

ABSTRACT
Presentation and Workshop

Healing the Harm to Secondary Victims of Crime Using Restorative Justice Principles.

This presentation/workshop proposes the use of restorative justice principles to promote healing of the residual effects of a nonviolent or violent crime to the secondary level of both the victim's family and the offender's family.

Victimization may include being stigmatized by such an event, being defined solely by an event which did not involve themselves, becoming isolated from friends and community, receiving overt attention from the media and municipal figures, recriminations, feelings of guilt and shame by the families and, accusations and animosity between both families.

The process objectives are to create a forum for each family separately, for airing and dealing with the family's emotions caused by this event; to express the difficulties caused by the event; to establish circles of support and reduction of the residual effects; to possibly address and reduce any animosity and any potential for revenge; and to investigate a path for both families to find or return to a calm between them.

This presentation/workshop benefits those professionals who work with or have experience with the families of either or both offenders and victims.

This experience can be at pre or post trial.

As well, practitioners of all levels of the Restorative Justice process will benefit.

Actual criminal cases at different levels are used to focus the discussion with details, photos and graphics, and handout worksheets.

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