

Longmont Community Justice Partnership Restorative Justice Processes:

☉ Community Group Conference

- Address crime & conflict, as well as school rule violations
- Focus on repairing the harm done to victims & community
- Help offenders make better future choices

☉ Restorative Circle

- Victim & Offender roles are not so clearly defined
 - All people present are given the opportunity to take responsibility for the harm
- Used for:*
- "Victimless Crimes," such as alcohol & drug violations
 - Crimes involving mutual responsibility, such as fights & harassment

☉ Peace Making Circle

- Address ongoing conflicts
 - There may be no specific crime, but there is usually a history of hostility
- Used for:*
- Resolution between rival gangs
 - Conflict within or between groups such as: employees, students, work groups, faith communities, etc.

☉ Other programs available through Teaching Peace include:

- RATE (Restorative Alternative to Expulsion)
- SSW (Shoplifting Solutions Workshop)

Fees For Services:

- ☉ A fee of \$75 is charged to the offender in most LCJP restorative justice processes to offset the cost of coordinating and conducting the circle, and providing case management.
- ☉ Financial Assistance is available. Applications given upon request.

Other valuable information:

- ☉ All LCJP restorative justice processes are available in Spanish & English.
- ☉ Re-offense rates for offenders who successfully complete restorative justice processes with LCJP average 10%.
- ☉ Over 95% of participants are satisfied with the LCJP Process.
- ☉ You can find out more about volunteering by calling the LCJP office and attending free trainings.
- ☉ LCJP is a program of Teaching Peace.

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*Providing Restorative Justice
in Longmont since 1996*

What is Restorative Justice?

Restorative justice is a process that invites all persons involved in a crime or conflict to have an equal voice in repairing all harms of the incident to the greatest extent possible.

How does it work?

VICTIMS

with their support people

&

OFFENDERS

with their support people,

&

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Come together - Sit in a circle

guided by

TRAINED FACILITATORS

to participate in a 3 Step process

1. Offender tells what he/she did and why.
2. Victim and other participants tell how they were affected by what happened.
3. Together, everyone present creates a plan to repair the harm.

Testimonials

“Restorative Justice is the most cost effective way to resolve these crimes.”

– Mike Butler, Longmont Public Safety Chief



“Presenting my view and the impact on the company was empowering. I am happy to see the community has a program like this.” – Victim

“This was handled very well and with great care for all involved.”

– Victim Parent



“This process gave the kids another chance. It let me see the other side of the victim. It brought everyone together to work out the issue. We learned a lot from this.”

– Offender Parent

“I never knew how what I did could hurt somebody else. And I never knew so many people cared about me.” – Offender

“I was extremely impressed and moved by the safety, honesty and healing that occurred.”

– Community Member



“Restorative justice is a great way for kids and adults to raise their heads high above their mistakes.”

– Community Member

The Values & Principles that Guide Restorative Approaches

Respect– for all participants; involves withholding judgment & listening deeply to each speaker with focus on understanding & honoring differing points of view.

Responsibility– means that each person acknowledges the harm that has been experienced & chooses to be accountable for her/his role in creating that harm.

Relationship– a successful resolution process can restore individual & community relationships that were damaged, by incorporating respect, responsibility & reparation of harm.

Repair– the harm done to the fullest extent possible while setting aside thoughts of revenge & punishment; strengthens self-respect & builds respect among all parties.

Reintegration– is possible once repair has been made; achieved when people put wrongdoing and alienation behind them & move forward in positive relationships with each other & the community.