

“Three Essential Building Blocks for Starting a New Restorative Justice Program”

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- Community-Government Partnership
- Best Practices for Casework and Facilitation
- Flexible Case-Management System

A Strong Foundation...

...Is the Key to
Sustainability



Restorative Justice Basics

A relational approach to justice that...

1. Focuses on the harm done
2. Engages those most involved

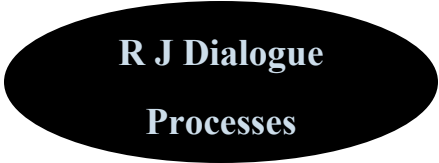
Restorative Justice Is...

1. Victim-centered
2. Offender-focused
3. Community-driven
4. Government-safeguarded

Restorative Justice

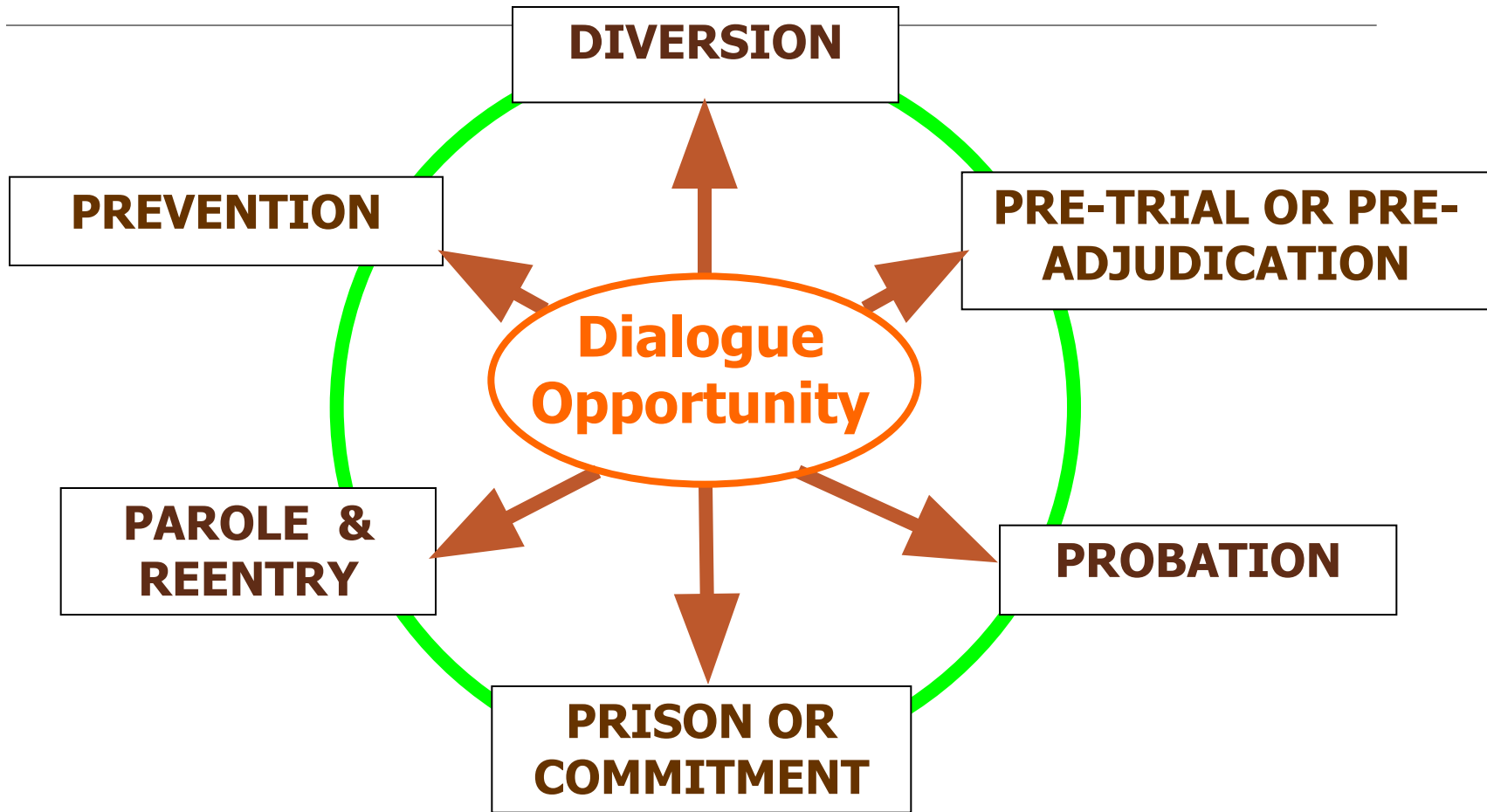
The central practice
of restorative justice involves

DIALOGUE



**R J Dialogue
Processes**

Where RJ Dialogue fits in the Criminal Justice System



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Number One:

**Community-Government
Partnership**

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Number Two:

**Best Practices for Casework
and Facilitation**

Safety Trust
Openness

Best Practices Involve...

- Standards
- Skills
- Structures

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- ...but also Heart-felt Connections

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Number Three:

**Flexible Case-Management
Systems**

Flexible



Capacity for Diversity

- Low-risk and high-risk offenders
- Pre-court / mid-court / post-court
- All victims who request supports
- Use of multi-model programming
- Mobilization of volunteerism

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Next Steps...

Sign up for our 3-Session Course that gets into the HOW-TO side of building new restorative dialogue programming

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