• **PROJECT NAME**	**STEPPING STONES**
• **TYPE OF PRACTICE**	Restorative Justice
• **CITIES AND/OR COMMUNITIES, COUNTRY/IES**	Port Elizabeth, South Africa
• **IMPLEMENTED SINCE…**	
• **BRIEF DESCRIPTION**	Stepping Stones is a one-stop youth justice centre initiative of the government, consisting of a police officer (exclusively for children), a youth court (dealing only with children), and a welfare component staffed by probation officers and child and youth workers.
• **PROMOTING OR LEADING ENTITIES**	South African Government (through NICRO)
• **FIELD OF WORK (PREVENTION, FIGHT, URBAN PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, EDUCATIONAL… ETC.)**	Restorative Justice
• **PARTICIPANTS**	NICRO Social workers Intersectorial committee including members from: - Departments of Justice and wellbeing - Correctional Services - National Association of Child Care Workers - The Child Welfare Society University of Port Elizabeth
• **OBJECTIVES**	• Re-uniting young people with their families, and preventing them from being separated from their families, • Focussing on the least restrictive and most empowering sentence option, • Giving the young people the opportunity to correct the wrongs committed by them.
• **TARGETS**	Yound offenders' families and communities as well as the offenders themselves.

• MAIN RESULTS	The success of this project has resulted in legislation being drafted to empower the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development to establish and maintain such one stop child justice centres.
• METHODOLOGY	Restorative Justice is practised by: • Implementing pre-trial diversion programmes, • Involving and assisting victims of crime, • Educating stakeholders about the principles of restorative justice, • Implementing the least restrictive and most empowering sentence and placement options, • Making use of sentence conditions such as community service, and diversions such as victim-offender mediation.
• EVALUATION INDICATORS / METHOD	
• DEGREE OF SUCCESS (EVALUATION RESULTS)	
• CONTACT	
• PROJECT LINKS	
• PROJECT LOGO	
• OBSERVATIONS	
• SIMILAR PROJECTS	
• OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION	http://www.unhabitat.org/downloads/docs/1841_93228_Restorative_justice.pdf