

Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice

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**Restorative Justice in Action:
Not Just for Juveniles
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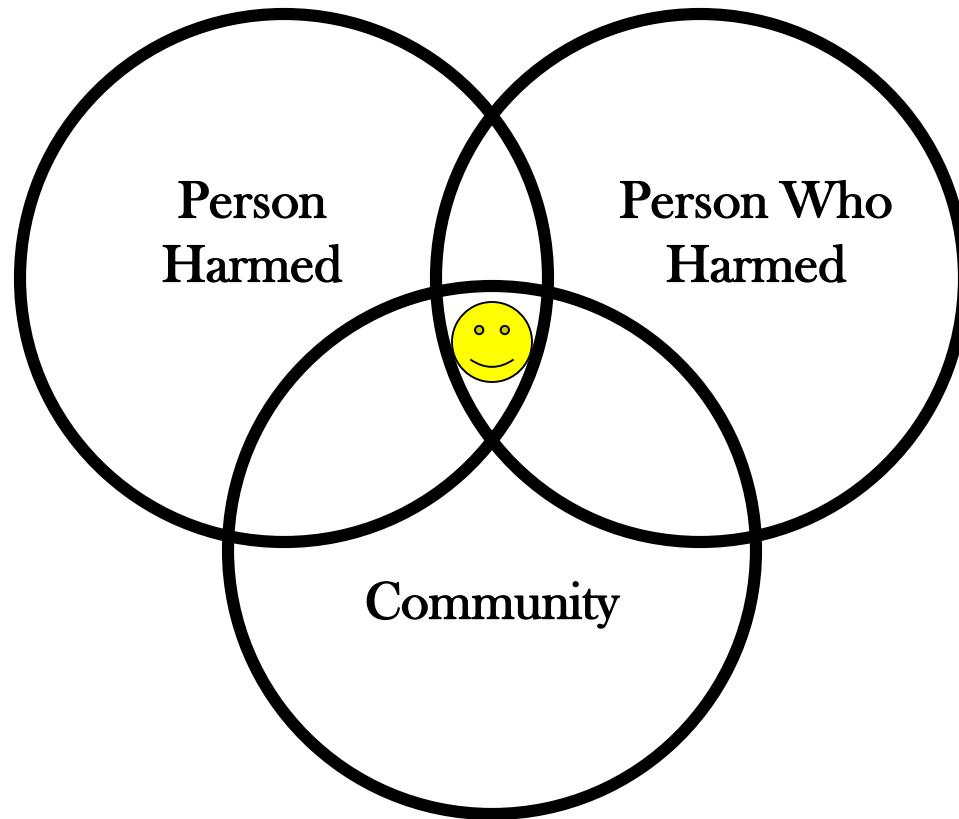
What is Restorative Justice?



Restorative Justice is a process to involve, to the extent possible, those who have a stake in a specific offense and to collectively identify and address harms, needs and obligations, in order to heal and put things as right as possible.

