

Restorative Justice

For Victims, Offenders and Community

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Key Questions:

Retributive Justice

- What laws were broken?
- Who did it?
- What punishment do they deserve?

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Restorative Justice

- Who has been hurt by this event?
- What are their needs?
- Whose obligations are they?

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Key Characteristics:

Restorative Justice

- Victim-centered
- Offender-focused
- Community-driven
- Government as safeguard

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Current Justice System:

HOLDING OFFENDERS ACCOUNTABLE

ACCOUNTABILITY MEANS TAKING YOUR PUNISHMENT

- Victim and Offender in passive roles
- Focus on deficits
- Debt is abstract
- Little, if any, victim restitution

Restorative Justice System: HOLDING OFFENDERS ACCOUNTABLE

ACCOUNTABILITY MEANS TAKING
RESPONSIBILITY AND TAKING ACTION
TO REPAIR THE HARM TO VICTIM(S)

- Victim and offender in active roles
- Focus on strengths
- Debt is concrete
- Victim restitution/restoration is norm

Key Elements of Restorative Justice

(Howard Zehr 12/98)

Harm-focused

- Victim-centered responses
- Offender accountably addresses the harm

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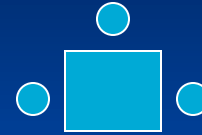
Engagement

- Stakeholders involved in the process: victims, community, offender
- Dialogue, exchange of information, mutual agreement encouraged

RJ Dialogue Processes - Prototypes

■ Victim Offender Mediation (VOM)

- Victim and offender
- Multi-party



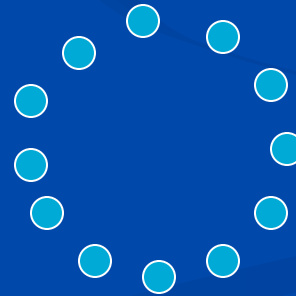
■ Restorative Group Conferencing (RGC)

- Family Group Conferencing (FGC)
- Community Conferencing (CC)

