

Agreement to Participate in a Restorative Justice Forum

Restorative Justice Forums provide a safe, civil, educational venue for parties in conflict to engage in dialogue and to determine by consensus what can be done to repair the harm done.

I understand that...

- ...Participation in a Forum is voluntary. I should not feel forced into making decisions while in a Forum, and I will always have the option to withdraw at any time.
- ...Forum Facilitators (“Facilitators”) will not make decisions for the participants, nor do they have a stake in any particular outcome. The Facilitators’ main objective is to support and assist all parties in:
 - feeling safe and respected,
 - telling their story well,
 - exploring the possibility of, and negotiating an Agreement
- ...Forums are intended to help parties to a dispute identify the harm that was caused and determine what must be done to repair the harm. Forums are educative in nature and not punitive and should not be a venue for belittling or shaming.
- ...Forums are a confidential process. Facilitators will not reveal anything that happens or that is said during the Forum to any other person, except as permitted by law. Allegations of child abuse or threats of future harm to any person shall not be held confidential and may be revealed as appropriate by the Facilitators.
- ...Likewise, participants themselves are asked to keep confidential everything that is communicated during the Forum, except as they agree otherwise or as permitted by law.

We, the undersigned...

- ...have read, understood, and agree to follow the principles related to Forums as described above.
- ...understand the limits of confidentiality as described.
- ---agree to keep confidential everything that is communicated at the Forum except as agreed to by the participants or as permitted by law.
