



# COMMUNITIES FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

RESPONDING TO CRIME IN WAYS THAT HEAL, HOLD ACCOUNTABLE, AND PUT RIGHT.

## Restorative Justice: Making right after everything goes wrong

*Introduction to Restorative Justice & C4RJ*

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## *Thank you*

- ❖ Chief Corr & the Lexington PD
- ❖ *Community Endowment of Lexington & Chair Leslie Zales*
  - ❖ Enhance the quality of life for all Lexington citizens
- ❖ Lexington Rotary
  - ❖ “Service above self”



# Restorative Justice is...

“... a process to involve, to the extent possible, those who have a stake in an offense and to collectively identify and address **harms, needs and obligations**, in order to heal and put things right as possible.”

- Howard Zehr, PhD

*The Little Book of Restorative Justice*



# Three Questions

## *Traditional approach*

1. What law was broken? (charge)
2. Who did it? (identify offender)
3. What should we do to them? (punishment/sentencing)

## *RJ approach*

1. Who has been hurt/affected?
2. What are their needs?
3. Who is obliged to meet these needs?



# Our Mission

To provide regional communities with a complement to the traditional judicial system wherein:

## Victims

Victims of crime are given the opportunity to address the person(s) who have harmed them, to ask questions in a safe environment, and to share ideas on ways that the harm can be repaired.



# Offenders

better understand the impact of their actions, are held accountable, and encouraged to make amends to those they have harmed.

# Community

offers support for the process, strengthening community connections, and engaging in matters of concern to its members.



# *Our Process*

## ❖ *Referral*

*Police, Prosecutor or Courts*

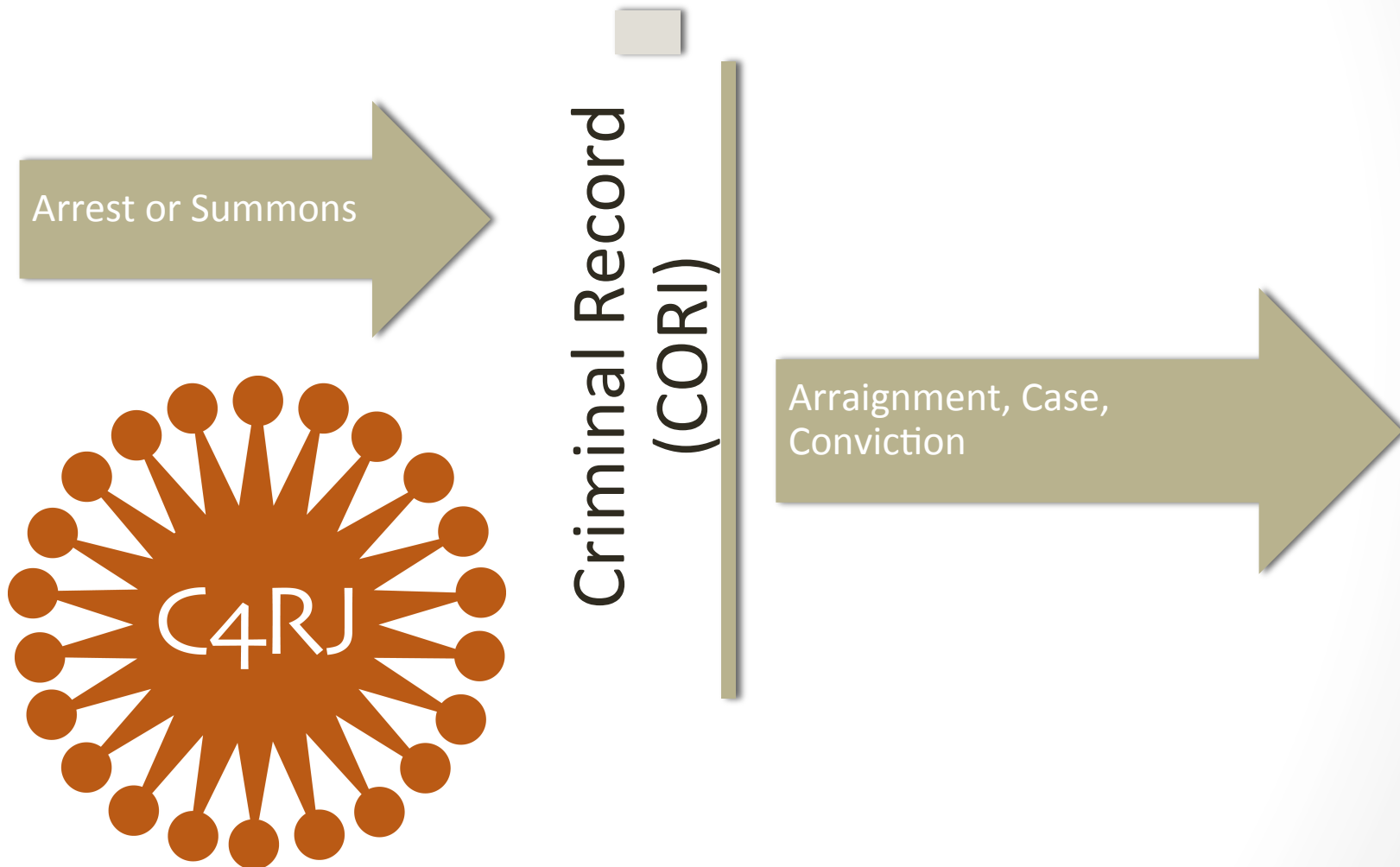
## ❖ Opening Circle

## ❖ Work with Facilitators

## ❖ Closing Circle



# *How Does C4RJ Fit?*



[www.c4rj.com](http://www.c4rj.com)

The image shows a screenshot of the website [www.c4rj.com](http://www.c4rj.com). At the top, there is a header with the C4RJ logo and the text "COMMUNITIES FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE" followed by the tagline "RESPONDING TO CRIME IN WAYS THAT HEAL, HOLD ACCOUNTABLE, AND PROMOTE". Below this is a navigation bar with links: "ABOUT US", "WHAT WE DO", "GET INVOLVED", "GIVING", "NEWS & EVENTS", "CONTACT US", and "DONATE". A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar.

Overlaid on the left side of the website is a white rounded rectangle with a brown button that says "Click here to Sign up for Our E-Newsletter". A red arrow points from this button to the "Sign up for our E-Newsletter" button on the website.

The website content includes a section titled "Community" with a list of bullet points:

- I've been affected by crime.
- I'm feeling clearer.
- I want to get involved.
- I'd like to learn about restorative justice.
- Tell me about the program.
- Something we mentioned in a closed case.

Below this list is a photo of a group of people holding a blue banner that says "COMMUNITIES FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE" and "www.c4rj.com".

At the bottom of the website, there is a section titled "How to Donate" with a list of bullet points:

- Now through April 15, 2011, the tax rules for 2010 Charitable contributions for the calendar year 2010 are \$12,000 for married couples filing jointly, \$6,000 for single filers, and \$3,000 for married couples filing separately. Make your gift today as it is a tax-deductible contribution. Learn more about the match here.

# The Data: Does it Really Work?

	Criminal Justice (%)	Restorative Justice (%)
Recidivism	27	18 (16-C4RJ)
Victim Satisfaction	57	79 (94-C4RJ)
Victim's fear of revictimization	23	10
Offender Satisfaction	78	87
Completed Restitution	58	81 (100-C4RJ)

Also: RJ is 6 times more cost effective (UMass 2012 study)

Source: <http://wcr.sonoma.edu/v1n1/umbreit.html>

