

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE INVENTORY
For the Law and Justice Interim Committee
2011-2012 Interim

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ)

Programs

Office of Restorative Justice (statutory)
- *Web page*
- *Referrals*

Staffing

Although the Office of Restorative Justice was established by the legislature in 2001, it has been combined with the Office of Consumer Protection and Victim Services. The combined office is staffed by 12 FTE, a VISTA volunteer, and one other AmeriCorps volunteer. Two FTE manage or oversee various aspect of victim services, 5 FTE are dedicated to a victim compensation program, and the balance of the FTE positions are dedicated to consumer protection. No staff are dedicated to restorative justice. However, Ms. Joan Eliel, program specialist in the combined office, monitors restorative justice matters, among her many other responsibilities.

Funding

Initially created in 2001 by HB 637 (sponsored by Rep. Kaufmann), the Office of Restorative Justice received three 1-year \$30,000 federal grants offered through the Montana Board of Crime Control. These grants allowed for a full-time restorative justice coordinator and also allowed the office to fund training events and provide technical assistance to various public and private entities interested in incorporating restorative justice into their programming. However, after the grants expired, no further funding was provided. Currently, the Office of Restorative Justice is not funded.

Program Summary

Sections 2-15-2012 through 2-15-2014, MCA, (enacted by HB 637 in 2001) articulate the intent, outline the purpose, and establish an account for the Office of Restorative Justice. *(See Attachment A.)*

A web page under DOJ's victim services website tab provides a summary of the restorative justice philosophy and the purpose of the restorative justice office, links to other resources, and contact information. *(See Attachment B.)*

Evaluation

Because the Office of Restorative Justice is essentially dormant, there are no significant activities to evaluate.

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