



Communities for Restorative Justice

Parent(s) of Michael Jones
2 Center Street
Anywhere, MA 01010

April 30, 2028

Dear Parent(s):

Restorative Justice begins with concern for the victim but, equally important, it is an opportunity for an offender to turn a serious mistake into a learning experience. Michael will have the help of our volunteer facilitators who will meet with him on a regular basis to complete the items in a Restorative Agreement that will be created at an Opening Circle. Participants in the Opening Circle will include the offender(s), their parent(s) or other support person(s), a police officer, C4RJ volunteers and, usually, the victim(s) and their supporters. Everyone at the circle will contribute to the Restorative Agreement. Since participation in the C4RJ process is in place of going to court, Michael's meetings with facilitators and completion of the Restorative Agreement items must take priority over everything except school work.

Because Michael was involved in this incident, Michael is responsible for repairing the harm caused to the victim. Michael will have the help of our facilitators. As the parent, you have an important role to play:

- Your primary responsibility is to provide support and encouragement to Michael as he completes each task. Depending on his age, maturity, and learning style, this can take many forms. At the Intake Interview, you should let us know of any concerns you have about his ability to complete our program and anything you believe would be helpful. **If you have questions about what is happening at any point, please contact the Case Coordinator, who you will meet at the Intake Interview.**
- The goal for you is to help Michael take full responsibility for participation in this incident and to learn as much as possible from his choices.
- The facilitators working with Michael will communicate directly with him and will expect him to respond within 24 hours. As the parent, you will only be included in communications if there is a need, agreed upon in advance, for you to be involved in the communication process. Your child will be expected to meet all agreed upon due dates. He should keep you updated on progress. You are both responsible for his attendance at all meetings with his facilitators.

We are pleased to offer your son the opportunity to participate in a restorative justice process. We also understand that this may be a stressful experience for you, and we encourage you to reach out to your case coordinator or to me if you need support or advice as to how you can best support your child throughout this process.

Sincerely,

C4RJ Program Director
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