

# Models of Community Partnership for Restorative Justice Delivery

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# Definition of Restorative Justice

"Restorative justice is a way to prevent or respond to harm in a community with an emphasis on healing, social support, and active accountability. RJ includes a variety of practices, with many rooted in indigenous and religious traditions. Some practices help prevent harm by helping people build relationships and strengthen communities. Other practices respond to harm by helping to clearly identify harms, needs, and solutions through an inclusive and collaborative decision-making process." — David Karp, Director of the University of San Diego Center for RJ

## BENEFITS OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRACTICES



widespread public support for restorative alternatives



Cost-effective



higher victim satisfaction ratings



reduction in recidivism

## CHANGING OUR APPROACH

### Criminal Justice

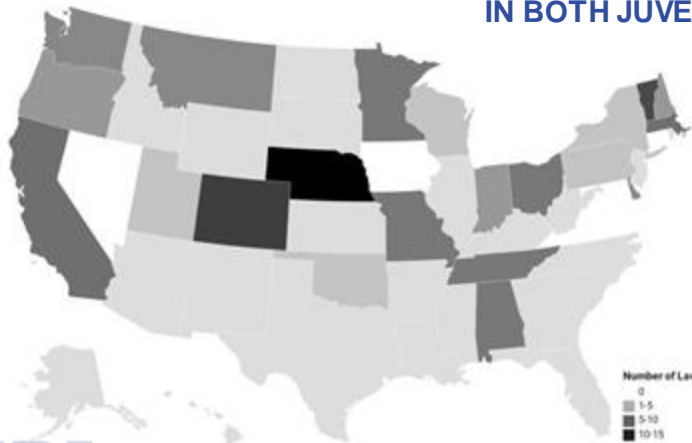
- What laws have been broken?
- Who did it?
- What do they deserve?

### Restorative Justice

- Who has been hurt?
- What are their needs?
- Whose obligation is it to repair the harm (to the extent possible)?

*Howard Zehr, Little Book of Restorative Justice, pg. 21*

## LEGALIZATION OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN BOTH JUVENILE AND ADULT CRIMINAL SYSTEMS



**“As of July 2020, 46 jurisdictions have codified 'restorative justice' into their juvenile and/or adult criminal justice systems... these jurisdictions include 45 states and the District of Columbia for a total of 264 laws.”**

*González, Thalia, The State of Restorative Justice in American Criminal Law (December 20, 2020). Wisconsin Law Review, 2020, Issue 6, Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3761531>.*

The color gradient of the states ranges from no presence in state law (white) to fifteen discrete laws (black).

