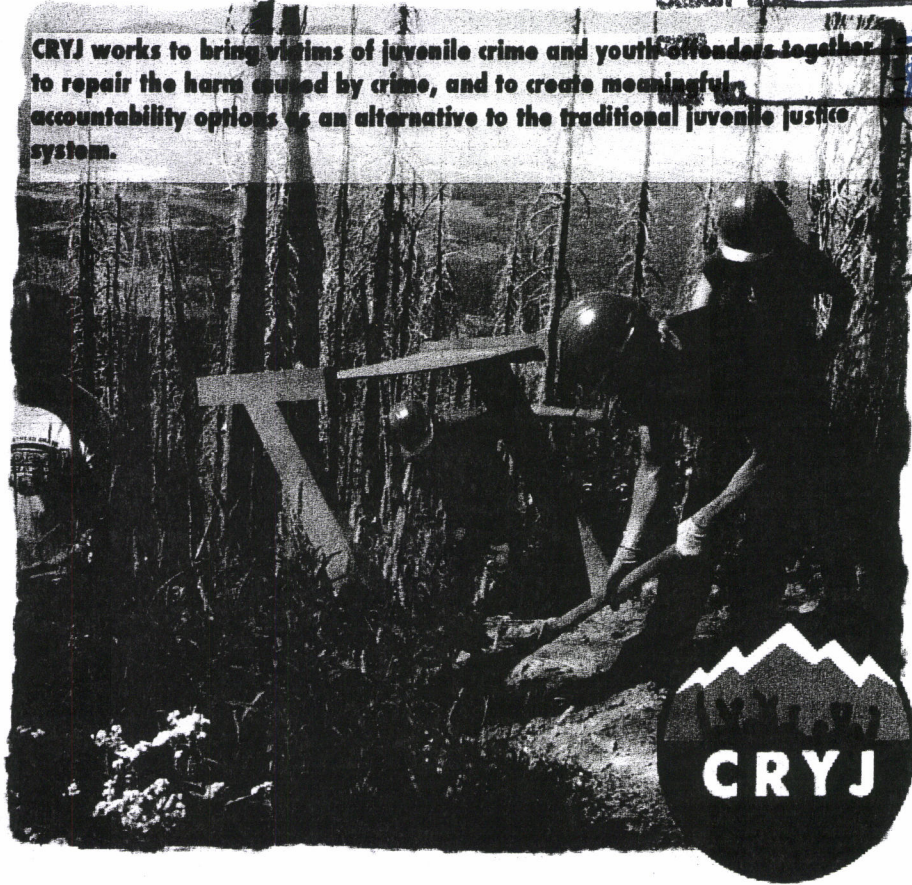


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CRYJ works to bring victims of juvenile crime and youth offenders together to repair the harm caused by crime, and to create meaningful accountability options as an alternative to the traditional juvenile justice system.

Working with Youth and Victims to Rebuild, Repair, and Restore Community Connections

The Center for Restorative Youth Justice's programs work one-on-one with youth and victims of juvenile crime to 'reweave the fabric' of relationships (community, family, peers) in ways that promote true accountability, inspire connection, and increase community safety.

CRYJ believes in justice and crime prevention which focuses on the people and communities harmed by crime as opposed to focusing on what laws were broken or what punishments have been imposed.

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- ➔ Justice resources are focused on those who have been harmed (vs. what law was broken)
- ➔ Conversations with victims and community members allow youth to focus on what steps are needed to repair that harm (vs. inflicting punishment) allowing victims and youth to move forward
- ➔ We believe that youth are valuable assets who represent the future of our community

CRYJ's programs foster dialogue between offenders and victims, create opportunities for true accountability, and reduce the likelihood that a youth will reoffend.

About Us:

The large majority of youth who come through CRYJ's restorative programming are referred through juvenile probation. Youth participants include Flathead County youth from a wide range of backgrounds and with a wide range of offenses. CRYJ works primarily with first time offenders - providing important accountability and reflection opportunities that result in real change and true accountability. For many, participation in CRYJ's programming results in a dismissal of charges - providing first time offenders with an important opportunity to repair the harm caused as a result of their actions and to move forward.

In 2011 Juvenile Probation for Flathead County documented that 35% of youth charged with an offense committed another crime within one year. The state average is even higher - suggesting that 46% of youth charged in the state commit another offense. In contrast, CRYJ data from this same time period shows that youth who successfully complete CRYJ's alternative accountability programming are significantly less likely to reoffend - in fact CRYJ's documented recidivism rate for 2011 was 13%, less than half that of the state's average.

CRYJ's youth participants dedicate more than 2,500 hours to service projects in the Flathead Valley.

Learn more about our powerful programming www.restorativeyouthjustice.org



What We Do

- **Ensure Victim Involvement** - Our programming offers victims an important voice and a chance to express their true impacts. All victims of juvenile crime are presented with an opportunity to be part of the justice process through direct participation in the Victim Offender Conference or to have their impacts reflected in other accountability processes.
- **Empowerment and Respect** - CRYJ provides an individualized approach to youth and families - focusing on accountability, goal setting, positive development and empowerment. This approach helps to support youth as they gain the ability, and recognize their own authority to make decisions and implement changes in their lives and the lives of others.
- **Create Community Connections and Safety** - Our programs emphasize community service as an opportunity to give back - striving to increase community safety and connection. We work with more than 30 community partners, agencies, and nonprofits around the valley to provide meaningful community service options for youth.
- **Parent and Family Engagement** - All CRYJ programs aim to actively engage parents and families in reflection and discussion surrounding a youth's offense. Our accountability programs encourage parents to play a role in the framing of the accountability process and to discuss impacts as a way of helping that youth move forward in rebuilding trust within their families and the community.

