



# Restorative Justice: A Relational Approach to Re-entry

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# Objectives

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- Have a basic understanding of restorative justice practices and their uses with reentry.
- Define the “Whole Community Approach” to suggest effective outcomes to reentry.
- Apply restorative justice principles to suggest alternative processes to reentry.

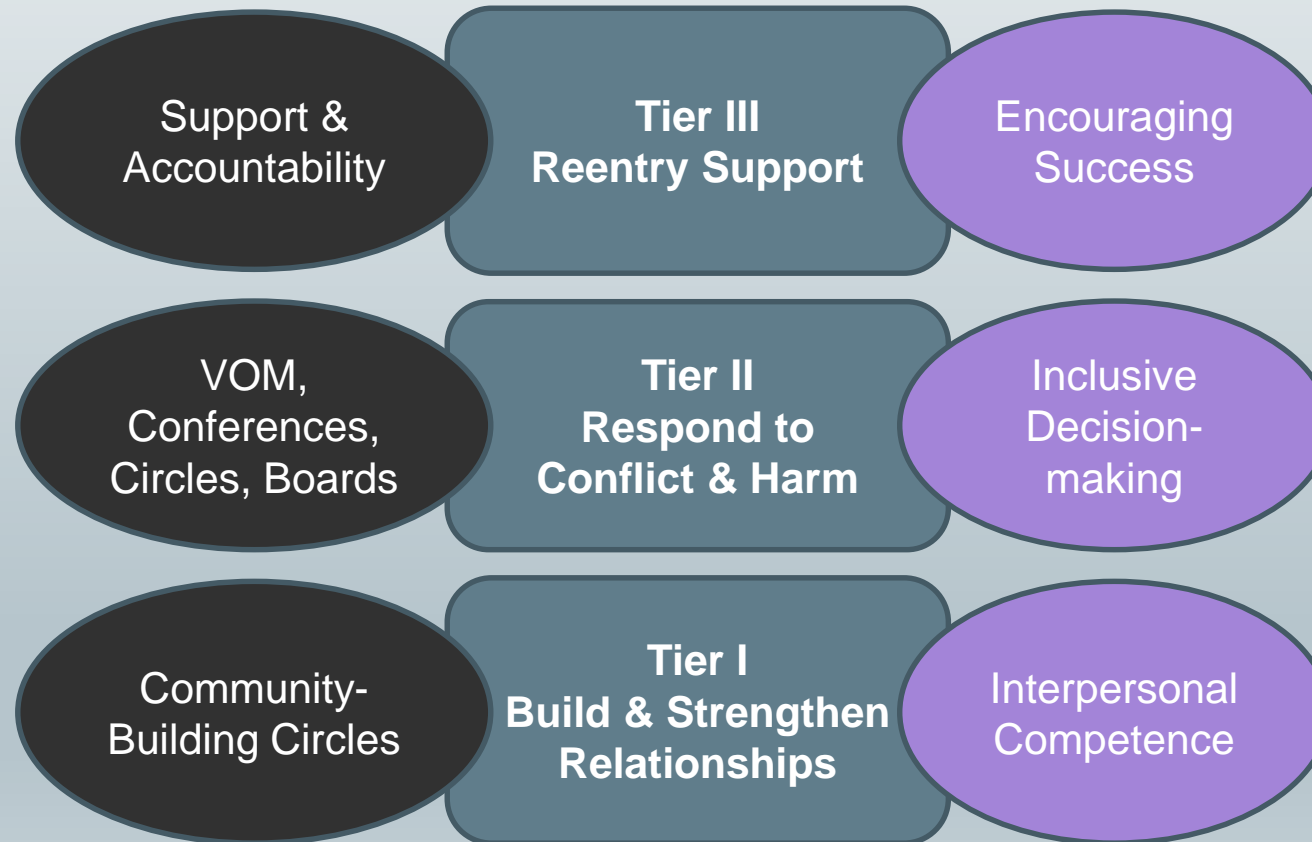


# Question?

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- What issues does the person face in preparing for their reentry into a community?
- What issues exist with respect to reentry and the impact on his or her family?

# The “Whole Community Approach”



# Three Pillars of Restorative Justice

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- Harms and needs
- Obligations
- Engagement

# Three Basic Objectives

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- “Telling their stories”
- To make things right
- Future intentions – addressing the underlying issues

# Community-Building Circle

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- Help support healthy relationships and communities.
- Community-based decision-making approach
- Creates support for reentry



# The 5 C's of Circles

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- Convene – Who would you invite?
- Connect – What would you ask to create trust and a sense of community?
- Concern – How would you introduce the topic of concern?
- Collaborate – How will you encourage collaborative decision-making?
- Close – Identify takeaways and plans for the future.

# Reentry Circle -

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- Incarceration does not mean “disconnect”.
- Encourage accountability through a collaborative process
- The goals of the reentry circle:
  1. Affirm connection with the person responsible
  2. Identify the resources needed for a successful return
  3. Make a plan for the successful return of the person responsible

# Elements of the Circle

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- Seating in circle
- Opening
- Centerpiece
- Values and guidelines
- Talking piece
- Guiding questions
- Closing