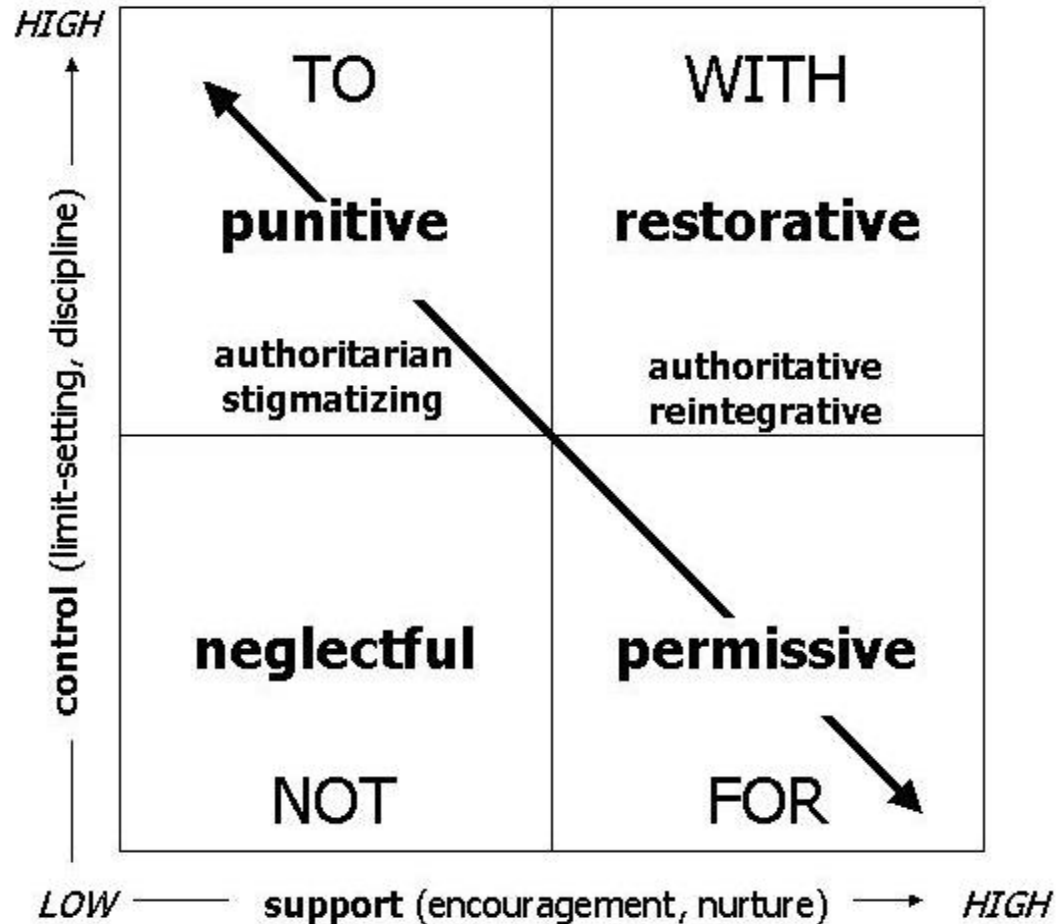
Howard Zehr - The Little Book of Restorative Justice

