

INDIGENOUS MODELS OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

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TODAY'S IDEA EXCHANGE

Discussion about restorative justice

Discussion about restorative practices

Discussion about how these concepts can be used to support your work

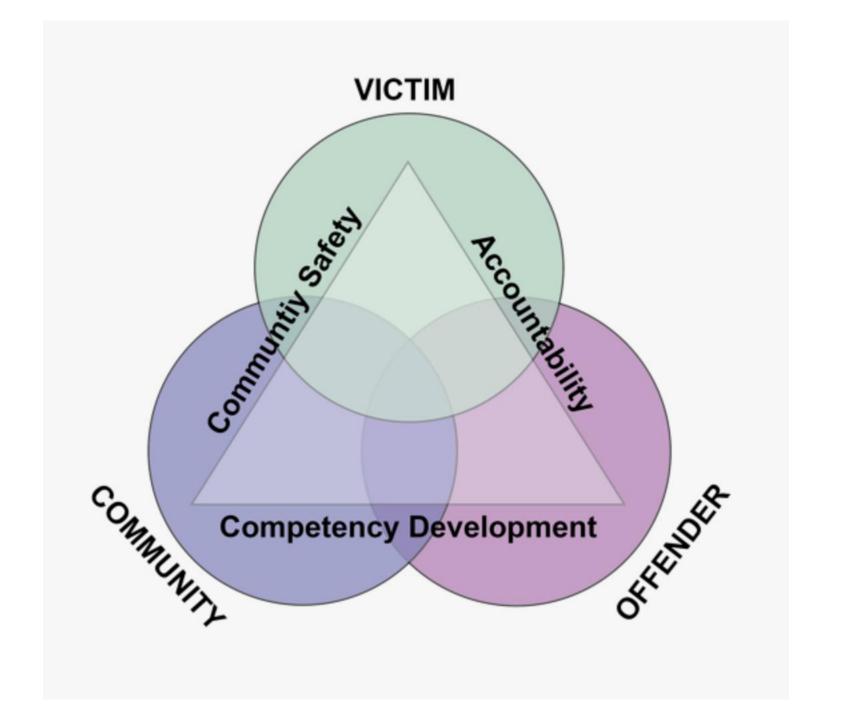




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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE (RJ)

- Restorative justice (RJ) is an approach to justice that attempts to restore harm at its roots.
- RJ can take many forms, but it ultimately prioritizes community safety.
- RJ views harm as a community issue—a harm to one person is a harm to the entire community.
- Accountability from the perpetrator of harm is necessary.
- RJ is directly derived from Indigenous peoples and tribes' traditional ways of practicing justice, but often practiced in Western systems separately from this roots, which is problematic.



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRINCIPLES

- 1. Crime (or harm) is a violation of people (including the perpetrator of harm) and relationships.
- 2. Victims and the community are central to the justice process.
- 3. A primary focus of a justice process is to assist victims and address needs.
- 4. The secondary focus is restoring the community to the degree possible.
- 5. All human beings have dignity and worth.



How Restorative Justice Works





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The Roots of Restorative Practices (RP)

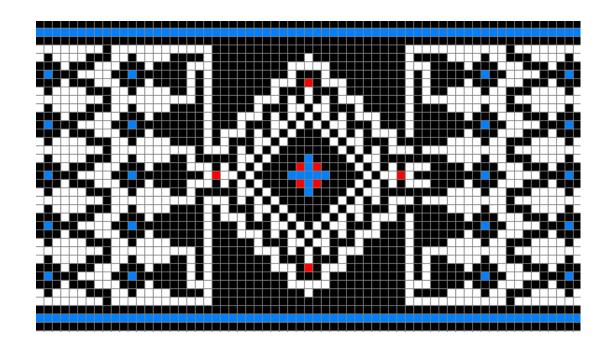
Spaces – Ancient & Modern

Restorative Practices can be traced to Indigenous cultures, recurring in various forms in many different cultures around the world.

Restorative Practices History

Contemporary practices and principals of consensus building, dialogue, and dispute resolution have helped shape our understanding that restorative practices are not a fad or the latest technique.

Restorative Practices are embodiment of both ancient and modern wisdom about how to keep human relationships alive, free, open and constructive, especially when disharmony arises.



Indigenous Model of Restorative Practices

The Indigenous Model of Restorative Practices is based on Indigenous holistic philosophy and the "Relational Worldview". These systems are guided by the unwritten traditions, and practices that are learned primarily by example and through the oral teachings of elders, parents, and the extended family.





Cultural Connectedness

Restorative Practices mirrors cultural connectedness which is an approach that brings together cultural humility and health literacy to help care and service providers and program participants/clients develop shared understanding of each other's values, beliefs, needs, and priorities.

Restorative Practices is a **STRENGTH BASED APPROACH.**

Restorative Practices - A Way of Being

The Indigenous Model of Restorative Practices calls on us to *embody* a restorative way of being by seeing all people as fully human and uplifting their values and beliefs. By doing this inner work, we see differently, hear differently, and engage with others differently.

Restorative Practices is just that - A PRACTICE that we're all doing as we move through life.



Community Health & Restorative Practices

Restorative Practices strengthens relationships between individuals as well as social connections within communities. Restorative practices can also help to increase people's personal and collective efficacy.

These positive outcomes influence a sense of community. People with greater sense of community are more likely to act in healthy ways and work with others to promote well-being for all.







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