



Restorative Practices in Schools Program Directory

School personnel and others looking for restorative practices services and training for schools will find this directory useful. Organizations and trainers who offer restorative justice-based services and training are listed alphabetically by region with contact information, services and training offered along with links to their websites. Please note that this directory is intended for informational purposes and the Minnesota Department of Education does not endorse the programs, services or training listed below. This directory was compiled with the help Living Justice Press and representatives from the programs listed.

Statewide: Individual Trainers and Circle Keepers

Living Justice Press

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Find the Living Justice Press list of [circle trainers and circle keepers](#), divided by those who work with [schools](#) as well as a state by state [directory](#). Read questions to consider when choosing a circle keeper or trainer.

Northwest

Beltrami Area Services Collaborative

616 America Ave. N.W., Suite 160, Bemidji, MN 56601
[Melissa Olson](#): 218-333-4218

Services: Restorative conferencing, victim-offender mediation, peacemaking circles and conflict coaching.

Training: Restorative conferencing facilitator training, circle training and presentation on restorative practices in schools.

Area Served: Beltrami County

Clay County Restorative Justice Program

807 11th St. N., Moorhead, MN 56560
[Michelle Olsonoski](#): 218-299-5035

Services: Youth-based diversion and dispositional program in which referred participants are assigned to one of four program models: Accountability Conference, Community Conference, Youth Conference, or the Victim Impact Course.

Training: Basic restorative practices, facilitating restorative conferences and peacemaking circles.

Area Served: Clay County

Concordia College Office of Diversity

901 Eighth St S., Moorhead, MN 56562

[Amena Chaudhry](#): 218-299-3867

Services: Circle processes, restorative justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Training: Circle processes, mediation, nonviolent communication and restorative practices.

Area Served: Fargo/Moorhead Area

Lutheran Social Services Restorative Justice

3911 20th Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103

[Joel Friesz](#): 701-271-3241

Services: Accountability conferencing to address and repair harm when there is an identifiable victim; community circles to address and repair harm caused to the larger community; juvenile and adult services; school-based programming and Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) programming.

Training: Restorative conferencing facilitator training, restorative practices and interventions, circles in schools, peacemaking circles and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).

Area Served: North Dakota and Clay County (Moorhead, MN)

Peacemaker Resources

3124 Hannah Ave. N.W, Bemidji, MN 56601

[Barb Houg](#): 218-444-8048

Services: Circles in schools, social emotional education and mindfulness education (K-12).

Training: Consultation with schools on bullying prevention policies and practices; customized trainings for educators on restorative learning, adverse childhood experiences and resilience, nonviolent conflict transformation, social emotional learning and digital citizenship (certificates of attendance available.)

Northeast

Carlton County Communities Restorative Justice Program

317 Chestnut Street, P.O. Box 307, Carlton, MN 55718

[Carrie Manty](#): 218-393-3132

Services: Sentencing circles, peacemaking circles, mediation, group conferencing, community workshops regarding restorative justice.

Training: Training on general and specialized talking circles, mediation, group conferencing; basic restorative justice (RJ 101); consultation and services for schools on bullying, conflict and harm; transformative mediation training for teachers and school staff.

Area Served: Carlton County and Northeast Minnesota

CRC Consulting Services (Creating Restorative Culture)

618 N. 39th Ave. W., Duluth, MN 55807

[Mary Skillings](#): 218-310-1416

Services: Consultation and training on the implementation of restorative practices in schools including short-term training workshops and long-term training seminars with ongoing support; conflict management and resolution services for school staff.

Training: Circle training for use in repairing harm, teaching, discussions and decision-making; short-term and long-term training and workshops on creating healthy, restorative learning environments.

Area Served: Statewide

Men As Peacemakers

205 West Second St., Suite No. 15, Duluth, MN 55802

[Ed Heisler](#): 218-727-1939 x 11

Services: Works with St. Louis County Court Services to provide circles for both youth and adults. Provides truancy programming for county school districts and in-school circle groups.

Training: Circles to repair harm for youth and adults, mentoring or community circles for youth and healing and accountability circles for domestic violence cases.

