

RESTORE



A restorative justice program for merchants, community, and young shoplifters

WHAT IS IT?

The RESTORE Program provides a voluntary opportunity for young people who have shoplifted to deal with their charge in a way that is meaningful to themselves and the community.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Fort Collins Municipal Court or Larimer County District Attorney's Office have referred you to our program. You will attend an arraignment and meet with our staff, who will explain the RESTORE program to you and your parent/support person. If you decide to participate in the program, you will complete a RESTORE intake form and sign up for Session #1. You will also be asked to take a survey, which is anonymous and used for grant funding purposes. If under the age of 18 a parent/guardian must attend the sessions with you.

RESTORE Session #1 has three parts and will take approximately 3 hours.

Part 1- You and your parent/support person will listen to speakers discuss the impact of shoplifting on the merchant community, law enforcement, the court system, families, and the larger community. You will also hear other youth speak about how shoplifting has affected them, their peers, and their families.

Part 2 – You and your parent/support person then will meet with a small group to talk about the shoplifting incident you were involved in and how you have been affected by this incident. This group will also include other young shoplifters, their parents, a community member, a peer representative, and a merchant representative, and will be facilitated by RESTORE volunteers.

Part 3 - When the small group is complete, you and your parent/support person will review a contract and select from a list ways you can repair the harm to the victim, the community, your family and yourself. The contract includes eight hours community service. You will also sign up for a time to return to Session #2.

RESTORE Session #2 will take approximately one hour.

About one month after Session #1, you will return to the RESTORE Program with all of your completed contract items. You will meet with a small group of volunteers who will review your contract and verification of items completed. You will also complete the survey taken in the original meeting.

Not guilty: If you believe you are not guilty, you do not belong in the RESTORE Program. To participate, you must admit your part in the incident.

BY PARTICIPATING IN THE RESTORE PROGRAM, YOU CAN:

- learn more about shoplifting and how it affects merchants and the community
- repair the harm done by the incident in a meaningful way
- make choices about the consequences of your actions
- have your theft charge dismissed upon successful completion of the program

FEE: Cost is \$50 (cash or money order only) Sliding scale is available for families who qualify.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about the RESTORE Program, contact:
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