Minnesota Department of Education

Videos on Restorative Measures in Schools

To help others learn about restorative practices such as how Circles and conferencing are used in schools to build community and repair harm, we've compiled a list of videos about Circles, Conferences and Whole School Implementation. The Minnesota Department of Education does not endorse websites, programs, services, organizations, videos, companies or trainings, but offers this as a list of resources that schools, school personnel and others may find useful in restorative practices work.

Restorative Processes

Circles

Restorative Justice in Oakland Schools: Tier 1 - Community Building Circle (9:31)

Students from MetWest High School in the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) facilitate, participate in and reflect on using the Circle in the classroom to build community and relationships. The video highlights the process and elements of a community building Circle.

Using Dialogue Circles to Support Classroom Management (4:04)

At Glenview Elementary School in Oakland, Calif., dialogue circles are part of a program aimed at building collaboration, respect and positive behavior among students.

Restorative Welcome and Re-Entry Circle (13:59)

In this video, a re-entry Circle welcomes a student back to school following an absence due to incarceration and the Circle also focuses on the process of making a plan to support his education going forward. The Circle takes place at Bunche High School in OUSD. OUSD and Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth collaborated to produce the video.

The Circle Film (5:01)

A young girl running from her troubles finds herself in a peacemaking Circle with her friends in this film. It highlights the foundational elements of a peacemaking Circle and the value of using one.

Conferencing

Restorative Justice Introduction: The Conference (5:44)

This video features an overview of the main elements of a restorative conference and how the process was used to repair harm after Ryan Lewis, a student from East Lansing, Mich., was attacked by his teammates after football practice.

Restorative Approach Example – Primary School (5:07)

An Australian administrator demonstrates a restorative-based resolution to a conflict in a primary school setting. Many subtle but purposeful aspects of the facilitator's approach are highlighted - respectful, effective and quick.

Whole-School Implementation

Restorative Justice and School Culture – The Curley School (11:32)

Co-principal and teachers from Curley K-8 School in Boston, Mass. discuss the process challenges and successes of the whole-school implementation of restorative practices and the power of restorative practices to transform school culture.

Restorative Justice: It's Elementary! (5:22)

This video provides an overview of restorative practices used in the East Lansing School District in Michigan. The video features input from school staff and administration as well as reflections from a student and parents who participated in a restorative process to address conflict.

San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) – RP Videos

- *Introduction to Restorative Practices (15:27)*
- *June 2014 Symposium – Panels on Restorative Justice at SFUSD (Three Parts)*
- *Student Voices (3:56)*

SFUSD's overview of whole-school restorative principles and practices, a symposium of teachers, administrators and community members speaking about the implementation process and students talk about their experience with restorative practices.

Kids Rethink Documentary 2010 (9:08)

In summer 2010, Kids Rethink New Orleans Schools participants began advocating for the implementation of restorative justice in schools as an alternative to suspensions and expulsions.

The Transformation of West Philadelphia High School: A Story of Hope (9:03)

This video from the International Institute for Restorative Practices includes interviews with staff and students of West Philadelphia High School.

Using Restorative Practices in Specific Applications

Theater and Restorative Practices Circles (5:42) (In Spanish with captions in English)

Natalie Medina, a teacher in Panama, speaks about why teens like the combination of theater and Circles, the importance of the talking piece and young refugees developed out of a Circle conversation.

Bullying: Should People Meet Face to Face? (3:16)

Bullying is a great area of concern, especially in schools. In this video, International Institute of Restorative Practices' instructor Lee Rush talks about the way restorative practices dovetails with bullying prevention and how to assess, case by case, whether a restorative process is appropriate.

A Story About Restorative Practice in School (7:13)

A secondary school principal chooses to use a restorative conference rather than punitive measures to address a case of bullying and describes the process including the preparation, bringing the parties together and the outcome. (From Donegal Mediation Network)

Introducing Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth (7:40)

Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth (RJOY) staff and youth discuss restorative justice as a method for interrupting cycles of violence among youth, reducing involvement in the juvenile justice system, suspensions and expulsions, and promoting school engagement and positive youth development.

Peer Jury Reduces Flow of Teens from School to Juvenile Justice System (3:38)

The video examines the peer jury program implemented by a high school in Peoria, Ill. with the intention of reducing the number of youth entering the juvenile justice system from school.

Webinars

Zehr Institute for Restorative Justice - Webinars

The Zehr Institute hosts restorative justice-based webinars which are free to the public and cover a wide range of topics including, but not limited to, restorative justice in schools, restorative justice in the community and restorative justice and the criminal justice system.

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