Who We Work With

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CRYJ's restorative programming also create opportunities for repeat offenders, or more serious offenders, to participate in conversations with community members, victims, and staff to understand the true impacts of their decisions and to create meaningful ways for youth to repair harm and move forward.

Agency Successes

- The Victim Impact Program is the only program in the state that directly involves victims of juvenile crime
- CRYJ works with approximately 260 youth a year who are either currently involved, or are being actively directed, from the traditional juvenile justice system
- 85% of youth referred to CRYJ complete all program requirements
- CRYJ youth participants dedicate approximately 2,500 hours of community service to the Flathead community every year through participate in Youth Connections service projects

CRYJ's Restorative Accountability Programs:

CRYJ is recognized as a national leader in the field of Restorative Youth Justice practices and programming.

Victim Impact Program

This program reaches out to all victims of juvenile crime in Flathead County - providing a timely and sensitive approach that ensures that the victim's voice is included in the justice process

Victim Offender Conferencing

Victims and youth come together to discuss the circumstances and impacts of the offense. Skilled facilitators work to provide victims with a safe place to express how they have been impacted and to participate in deciding how the harm that they have experienced should be addressed and repaired.

Community Accountability Board

As an alternative-sentencing option, juvenile offenders meet in person with community volunteers to discuss the connections between their behavior and its impact on themselves and others. Volunteers represent the voice of victims and provide important community control.

Drug and Alcohol Accountability Program

Designed to engage youth offenders in interactive dialogue with peers, community volunteers, and parents focused on impact and solutions specifically with drug and alcohol related offenses.

Theft Impact Circle

Bring youth and parents together with merchants to broaden an understanding of the true impact of shoplifting - including long reaching effects for youth, families, businesses and the greater community.

Youth Connections

Restorative community service - creating opportunities for youth to envision and establish themselves as necessary and valued community members.

Ways to Give!

- ➔ Donate securely through CRYJ's website
- ➔ Give \$10 a month auto-payment
- ➔ Give a one-time donation through check
- ➔ Contact our office to learn more about volunteering or in-kind donations!

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Reddick County Justice Council Program

Good morning committee members, Mr. or Mrs. Chairman, and audience members. My name is Mike O'Donnell and became involved in our local restorative justice program as a result of a car accident in which a person rear-ended me. Up to this point I had no knowledge of the program or how it functioned within the community. I received a phone call from the program coordinator wanting me to participate in a meeting in which we would talk about what happened, how it impacted myself and family, and how we can restore things prior to the accident.

As it turned out, the individual did not have insurance so I had to pay my deductible for my insurance to perform repair to my vehicle. The damage was not at that severe but my vehicle did need to be repaired to function properly. The restorative justice program was successful in making sure the offender made payments to help offset the expenditure of repair my vehicle. The way in which the committee members added their advice, experience, and desire to make sure the offender understood what he did was an accident, but need to be accountable for his actions was professional and respectful.

I have to say that I was very apprehensive at the beginning of the process, but after attending the meeting and seeing the dedicated individuals which volunteer their time to help me and my family and then being able to talk with the offender, I thought the process was awesome and I began to volunteer to sit on the committees and attending meetings for others.

Throughout my volunteering of sitting on the committees I began to understand the program and how effects the judicial system. I believe that the local restorative justice program is very successful because of its leadership of the program coordinator, and the volunteers who give their time to make sure that the program is successful. Programs like the restorative justice do not operate because someone has to do a job, but it operates because individuals are dedicated to volunteering their time to make sure the program is a success.

One struggle in which I think is very important to bring forward is that these programs do not succeed unless those in the judicial system believe in their success and performance. I do believe that the judges and public were not familiar with the restorative justice program and it took great leadership and education from the volunteers, committee members, and program coordinator to become the success it has become.

I think that if I never had the opportunity to know about the restorative justice system and justice council on a local level, I don't think that I would have volunteered. Not because I don't believe in it, just that I was not educated that it existed and an opportunity to volunteer was available.

My experience on the justice councils was very fun and interesting. I believe that offenders need to understand what they are doing to get them in trouble is not working and the justice council offers peers to make them accountable to restore things as a result of their actions. The other thing that I found interesting is that some offenders did not want the help of the council because they did not want the help period. I think that the offender needs to recognize the opportunity to get help before they can move forward. Sometimes programs are not necessarily unsuccessful but more like not used because it is not recognized a usefully tool to an offender, or judge when the offender is getting sentenced.

In summary, I would like to say that I believe in the local restorative justice system I would hope that the professionals at the local and state level understand that the programs can be successful and useful with dedicated volunteers and great leadership from a program coordinator, local justices, and state leadership. Programs like these need support from everyone to be successful and make our communities, and state a better place to live.

Thank you