



Restorative Conferencing Program

Restorative Partners is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization in SLO County. Our Restorative Conferencing Program provides pathways to healing and restoration by utilizing an evidence-based facilitated conference process to respond to harm and wrongdoing. During the course of a Restorative Conference, a certified facilitator will facilitate a formal process (detailed below) with everyone involved - those who caused harm, those who were harmed, and any support people. The goal of a Restorative Conference is to identify harm that has been done, discuss solutions, and come to an agreement about next steps to repair the harm.



Restorative Conference Process:

1. Referral from Judge, DA, Public Defender, or another entity
2. *Pre-Conference Process*
 - a. Facilitator meets with those who have caused harm to discuss the process and the questions that will be asked, determine their willingness to participate, and identify a support person who can participate in the process with them.
 - b. Facilitator meets with those who were harmed to discuss the process and the questions that will be asked, determine their willingness to participate, and identify a support person who can participate in the process with them.
 - c. Facilitator meets with the support people to discuss the process and the questions that will be asked, and determine their willingness to participate.
 - d. Once everyone has agreed to participate, the Facilitator will schedule the Conference.
3. *Restorative Conference* (this process usually takes about two hours)
 - a. During the Conference, each participant will have the opportunity to respond to questions about the incident (the questions are shared in advance during the Pre-Conference Process so that participants have time to prepare if needed).
 - b. After everyone has shared, Facilitator leads a discussion about what action steps are needed for healing and resolution. These action steps are collected in the Conference Agreement.
4. *Post-Conference*
 - a. Facilitator will collect documentation of compliance with the Conference Agreement and conduct any necessary follow-up.

To learn more or to schedule a preliminary appointment, please contact our Director of In-Custody & Reentry Programs: vivien@restorativepartners.org or 805.242.1272 x178