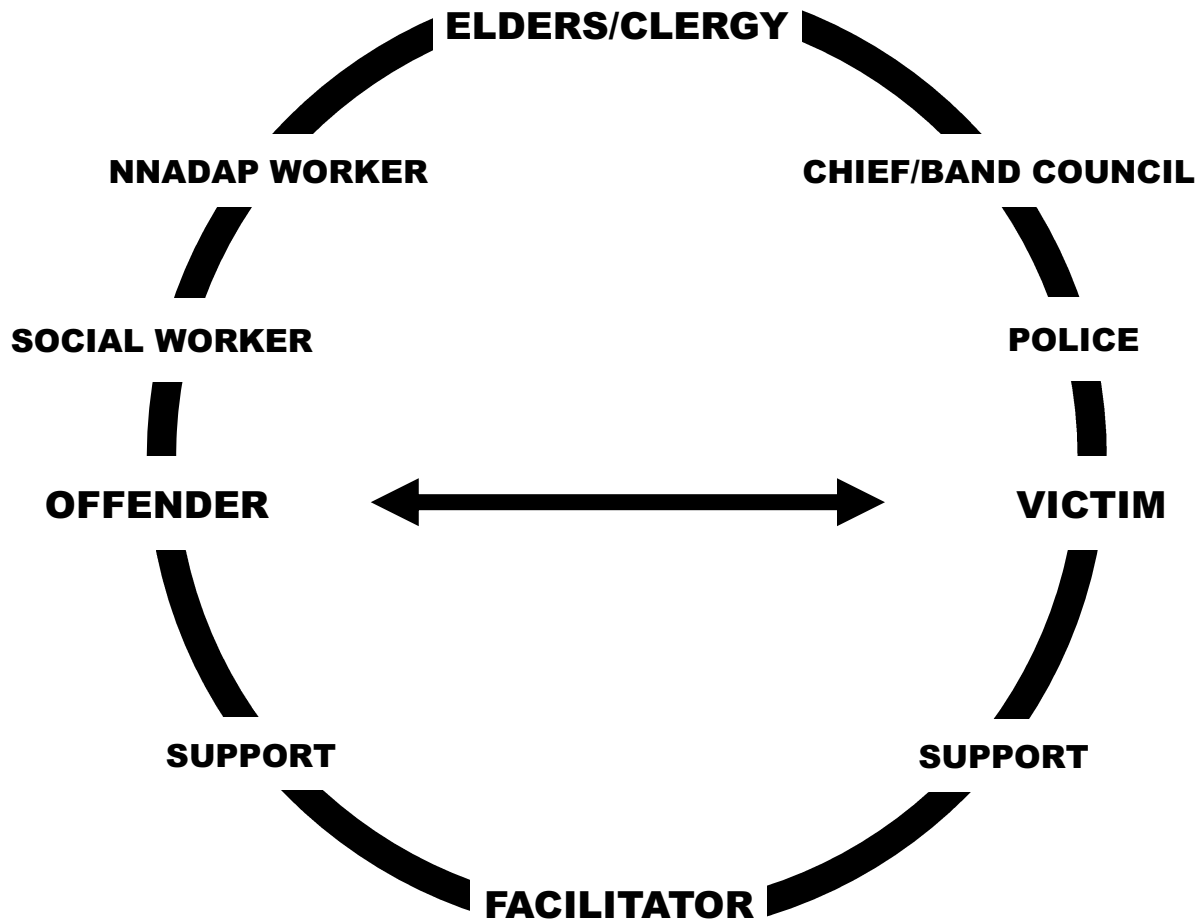


Restorative Justice Program

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CIRCLE



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Community Accountability Conferencing

Community Accountability Conferencing (CAC), a restorative justice model, serves to put the responsibility for maintaining community peace and control back in the hands of the community.

Charges can either be referred by the police or diverted from the Court to a Restorative Justice Worker or to a Justice Committee who will then arrange to have the matter facilitated.

The offender and his/her supporters meet in a Circle to discuss the wrongdoing. The offender is allowed to gain an understanding of how the wrong has affected others, particularly the victim. The participants then work as a group to see how amends can be made for the wrongdoing.

Why Use Restorative Justice

Self-government is about taking control, and dealing with social matters in a manner compatible with what was done historically; we take the first steps in taking back jurisdiction for justice.

Repairing harms done in a manner more culturally and traditionally suited to the community is the overall objective.

Providing the community empowerment over justice related matters is a priority.

The Participants

- The victim and his/her supporters (i.e. family, friends, etc.)
- The offender and his/her supporters (i.e. family, friends, etc.)
- Key person involved in helping the offender such as Youth Workers, Social Workers, Teachers, Counsellors, etc.
- Community Elder(s)

Goals and Objectives

- To give the community more empowerment over crime, and its resolution, by having criminal matters referred to Restorative Justice.
- To acknowledge the effects of crime on victims by making offenders aware of the consequences of their actions and to have offenders accept responsibility for their actions.
- To provide collective support for the victim.
- To provide a traditional and cultural alternative to the court system with a more community-based Restorative Justice Program.
- For participants to find a way to repair the harm that was caused by the offender and to reduce the possibility of further harm being caused by the offender. The Conference Agreement comes from the Circle participants, not the Facilitator.

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