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In 2012, he spearheaded a restorative justice pilot program at Edward White Middle School in San Antonio, Texas. This program planted the seed in bringing restorative justice practices to Texas public schools. In addition, Rico served as a member of The Advisory Council for the National Association of Community and Restorative Justice and is a co-author of *Restorative Discipline Practices: A Journey In Implementation By A Community of Texas Educators*.

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