Area Served: St. Louis County and the Iron Range.

Central

Lakes Area Restorative Justice Project

424 N.W. Third St., Brainerd, MN 56401

[John McGee](#), Executive Director: 218-454-4145

[Andrea Hagen](#), Office Coordinator

Services: Restorative group conferencing for cases referred by the County Attorney's office, schools and local police departments.

Training: Circle keeper training and restorative group conference facilitator training.

Area Served: Crow Wing County

Lakes Center for Youth and Families

244 N. Lake St., Forest Lake, MN 55025

[Matt Howard](mailto:matt.howard@lakescenter.org): 651-464-3685

Services: Community panels, circle and victim/offender conferencing.

Area Served: The school districts of Forest Lake, North Branch and Chisago Lakes

Washington County Peacemaking Circles

7064 S. West Point Douglas Road, Cottage Grove, MN 55016

[Katie Schurrer](mailto:katie.schurrer@washingtoncountymn.gov): 651-492-4996

Services: Community circles to repair harm, sentencing circles and circle training.

Area Served: Cottage Grove, Stillwater, Woodbury and all of Washington County

Twin Cities – Metro Area

Circling the Globe

2093 Juliet Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105

[Gwen Jones](mailto:gwen.jones@circlingtheglobe.org), 612-259-8764

Services: Circles, mediation and conferencing.

Training: Circle keeper training and restorative justice processes.

Community Mediation & Restorative Services, Inc.

9220 Bass Lake Road, Suite 270, New Hope, MN 55428

director@cmrsmn.org: 763-561-0033

Services: Restorative conferences and circles to repair harm and relationships and community building circles for students and/or staff.

Training: Introduction to Restorative Practices; Restorative Language and Chats; Restorative Conferences and Circles to Repair Harm; Circle Training–Community Building Circles; Blending Restorative Practices and Social Emotional Learning and Adverse Childhood Experiences Training.

Area Served: Hennepin County, Rice County

Conflict Resolution Center

2101 Hennepin Ave. S., Suite 100, Minneapolis, MN 55405

director@crcminnesota.org 612-822-9883

Services: Restorative services including mediations, family conferences to address student-to-student conflict and school-student conflicts.

Training: For volunteers, the center provides training on mediation, and conflict coaching and conflict resolution education skills. For schools and organizations, the center will conduct an initial consultation to design and develop a training program to meet the needs of the school or organization.

Area Served: Statewide—three offices cover northern Minnesota, central Minnesota, Minneapolis and the surrounding suburbs and any areas without such services.

Dispute Resolution Center

91 East Arch St., St. Paul, MN 55130

[Dr. Tamara Mattison](#): 651-292-7791

Services: Restorative justice processes to build communities and repair harm including circles, conferencing, and victim/offender mediation; peer mediation and parenting-time mediation for families and group facilitation.

Training: Circle-keeper training, restorative conferencing, mediation, peer mediation, facilitation; workshops and training on conflict resolution and communication skills including listening, conflict coaching and difficult conversations

Area Served: Ramsey County, Washington County, Dakota County

Hmong American Mediation Center

320 University Ave.W.t, Suite 1, St. Paul, MN 55103

[Vue Chu](#): 651-797-9494

Services: Circles of care in schools; restorative justice services for juvenile offenders; family mediation services and culturally specific services.

Area Served: Twin Cities Metro Area

Kona Leadership Academy

P.O. Box 442

Cottage Grove, MN 55016

[Dr. Talaya L. Tolefree](#), CEO 651-592-3909

Services: Technical assistance for non-profits, faith based programs and school based restorative practices through consulting, coaching, training and implementation, and capacity–building strategies for team and organizational effectiveness.

Training: Leadership development, transformative coaching and restorative practices.

Area Served: Twin Cities Metro and Nationally

Legal Rights Center

1611 Park Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55404

[Sarah Davis](#): 612-677-2124

Services: Family group conferencing to address school discipline, truancy, educational neglect, juvenile diversion and family/school engagement or conflict.

