

I am interested in becoming a Restorative Justice Circles Volunteer!

[[Please send me an application.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please fill out and return this form to:

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Franklin County Juvenile Court
Restorative Justice Program
399 South Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215-5038
Phone: 614.525.3130
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Thank you for your interest in the Restorative Justice Circles!



BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF RESTORATION!



For more information regarding the Restorative Justice Circles, please
Call: 614.525.3130 or
Email: RJ_Circles@fccourts.org.

Franklin County Court of Common Pleas
Division of Domestic Relations
and Juvenile Branch
Youth Education & Intervention Services
399 South Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215



Restorative Justice Circles

A Volunteer Opportunity



Franklin County Juvenile Court

Change a Life!
Change Your Neighborhood!
Make a Difference!

Volunteers in Restorative Justice Circles change lives and communities as part of serving at-risk youth in their communities.





Who can serve as a Restorative Justice Volunteer? **YOU!**

Anyone is eligible who is committed to helping young people, and who are:

- Adults 21 and over,
- Individuals who can remain objective and keep all matters confidential,
- People who understand the issues facing at-risk youth in Franklin County, and,
- Anyone who successfully passes a criminal background check, drug test and personal interview.

“The Restorative Justice Circle is a great way to engage in your neighborhood and make a measurable difference.”

*The Honorable Elizabeth Gill,
Franklin County Juvenile Court*



Restorative Justice Circles

Each year, many Franklin County youth commit first-time, non-violent offenses. Although the offenses may be minor in nature, without early intervention, the delinquent behavior contributes to neighborhood safety concerns.

The Restorative Justice Program operates Community Restorative Circles (CRC) in Franklin County neighborhoods and is a court operated diversion program designed to provide an alternative response from the juvenile justice system, for first-time, misdemeanor offenders. Circles adhere to the restorative justice theory which is based on the premise of accountability to the victim (*if applicable*) and the community. Trained community volunteers provide juveniles with the opportunity to repair the harm done and to make a positive contribution to their own community. As a Restorative Justice Circle volunteer, you can serve your community by helping to discourage further delinquent behavior and support at-risk youth as they become productive adults.

The CRC addresses the needs of the youth, the victim (*if applicable*) and the community by developing a holistic understanding of the youth offender and the circumstances that led to the offense. Circle participants discuss the offense, ask questions and make decisions as to how the offender should take responsibility for his or her actions. These decisions are prepared in the form of a comprehensive, plan of action that is signed by all parties involved.



VOLUNTEER!



Juvenile Court staff then monitor the youth's progress. Successful completion of this diversion opportunity can result in the youth not having a formal court record.

TIME COMMITMENT

Eight hours of initial training is required, with additional training sessions as needed. Each Restorative Justice Circle meets one evening per month from 6:00 – 8:00pm.