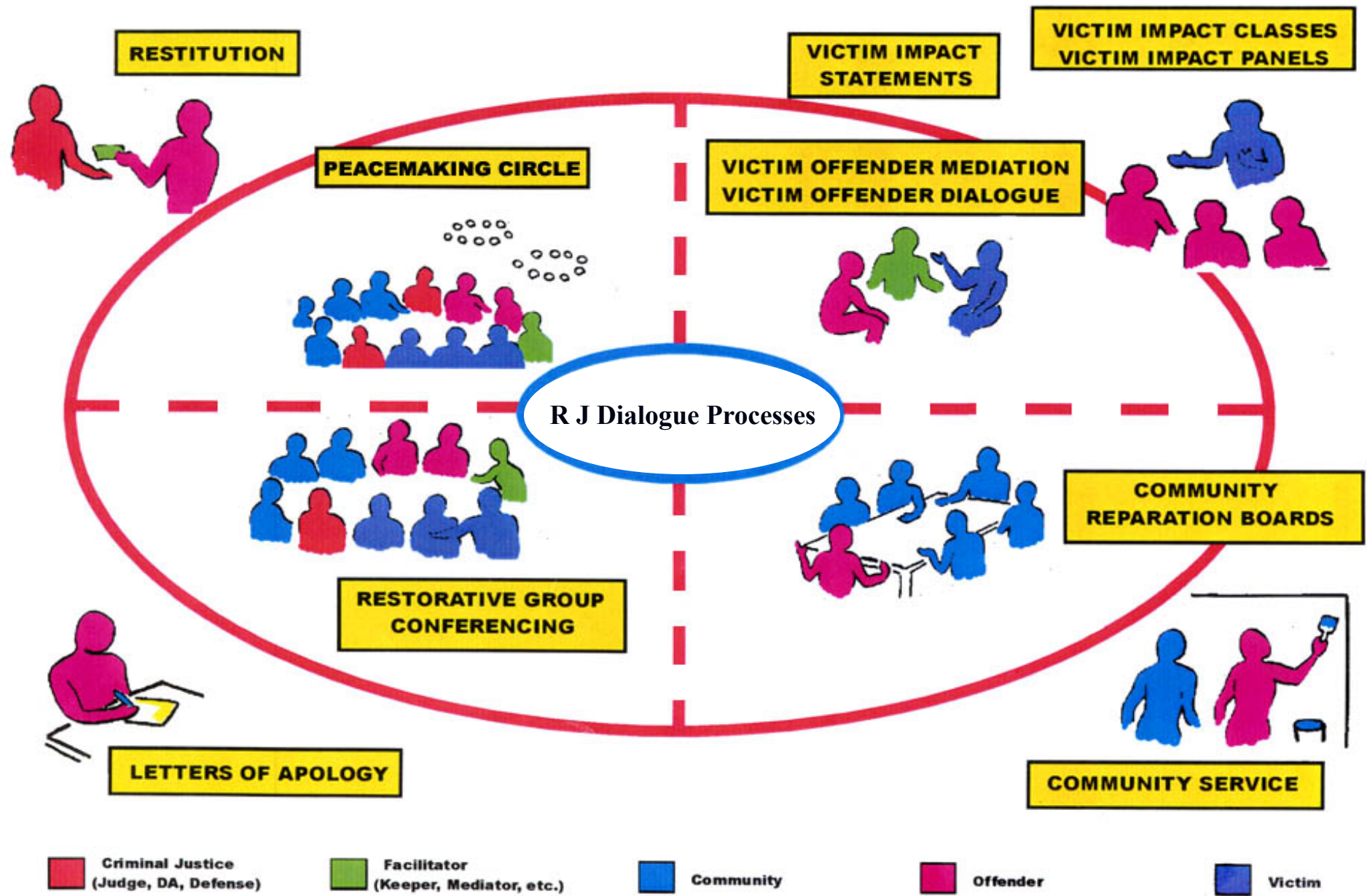


■ Circles

- Peacemaking circles
- Talking circles



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRACTICES AT A GLANCE



Where RJ Dialogue fits in CJS



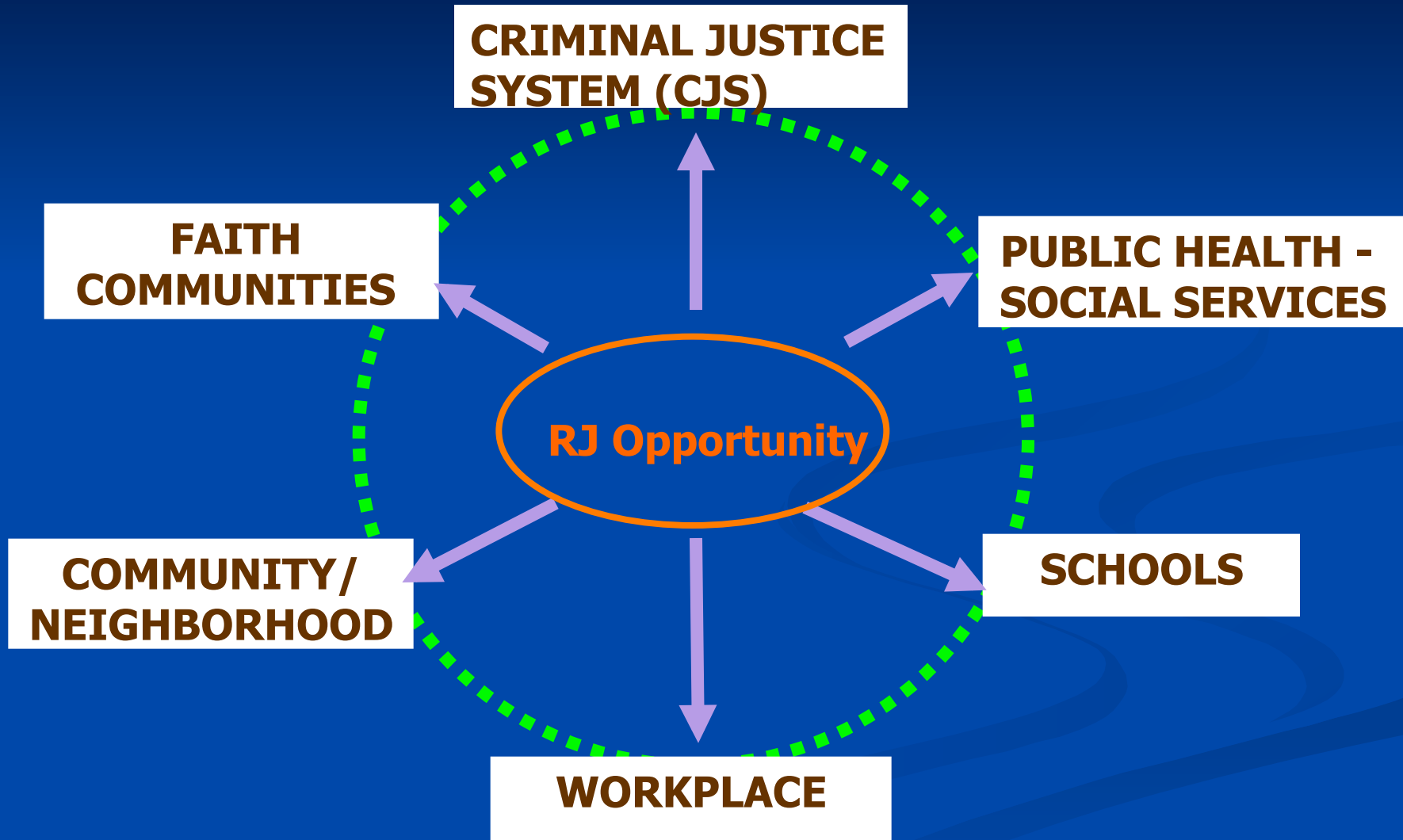
Web-site and Videos

Center for Restorative Justice & Peacemaking University of
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- Web-site: rjp.umn.edu

- Restorative Justice Videos -- \$20 each
 - 1 of 6 in series – total price for all \$100
 - Center for RJ & Peacemaking, U of MN, School of Social Work,
1-612-624-4923

RJ Dialogue – other “systems”



Books

Restorative Justice Dialogue: An Essential Guide for
Research & Practice (2010)
– Umbreit & Armour

The Little Book of RJ (series) – Zehr

Critical Issues in RJ – Zehr and Toews

Peacemaking Circles – Pranis, Stuart & Wedge

The Handbook of VOM – Umbreit

Facing Violence – Umbreit, Vos, Coates, Brown

Changing Lenses – Zehr