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Guided by restorative justice principles, CJI addresses conflict and crime by engaging people who cause harm, people affected by the harm, and the community.



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Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) & Youth Restorative Justice Program

CJI helps victims and accused persons to resolve conflict related to crime.

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Repairing Harm, Restoring Relationships.

What is the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program?

VORP is a restorative justice process for victims and accused persons which can be used at any point in the legal process including pre-sentence, post-sentence, and after conviction.

To participate in VORP, accused persons must be ready to:

- accept responsibility for their actions
- meet with the victim and mediators to discuss the harm caused
- and make amends (e.g. apologize, pay restitution, or do volunteer work).

95.1% of victims and offenders who met for mediation were satisfied with the outcome and 97% would recommend the process to others.



Before mediation, I was stressed because of the incident...The conflict affected me greatly, especially my daily life. It was nice to come together and have it resolved. I have my life back.

— Victim

How Does It Work?

Once mediation is agreed to by the accused and the victim, CJJ mediators meet with each participant individually to hear their perspective, answer questions, and prepare them for the process.

Then, a meeting between the participants takes place, enabling them to talk about the incident, its effects, and ways to resolve the issues.

The goal of the mediation is to reach an agreement to help the accused make amends and address the needs of the victim. Victims have a direct say in the outcome of the case and can have their questions answered. Mediation often gives victims a feeling of closure.

Within a set time frame, the accused begins to complete the terms of the agreement. The VORP worker will provide progress reports to the court.

Meeting Victim's Needs and Helping Accused Persons Make Amends.



What if the Accused Doesn't Complete the Program?

Accused persons who decide not to participate or do not fulfill the program requirements or the terms of the agreement may be returned to court to have their charges formally dealt with.

Talk to the Crown Attorney, your counsel or duty counsel, probation officer, police officer or prison institution about participating in VORP.

Or talk to a CJJ staff member at 519-744-6549 x117 (Adult) and x102 (Youth).

I felt a lot better about myself after the mediation. Being able to talk to the other party made me aware about how the incident affected them. It made me realize I would not want to re-offend.

— An offender