Structure not stricture...

Structure, the provision of a milieu designed to introduce and integrate all possible resources to realize a positive outcome is central to child and youth care. Structure can be undermined by taking the short way out turning to the stricture of control and restrictions. Sometimes this, in turn, can become punitive in tone and become a trap for all concerned. Positive structure demands a long way around approach with constant attention to building relationships, trust, predictability, safety and enrichment for the youth at risk in your care.