle and approach • Conduct disordered • Needs to be controlled and contained • Fundamentally different from "normal" youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaders • Capable, competent • Willing and interested in improving life pro-socially • Positive and fun • Creative • Bright, workable • Likable • Can make and persist towards positive goals • Able to bond—accessible to positive influences • Interested in learning from mistakes—capable of insight, growth and restitution • Developmentally off track • Locus of services in the community • Coaching model

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