

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IS AN ALTERNATIVE WAY TO ADDRESS CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR. THERE ARE THREE COMPONENTS THAT GUIDE THE RESTORATIVE PROCESS.

- 1) HEALING FOR VICTIMS***
- 2) ACCOUNTABILITY FOR OFFENDERS***
- 3) SAFETY FOR COMMUNITY***



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Facilitating a
compassionate
response to crime
and wrongdoing that
hold youthful
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accountable while
repairing harm for
victims and the
community



What is Restorative Justice?

The philosophy behind Restorative Justice sees crime as a violation of people and relationships. Those violations create obligations to restore relationships between all affected stakeholders. Within the Circle Process, these obligations are determined. The goal is to offer compassionate responses to harmful actions. All participants in the process have a voice in repairing the harm. This powerful experience shows that bringing people together to speak with one another rather than pitting people against each other, provides long-lasting, positive results.

SERVICES OFFERED

Community Group Conferences

First-time, low-level juvenile offenders can be deemed eligible to participate in a community group conference, which aims to respond to harmful behaviors in a way that includes offenders, victims and community members.

Truancy Diversion

Students who have truancy petitions filed against them by a school can be deemed eligible to participate in a diversion program designed, again, to keep them out of truancy court and off probation.

Truancy Early Intervention

Addresses the needs of students on the verge of truancy charges being filed with the goal of correcting the problem before it becomes a legal matter.

Conflict Resolution Circles

Work to resolve conflicts before they lead to fights and long-standing feuds. This program works well in the school setting and can prevent youth from being charged with assault and disorderly conduct stemming from school fights.

School Circles

Offered to all schools as an ongoing community-building program designed to work with groups of students at regular intervals.

SERVICES CONTINUED

Restorative Justice Mentoring

The Mentoring program offers one-on-one mentoring by providing youth ages 10-18 with a positive, caring adult mentor. Mentors are over the age of 18 years and are required to go through reference and background checks. Free-of-cost training is provided and a one-year commitment is required. Group activities are coordinated throughout the year and all participants are encouraged to attend.

Community Work Service

The Community Work Service Program is designed to provide juveniles with the opportunity to repair harm they have caused to those around them and the greater community.

Life Skills

This course is designed to provide opportunities to learn more about several topics pertaining to healthy and sustainable living from various guest speakers in their area of expertise throughout the community. The goal of this class is for students to take away new knowledge and skills that can be applied in their daily lives, as well as receive one credit towards graduation at the end of the course.