The Stakeholders



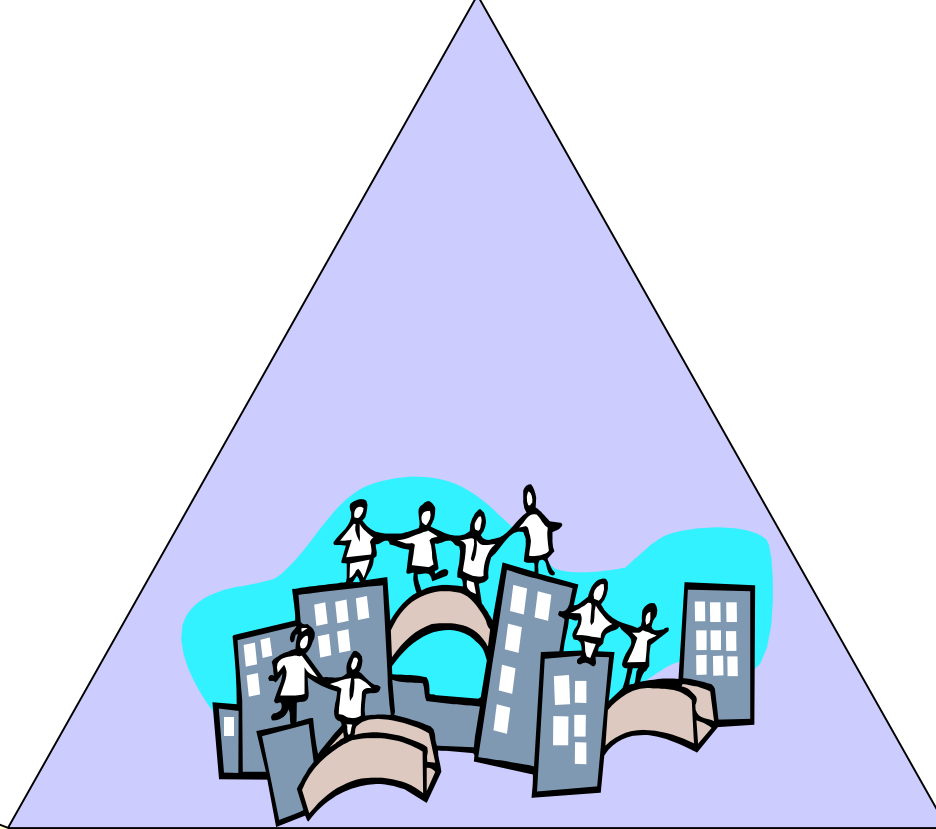


Restorative Mindset Map





Accountability



**Competency
Development**

**Community
Safety**

Traditional

- Focus on the law broken.
- Person is accountable only to authorities.
- Accountability is equated with punishment, usually exclusion.
- Those harmed are peripheral to the process.
- Person defined by their deficits (the crime).
- Measures usually isolates the person.

Restorative

- Focus is on people and relationships.
- Person is accountable to those harmed and the community.
- Accountability is defined as taking responsibility and repairing the harm.
- Those harmed play a key role in response to wrongdoing.
- Person has the capacity to take responsibility and change their behavior.
- Person is embraced by the community.

Traditional Justice

What *law* was broken?

Who did it?

How will we *punish* them?

Restorative Justice

What *harm* was done?

How can the harm be *repaired*?

Who is *responsible*?

Restorative Questions

What was your role in what happened?

What were you thinking at the time?

What have you thought about since?

Who do you think has been affected? How?

What do you need to do to make things as right as possible?

How can we make sure this doesn't happen again?

What support do you need?



Five Characteristics of Restorative Justice

RELATIONSHIPS

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

RESTORATION

REINTEGRATION



Restorative Practices

Restitution



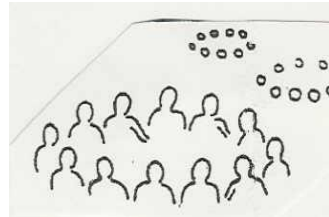
Victim Impact Panels/Classes



Restorative Peer Conferencing



Circles

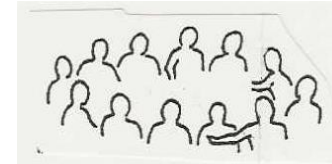


Community Restorative Boards



PRACTICES

Group Conferencing



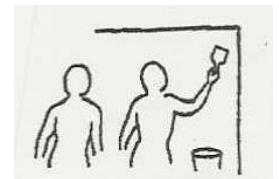
Victim/Offender Conferencing



Letters of Apology



Community Service



“...restorative justice programs are a more effective method of improving victim and/or offender satisfaction, increasing offender compliance with restitution, and decreasing the recidivism of offenders when compared to more traditional criminal justice responses.”

Jeff Latimer, Craig Dowden and Danielle Muise. (2005).

“The Effectiveness of Restorative Justice Practices: A Meta-Analysis.”



Four Important Elements

make it more likely that programs will reflect restorative principles

- **Encounter:** Creates opportunity for all to meet to discuss the crime and its harm to others.
- **Amends:** Expects offenders to take steps to repair the harm done to others.
- **Reintegration:** Seeks to restore victims and offenders to whole, contributing members of society.
- **Inclusion:** Provides opportunities for all to collaborate in creating a resolution.

Restorative Justice

Restoration or repairing the harm and rebuilding relationships in the community.

Results are measured by how much repair was done rather than by how much punishment was inflicted.

Community's Role in Restorative Justice





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