



# Willow Winds Support Network Restorative Justice

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## Minor Consent Form

### What to expect from the Restorative Process?

Participating in the Restorative Justice process is voluntary. Trained facilitators work with persons who have caused a harm and the person harmed and their families to promote reconciliation and resolution. This process is not used to determine guilt but to address harms that have been done. Once the referral is made, all parties involved are contacted and meet with a facilitator in an intake interview. Following this, if all parties are in agreement, a date, time and place for a restorative conference is determined. As this process is voluntary, participants may opt out at any point. Voluntary participation ensures that the person harmed is willing to participate and that person who has caused harm is willing to take responsibility and to take meaningful steps to repair the harm.

### What happens during the restorative process?

The facilitator will explain the process at your intake interview. **All participants must agree to maintain confidentiality and agree what needs to be shared outside of the process.** The offender must take responsibility for their actions. The acceptance of responsibility for the purpose of participating in the Restorative Justice process cannot be used against the wrong doers in any criminal proceeding that may follow. There are **limitations to confidentiality** however and facilitators are required to report abuse, neglect, risk of harm to self-and/or risk of harm to others. Facilitators are required to report the results of the restorative process to the referring agency. This includes the terms of the agreement; progress toward completing agreement; agreement fulfillment or failure to comply with Agreement.

### The Restorative Conference Process

At the Restorative Conference each party is given the opportunity to talk about the incident without interruption, talk about how they have been impacted by the harm and how those harms may be addressed. During this time there is a discussion of the issues and concerns that have been identified. Each party is given the opportunity to ask questions and respond. The parties then determine what needs to happen in order for those concerns to be addressed.

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.

\_\_\_\_\_ grant permission for my child/ward  
Participant Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_ to take part in the Restorative Process.  
Participant Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Date



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