



Willow Winds Support Network Restorative Justice

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Adult Consent Form

What to expect from the Restorative Process

This is a voluntary program. Facilitators work with all parties to promote reconciliation and resolution. Their role is not to determine guilt but to address the harms that have been done. Participants may opt-out if they choose at any point. Voluntary participation ensures that person harmed is willing to participate and that person who has caused harm is willing to take responsibility and willing to take meaningful steps to repair the harm. Once the referral is made, all parties involved are contacted and meet with the facilitators to engage in case development. Once case development is completed, a date, time, and place for the restorative process (Restorative Conference) is then determined.

What happens during the restorative process?

The restorative process is explained to all the parties at the intake interview, and during case development. The facilitator helps to prepare all parties and then move the process forward by assisting all in clear and respectful communication. All participants agree to maintain **confidentiality** and agree what needs to be shared outside of the process. There are **limitations to confidentiality** however and facilitators are required to report the following: abuse, neglect, risk of harm to self or risk of harm to others. Facilitators may also be required to report to the referring Agency: the Agreement; progress toward completing Agreement; Agreement fulfillment; Failure to comply with Agreement.

How we proceed

Each party is given the opportunity to talk about the incident (crime, conflict or situation) without interruption, talk about how they have been impacted by the harm and how those harms should be addressed. During this time there is a discussion of the issues and concerns. Each party is given the opportunity to ask questions and respond. The parties then determine what needs to happen for those concerns to be addressed.

The Agreement

Following the discussion, the parties draft an agreement focusing on what can be done to resolve the harm. Facilitators write down the terms of the agreement and all parties sign it.

I _____ voluntarily consent to take part in this process.

Participant Signature : _____ Date : _____

Referring Individual Signature: _____ Date: _____