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Why would this be a goal for teachers?

- Increase students' responsibility
- Reduce teacher burnout

Students' Attempts to Divert Focus

- Criminal justice system
- CJ staff
- Teacher
- Peers
- Family, significant others

Teacher Pitfalls that Take Focus off Student

- Confrontation-Denial (Arguing or Debating)
- Expert or Preacher Role
- Blaming
- Labeling
- Premature Focus
- Question-Answer Trap

Concept of Resistance

What is it?

Who is resistant?

Why do people do it?

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Common Forms of Resistance

- Arguing
- Interrupting
- Negativity, blaming, disagreeing
- Ignoring, withdrawing
- Refusal to comply
- Name-calling, sarcasm, put-downs
- “I don’t know”

Ways to Roll with Resistance

- Reflections
 - Simple
 - Amplified
 - Double-sided
- Shift focus
- Agreement with a twist
- Reframing
- Emphasize choice and control
- Coming alongside