“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
Finding the Right BALANCE

Between Government and Community Resources
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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...

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