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## Panelists



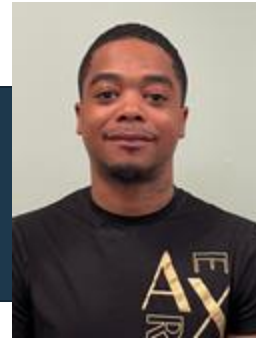
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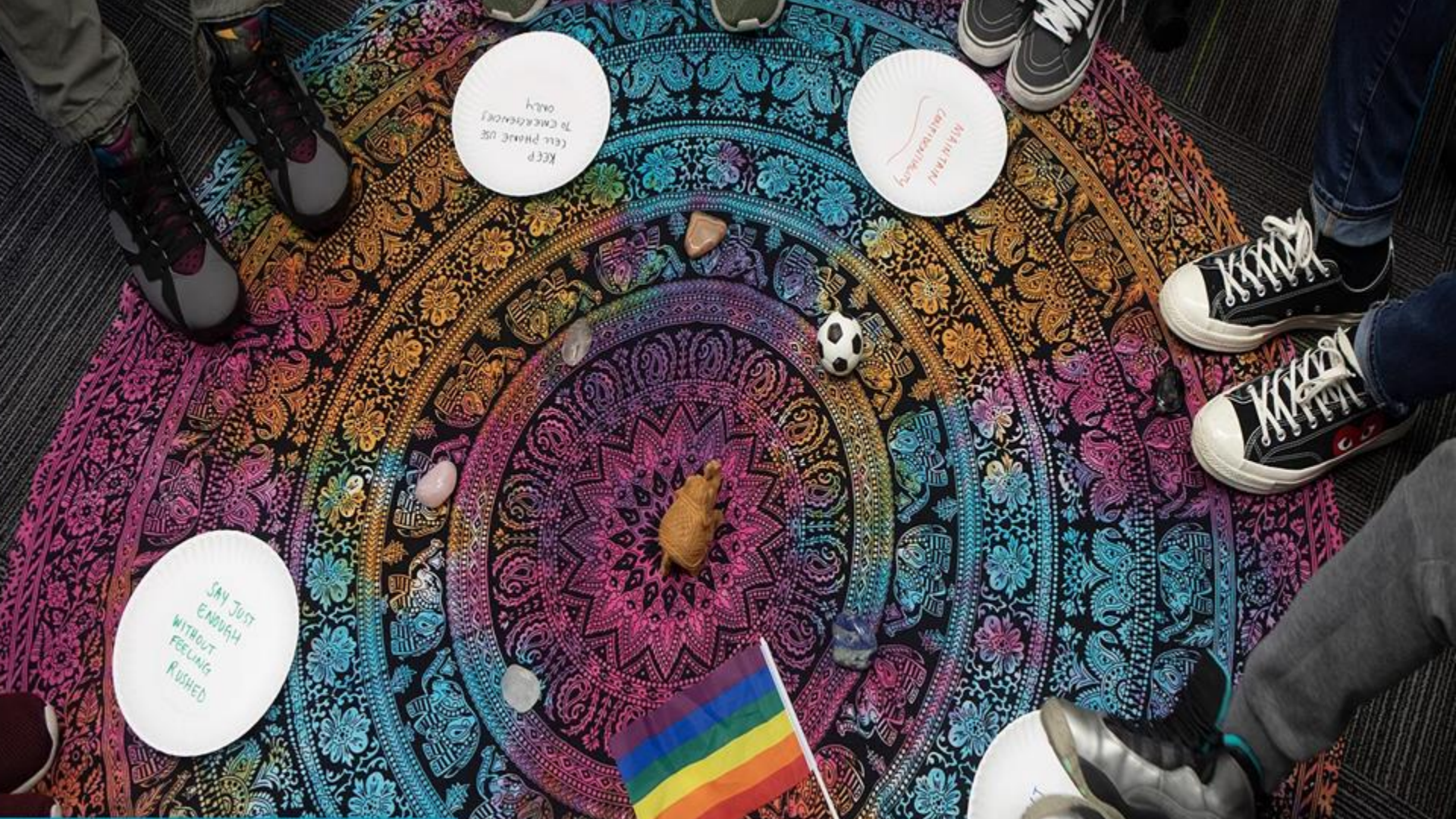
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KEEP  
CELL PHONE USE  
TO EMERGENCY  
ONLY

NO RUSHING!  
KEEP THE LINE  
MOVING

SAY JUST  
ENOUGH  
WITHOUT  
FEELING  
RUSHED



# Harmed Party Reflection

After the last meeting, I see that he is regretful. I support giving him an opportunity so that he can correct his actions and continue with good behavior. I believe that this restorative process impacted me just like him. I feel better after having the chance to talk to [REDACTED] and tell him how his actions impacted me. I felt his words and emotions, and I am confident that he will change his life. I had the opportunity to meet his wife and mom, who are good people and will support [REDACTED]. I am no longer afraid of him and I think to support him, I would like the judge not to put a protection order against him. I would like to know about him and how he is doing when he is in jail. Although I don't want him to go back, I want to know that he is still fine, healthy and motivated. I think we all have to give [REDACTED] the confidence so that he can move forward and achieve his goals. I would like to know in the future how his life changes and how he will overcome his shortcomings. I think that process was significant for him and his growth.

- Stranger, Harmed Party



# Responsible Party Reflection

Overall I feel it went well. Going into it I was nervous, I wasn't sure how it would all play out. I had a bunch of mixed emotions, I had no idea how [REDACTED] would react face to face. Given the situation, how could you predict? Nothing could prepare me for what took place. I broke out crying as soon as we saw each other. I felt remorseful, I was ashamed of my actions.

Speaking with [REDACTED] allowed us both to say things to each other, express how we each felt, that without this process would not have been possible. From this, [REDACTED] was able to tell me directly what came of my actions, what it did to her specifically, and what it took. This meeting allowed me to be held accountable, for her to possibly gain closure and hopefully restore some of what I took away from her on that day. Things will never be the same for either one of us, for that I am truly sorry. Words couldn't quite explain, but this part is done, this has been dealt with. Now we may both be able to move forward. And for that I will forever be grateful to everyone involved in Restorative Justice and the process that was instrumental throughout this ordeal.

- Stranger, Responsible Party





# Thank You!

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# Questions & Answers





