



Restorative Justice Programs



The Restorative Justice Conferencing Program (RJCP) provides a voluntary opportunity for young people (age 10-22) who have committed misdemeanor offenses to deal with their charge in a way that is meaningful to them, the victim and the community. Victims or their personal representatives participate in the conference. Victims are given a voice in the process. Victim can let the youth know how the youth's actions impacted them. At the conference, the discussion will focus on who has been harmed by the incident, how they have been harmed, and what can be done to repair the harm. The circle includes: the youth and their parents, victims and their support people, affected community members, a youth community member, volunteer community members. This process is facilitated by trained volunteers. The circle will develop a contract to address repairing the harm caused by the incident.

Types of Cases that can be referred to RJCP: theft, criminal mischief, trespassing, harassment, assault, disorderly conduct, reckless endangerment, fire alarms (use/reporting); 4th degree arson



A Restorative Justice Conferencing Program

Reflect is similar to RJCP. The main difference is the victim would rather not participate or wants to have a volunteer represent them. Like RJCP at the conference, the discussion will focus on who has been harmed by the incident, how they have been harmed, and what can be done to repair the harm.

Types of case: same as RJCP

RESTORE



A restorative justice program for merchants, community, and young shoplifters

The RESTORE Program provides a voluntary opportunity for young people who have shoplifted to deal with their charge in a way that is meaningful to themselves and the community. The youth and their parents will listen to speakers discuss the impact of shoplifting on the merchant community, law enforcement, the court system, families, and the larger community. The youth will also hear other youth speak about how shoplifting has affected them, their peers, and their families. The youth and their parent/support person then will meet with a small group to talk about the shoplifting incident you were involved in and how you have been affected by this incident. This group will also include other young shoplifters, their parents, a community member, a peer representative, and a merchant representative, and will be facilitated by RESTORE volunteers.

Cases referred to RESTORE: theft (shoplifting); Trespassing (due to prior shoplifting warning); Dine-n-Dash or similar theft from restaurant or grocery store; employee theft

Who refers to Mediation & Restorative Justice Services:

- Direct referrals from SROs/Police
- Municipal Court
- District Attorney's Office