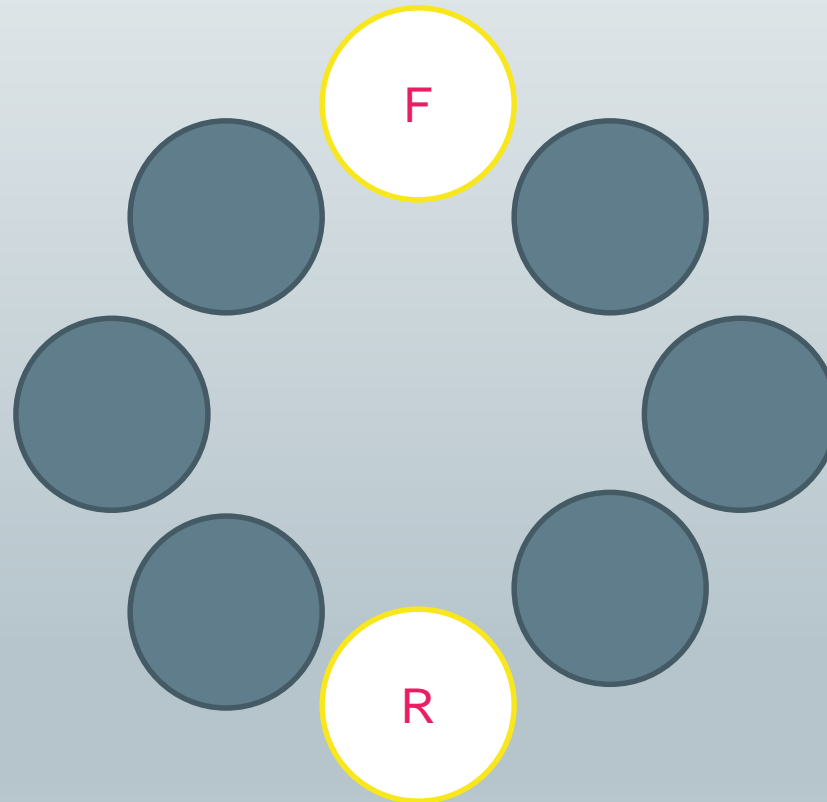
# Follow Up

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- Community means connection
- Regular check-ins
- Monitor the plan - true accountability

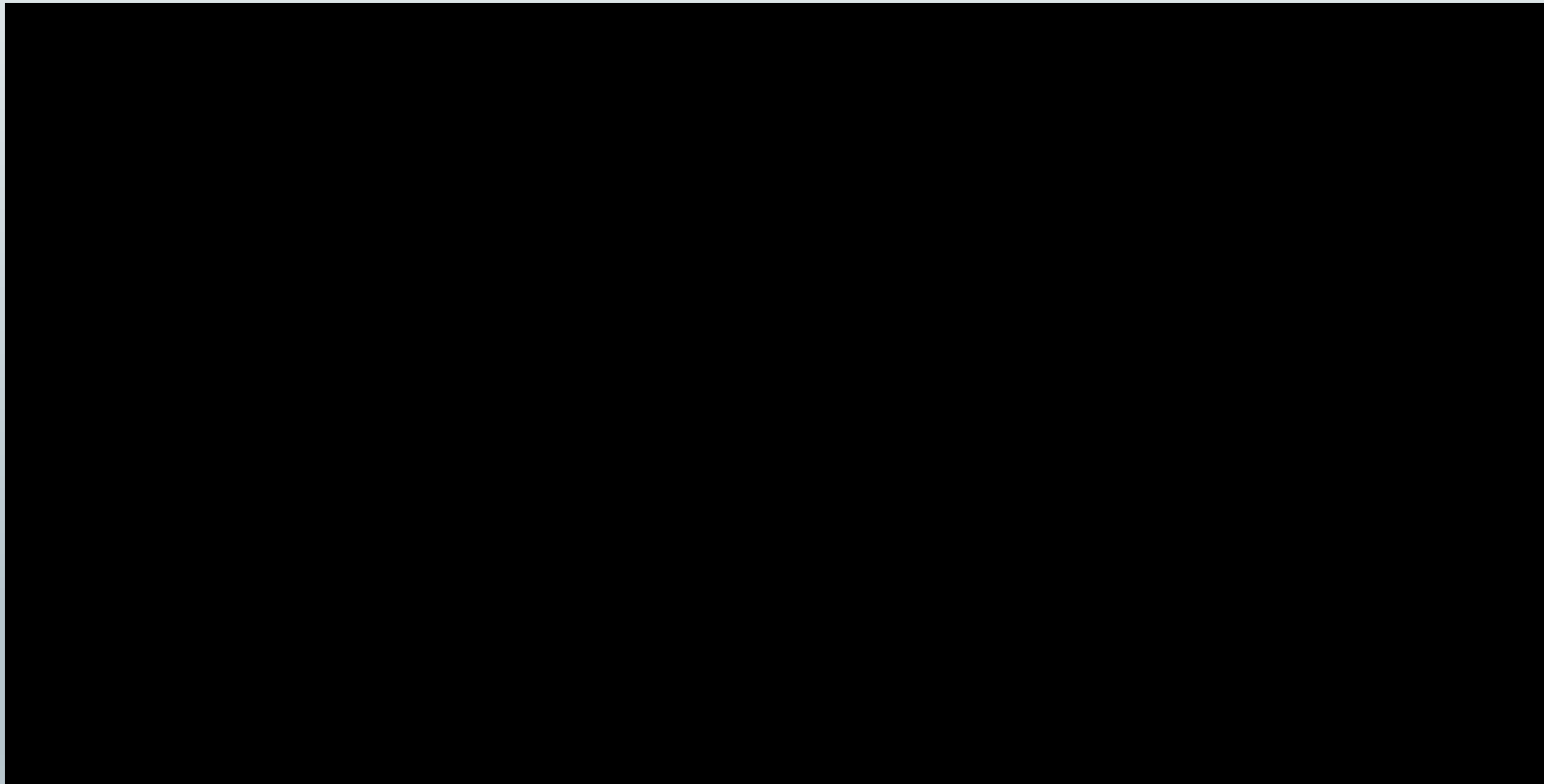
# Reentry Circle Exercise

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# Reentry Circle

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Questions?

# Resources

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