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In 2016, Attorney General Racine launched OAG's Restorative Justice Program to address the root problems of crime and conflict, and offer juvenile prosecutors an alternative to traditional prosecution. Restorative justice conferencing is a way to resolve conflicts by focusing on repairing harm to victims. This program brings those affected by a crime together with the offenders for a discussion to hold offenders accountable, empower victims and repair the harm caused by crime.

Who do we serve?

The community of Washington D.C. is very diverse, which speaks directly to the people we serve. Our cases vary across racial, cultural, and economic lines. Allowing us to repair harm between people who have had previous relationship and those whose first encounter centers around a particular incident.

How are cases selected?

- Currently the RJ Program takes Juvenile and adult cases from D.C. OAG, as well as, Adult (18-24) misdemeanor cases from the U.S. Attorney's Office.
- Our Program is a referral program where a prosecutor can recommend a case to RJ or a victim may request an alternative to prosecution.

What type of Cases are accepted?

- The RJ program currently accepts most cases with the exception of: Sex crimes, gun offenses, homicides, and (intimate partner) domestic violence cases.
- We also do not accept a case unless a prosecutor is going to bring a charge, to prevent and deter from “net widening”.
- The appropriateness of RJ is always evaluated on a case by case basis.

What are the steps of a RJ Case?

- RJ Program receives a case and a facilitator assigned

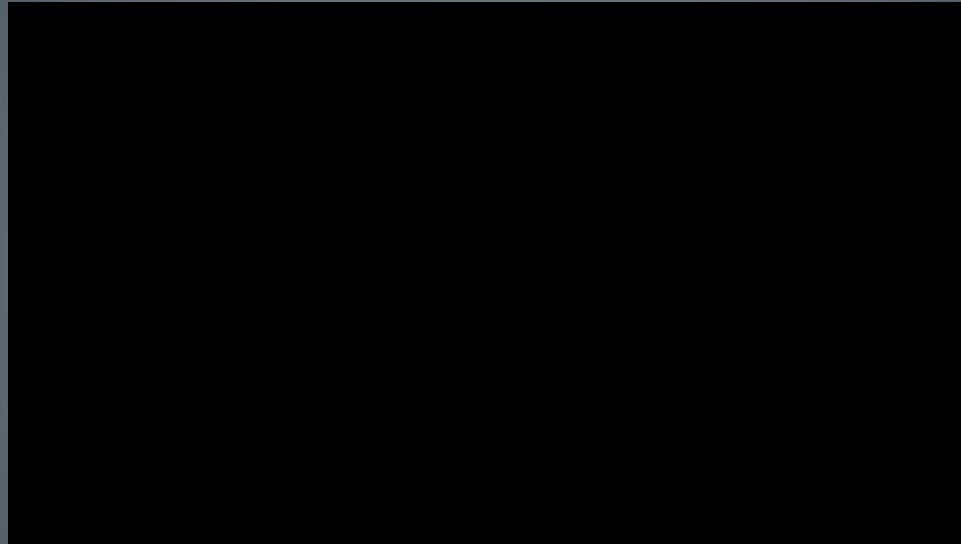


contact is made with respondent/defendant and complaining witness to offer RJ



Preconference with All parties involved including supporters

What are some of the outcomes?



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