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# Restorative Justice Conferencing Program

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## WHAT IS IT?

The Restorative Justice Conferencing Program (RJCP) provides a voluntary opportunity for young people (age 10-22) who have committed misdemeanor offenses to deal with their charge in a way that is meaningful to them and the community.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Fort Collins Municipal Court or Larimer County District Attorney's Office has referred you. You will attend an intake meeting with RJCP staff. If you decide to participate, you

will complete forms to sign up for the program. You will also be asked to take a survey. If you are under 18, your parent/guardian must attend the arraignment and the RJCP meetings with you.

## Restorative Justice Conferencing Program (RJCP)

RJCP consists of several meetings and contract obligations to fulfill in between.

Pre-Conference Meetings – (1-1.5 hours/each meeting) You and your parent/guardian will meet with RJCP facilitators for a preconference meeting. At this meeting you will learn more about the RJCP process and will prepare for the upcoming RJ circle. You will discuss the incident and explore your thoughts and feelings about the incident and who has been impacted by it. Your parent will also discuss how the incident has impacted the family. You will have homework to develop ideas on how to repair the harm caused by the incident.

Conference Meeting – (2-3 hours) You and your parent/guardian will meet with the victim/victim representative, other offenders (if there are any), community representatives and the RJCP facilitators in a face-to-face meeting. The discussion will focus on who has been harmed by the incident, how they have been harmed, and what can be done to repair the harm. The circle will develop a contract to address repairing the harm caused by the incident. The contract will include a minimum of 20 restorative hours for you to fulfill.

Completion Meeting – (1 hour) You and your parent/guardian will return for a follow-up interview with RJCP staff and/or volunteers when your contract obligations are complete (usually about a month). You must bring written verification of all contract items to this interview. Other participants from the circle will be invited to attend the interview, and may or may not be present. You will also complete the survey taken at the court arraignment. If all contract items are complete and verified, you will have completed the program.

### BY PARTICIPATING IN THE RJCP PROGRAM, YOU MAY:

- learn more about your offense and how it affected the victim, community, your family, yourself
- repair the harm done by the incident in a meaningful way
- make choices about the consequences of your actions
- have your charge dismissed upon successful completion of the program

**FEE:** Cost is \$50 (cash or money order only) A reduced fee is available for families who qualify.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,** contact: Restorative Justice Services (970) 416-2290

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