



RESTORATIVE PARTNERS

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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 an offense and to collectively identify and address harms, needs and obligations, in order to heal and put things right as possible." Zehr, H.



RJ IS AN APPROACH

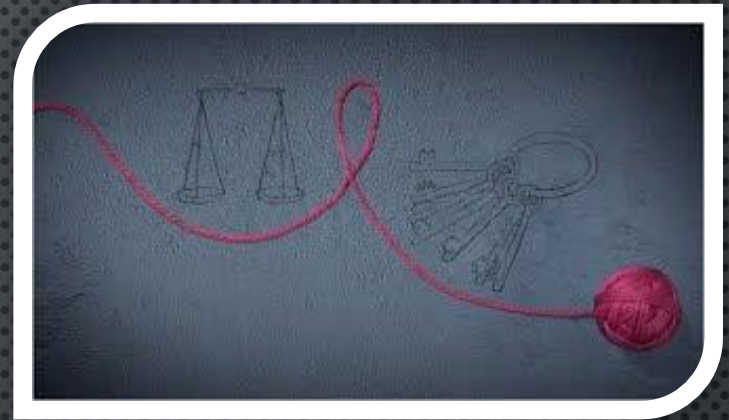
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RJ AND CJS?

**They look a different set of questions
They use a different kind of approach**

Traditional Criminal Justice System (CJS)	Restorative Justice
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What law was broken? What crime was committed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What happened? What harm was caused?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who broke the law?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How can that harm be repaired?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How should they be punished?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who is responsible for this repair? Who is involved and affected by this?

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IS NOT...

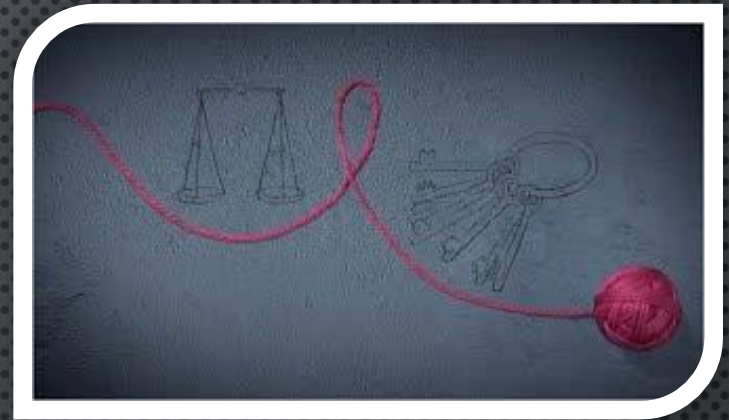
- RJ IS NOT ABOUT FORGIVENESS
- RJ IS NOT NECESSARILY AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM OR INCARCERATION.
- RJ IS NOT EXCLUSIVELY FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS AND LESS SERIOUS OFFENSES.
- RJ IS NOT A PARTICULAR PROGRAM OR A BLUEPRINT.
- RJ IS NOT EASY OR *“JUST A SLAP ON THE WRIST”*.
- RJ DOES NOT ALWAYS INVOLVE A MEETING FACE-TO-FACE.



