

"I enjoy feeling a connection to my community as a volunteer and supporting community members who are struggling."

- Volunteer

Community Volunteers

The Winooski Community Justice Center is always looking for concerned community members to work with us to improve the quality of life in Winooski. Become a community hero by donating just a few hours a month.

Call us to discuss participation in any of our programs.

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“I think you all did a good job asking the offender questions and making him think about what he did.” – Victim

Restorative Justice

General Information

Restorative Justice often works alongside the legal system and complements, but does not replace, criminal justice. In some cases it acts as an alternative to the traditional court system. Restorative Justice believes that crime is a violation of people and relationships, such as the victim and the community. These violations create obligations, and the central obligation is to put right the wrongs. Because of this belief, Restorative Justice is able to focus on fulfilling victim and community needs, and the offender’s responsibility for repairing harm.

Restorative Justice is not primarily about forgiveness or reconciliation, and it does not minimize or discount victim needs. Although victims and offenders are both involved in Restorative Justice, it is unlike mediation in that victim needs are the priority. Finally, Restorative Justice is not a particular program or blueprint. Differing circumstances and victim needs will be met on a case by case basis.

Our Program at WinCJC

The Winooski Community Justice Center, founded in 2000, operates as a division of the Winooski Police Department.

Our programs follow Restorative Justice Principles. We create and support programs that improve the quality of life in Winooski. We partner community safety interests with opportunities for the victim to have a say in solving the conflict. This offers offenders opportunities to repair harm caused by their offenses, and to learn new ways to avoid re-offense.

WinCJC Programs

Restorative Justice Panel

The Winooski Restorative Justice Panel is a Restorative Justice Process. Cases are referred directly by Police Officers, the Court, Winooski Schools, or by the Vermont Probation Department.

Volunteer Panel members support victims and offer offenders an opportunity to repair any harm that has been caused, make amends, and to aid in learning better behaviors. Many of the offenders referred to the Winooski Reparative Board are youths.

Offender Reentry

The WinCJC leads the Winooski Transition & Reentry program. Through navigation of community resources offenders are offered opportunities to change their lives.

Conflict Assistance

The WinCJC offers conflict assistance to City government officials and community members. Got conflict? We would like to help. All conflicts, upstairs, downstairs, next door barking dogs, noisy neighbors, or racially or ethnically offensive acts will all be handled with respect.

“Over the years I have seen the WCJC work out conflicts in the community allowing people to grow and mature; it is for this caring attitude that I believe our organization needs to be involved with WCJC and other centers.” – Community Partner

Additional Programs

The WinCJC also offers several other programs including:

The Graffiti Squad

Translational Services

To request additional information on any program please contact the Winooski Community Justice Center.

“It taught me to stand for myself and not have to follow others to have friends.”

– Young Offender