

## Why Should I Use it? How Does the Community Benefit?

- ❖ Everyone has a chance to speak and be heard.
- ❖ Victim's needs are addressed.
- ❖ Everyone can "win." Creative solutions go beyond compromise.
- ❖ The people, not a judge, set the terms of the resolution.
- ❖ Offenders are held responsible.
- ❖ Citizens are involved.
- ❖ The process restores relationships between people.
- ❖ All services are free of charge.
- ❖ Programs are facilitated by trained volunteers from our community who care about you.

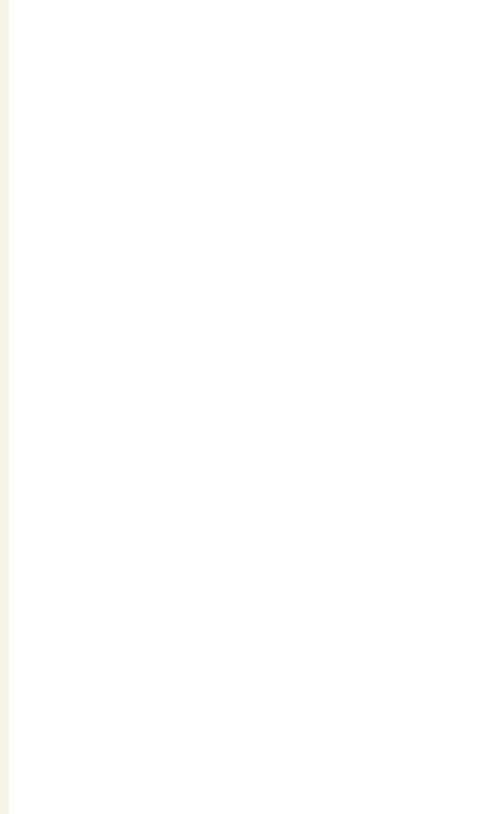
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## Volunteer Opportunities

Trained community volunteers deliver and facilitate our programs. Your interest and participation are welcome.

If you would like to know how you can become involved, please contact the St. Johnsbury Community Justice Center for more information.

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## Conflict Resolution and Restorative Justice



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The St. Johnsbury Community Justice Center is part of the Town of St. Johnsbury. The “CJC” is committed to providing a safe environment for members of the community to resolve conflict and to promoting the principles of restorative justice and victim sensitivity throughout the entire community.

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## What is Restorative Justice?

Restorative Justice is a philosophy for dealing with disputes, conflict and crime that differs from traditional methods. Restorative Justice brings crime victims, offenders and the community together to reach agreements that address the harm caused to the victim and the damage done to the community. It addresses the need for the offender to understand the human consequences of his or her actions. The goals are for offenders to take responsibility for their actions, to repair the harm done to the victim and the community, and to explore ways to avoid similar offenses in the future.

## Programs and Services:

- ❖ Community Dialogue Facilitation
- ❖ Community Mediation
- ❖ Conflict Resolution Training
- ❖ Group Conferences
- ❖ Information & Referral
- ❖ Legal Clinic
- ❖ Parking Board
- ❖ Reparative Boards

## Which Situations Benefit Most from Restorative Methods?

- ❖ Disputes with your neighbors, such as noise, vandalism, animal complaints, parking, etc.
- ❖ Landlord-tenant disputes
- ❖ School discipline and truancy matters
- ❖ Problems related to business or workplace conflicts
- ❖ Pre-charge and post-adjudicated criminal offenses

## A Restorative Community Justice Center is based on the following principles:

- ❖ Crimes and disputes are best resolved in the local communities where they occur.
- ❖ Victims have special needs and claims that should be at the center of the resolution process.
- ❖ Offenders need to fully understand the impact of the crime, and have the opportunity to express remorse and repair the harm done to the victim and the community.
- ❖ Community members have a right to feel safe, respected and involved in the issues that affect their quality of life and sense of personal well being.



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