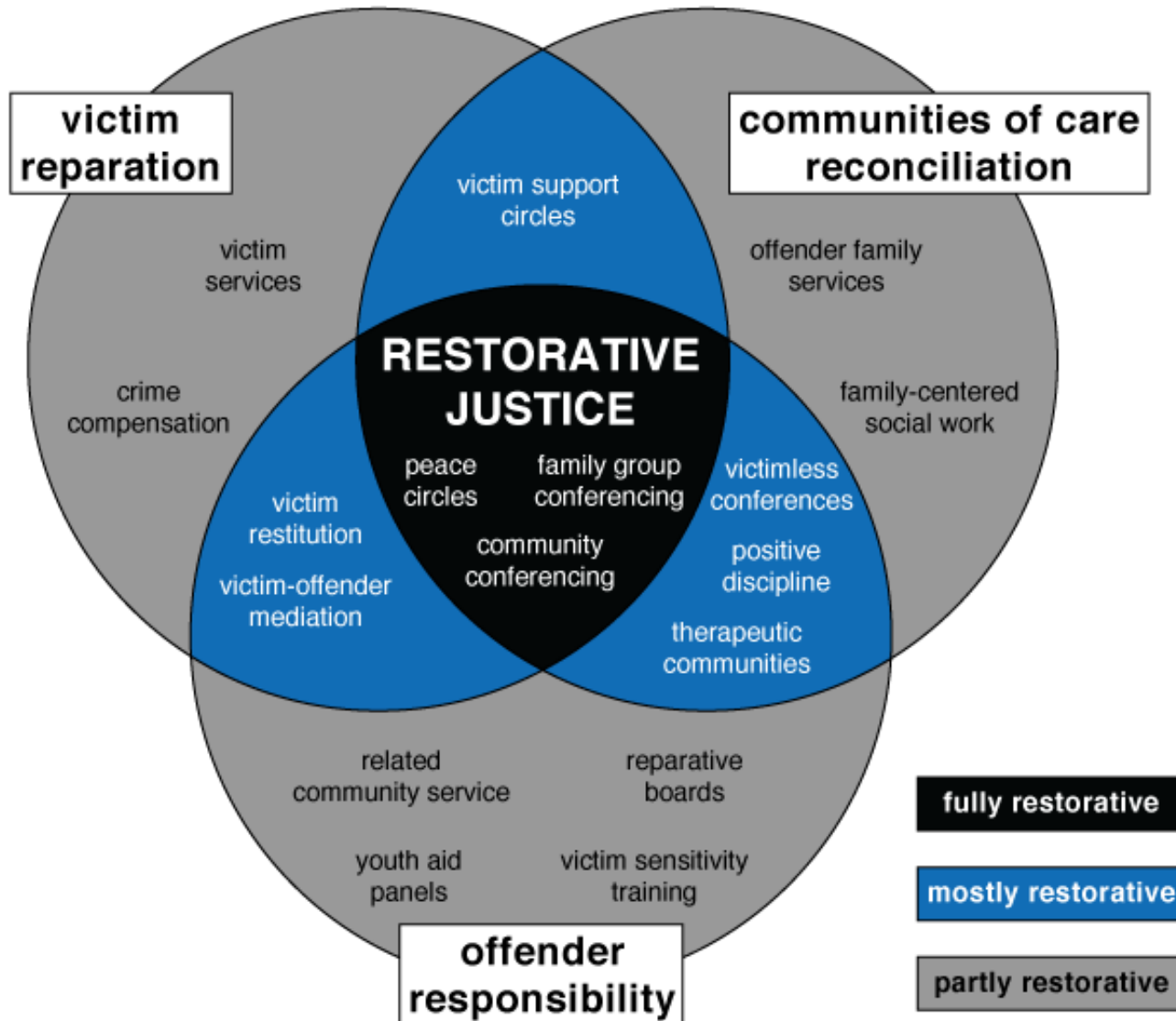
RESEARCH AND RJ

STUDIES AND META-ANALYSES

- **Decrease** in recidivism (re-offending)
- **High satisfaction rate** regarding process and outcome for both the person who caused harm and the person who was harmed.
- **Increased** positive perception of the CJS and its fairness
- **Decrease** in feelings of revenge and fear.
- **Decrease** in post-traumatic stress symptoms.
- **Positive effects** on physical/psychological health and sense of support.
- **Cost-benefit analyses** show that it saves time, saves judicial processing money & costs to society.
- Offending party is **more likely to meet financial obligations** through a restorative process (restitution is agreed upon).
- **Increase in acceptance** (by the person who cause harmed) of their sentence or conditions imposed by the courts.



Types and Degrees of Restorative Justice Practice



RESTORATIVE PARTNERS - RJ PRACTICES

At Restorative Partners, we provide:

- In-custody programming
- Reentry services and programs
- Housing and treatment programs
 - More recently employment opportunities through our first social enterprise.

RESTORATIVE PARTNERS – RJ DIVERSION PROGRAM

Restorative Partners is teaming up with the DA's office to develop and run a restorative justice program for adults. This program uses a specific restorative practice referred as *Victim-Offender Dialogue* or Conferencing. It requires participation of both individuals. The program is voluntary.

General Outcomes

AGREEMENTS MAY INCLUDE: LETTERS OF APOLOGY, RESTITUTION, VOLUNTEERING, COUNSELING, ATTENDING GROUP WORKSHOPS, PRESENTING IN CLASSES, MEETING FACE-TO-FACE (CIRCLE), ETC.

RJ is an approach, a way of
doing justice.

RP RECOGNIZES THAT THERE ARE
DIFFERENT WAYS FOR CLIENTS TO LEARN
AND DEMONSTRATE ACCOUNTABILITY,
AND THAT RJ CAN BE ONE OF THEM.

QUESTIONS?

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