



2024 Presentation
to Victoria City
Council

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Thank
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Restorative Justice Victoria

- Est.2002; not-for-profit society & charity
- Five staff and four auxiliary caseworkers
- Approximately 75 volunteers
- Work with youth and adult victims and offenders
- Receive between 75-100 referrals per year for a wide range of harms
- Receive referrals from Crown Counsel, judiciary, probation offices, VicPD, Oak Bay PD, Saanich PD, local schools, agencies, and the community
- Our services are free to the public

Restorative Justice & Our Process

- Intake and assessment
- Preparation
- Dialogue
- Agreement Completion
- File Closure

2024 Referrals

We have been referred 34 people who had caused 46 crimes/harms in the Victoria municipality:

- VicPD: 18
- Provincial Crown: 12
- Federal Crown: 4

Supported 28 inquiries for service



2024 Offences/Harms

- Assault: 9
- Assault - Intimate Partner Violence: 3
- Assaulting a police officer: 2
- Assault with a weapon: 3
- Assault causing bodily harm: 1
- Assault by choking: 1
- Weapons possession: 3
- Uttering threats: 1
- Willfully resisting a police officer: 1
- Possession for the purpose of trafficking: 10
- Being in a dwelling house without lawful consent: 1
- Theft under \$5,000: 6
- Mischief under \$5,000: 3
- Possession of stolen property: 1
- Breach of release order: 1

Outcomes

Annually, **95-100%** completion rate for referrals we accept into our program

2024 Referrals

- Not accepted: 0
- Returned: 1
- Completed: 6
- In progress: 27

Benefits of Restorative Justice

- Reduced costs for policing and the court system
- Frees up vital policing and court resources
- Higher rates of victim satisfaction
- Reductions in PTSD
- Reductions in recidivism
- Increased completion of restitution agreements
- More often leads to healing and repair

Other 2024 Events and Projects

- Provided 2nd round of sexualized violence casework training
- Developing a program for our gender-based violence referrals
- Recruited and trained 19 new caseworkers and three administrative volunteers
- Participating in a national project related to RJ and hate/identity motivated harms
- Engaging in anti-racism training and JEDI work
- Conduct training in RJ for new police member

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