Training: Restorative practices, family group conferencing, school-to-prison pipeline, juvenile justice and collateral consequences and “Know the Law” workshops.

Mediation and Restorative Services

1201 89th Avenue NE, Blaine, MN 55434

[Carol Markham-Cousins](#): 763-422-8878 or 612-290-0229, or [Information](#)

Services: Restorative interventions in schools, restorative justice victim/offender mediation/dialogue, a collaborative program with Anoka County Attorney’s Office, including a diversion program for youth; Peaceful Alternatives Conversations (PAC) for junior and senior high students referred from juvenile corrections to help youth deal with conflict and anger management; shared parenting mediation for post-divorce or never married parents; community mediation for schools, students, bullying, family issues and more

Training: Restorative practices for schools, including circle training and repairing harm; mediation training; coaching and modeling for all practices in all settings.

Area Served: Anoka, Isanti and Chisago County

Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute

P.O. Box 3717, Minneapolis, MN 55403

[Donna L. Minter](#): 612-377-4660

Training: *Restorative Justice 101: Training for Practice in Everyday Life*; STAR (Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience); STAR-Lite—one to two hour customized trainings covering topics such as neurobiology of restorative justice, trauma and resilience, nonviolent conflict transformation and peacebuilding. (CE credits available for educators, mental health providers, nurses and CLEs for attorneys.)

Restorative Justice Community Action

101 E. Grant St., Minneapolis, MN 55403

[Cynthia Prosek](#): 612-746-0787

[Tina Sigel](#): 612-746-0780

Services: Community conferencing to repair harm for juvenile and adult referred cases and schools

Training: Community conference facilitator training for youth and adults; introduction to restorative justice classroom presentation/experience for students and school faculty and staff; *Understanding Implicit Bias: Breaking the Cycle*, a three-hour circle dialogue/exploration of matters involving race and bias. This training is designed for students, school faculty, and staff.

The Restorative Way

[Jamie Williams](#): 612-978-3480

Services: Peacekeeping circles for students centered on attendance and school connectedness, interpersonal relationships and other social/emotional needs; restorative group conferencing and victim-offender conferencing to repair harm in school, court and social service settings.

Training: Circle keeper training for school staff and administrators, social services staff and youth and adult community members.

Somali American Leaders and Mediators (SALAM)

9220 Bass Lake Road, Suite 270, New Hope, MN 55428

[Saciido Shaie](#), Program Coordinator

Services: Facilitated dialogues and restorative leadership development with Somali youth, ages 16-25. Juvenile diversion.

Training: Somali/Islamic-influenced mediation and restorative justice practices.

Areas served: Twin Cities, Southeast Minnesota and other areas.

Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice Partnership

2700 East Lake Street, Suite 2300, Minneapolis, MN 55406

[Michele Braley](#), Program Director: 612-202-0027; [SLRJP Facebook](#)

Services: Primarily restorative conferences with youth diverted from court by the Minneapolis Police Department or Hennepin County Attorney's Office. Those who have been impacted by crime can also contact Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice Partnership (SLRJP) directly to request a restorative conference process.

Training: One-day introduction to restorative practices for anyone who wants to be grounded in the philosophy and consider its application in their own work and life. Conference facilitator training primarily for those who want to volunteer with SLRJP but can be tailored for other organizations. Workshops or presentations of any length (usually one to four hours) about restorative practices or restorative conferences—can be designed for any group.

Area Served: Restorative conferences are primarily for South Minneapolis (Seward and Longfellow neighborhoods) or anywhere in Hennepin County for Somali youth. Training or presentations can be provided anywhere in the metro area.

South St. Paul Restorative Justice (SSPRJ)

779 15th Ave. N., South St. Paul, MN 55075

[Jodelle Ista](#): 651-455-4244, or [Staff](#)

Services: Restorative Justice Peace Guides housed at two elementary schools in South St. Paul.

Training: Training on implementing restorative measures in schools for school faculty and staff and circle keeper training for teachers and community members. SSRJ can assist with space and equipment for training.

Area Served: East Metro

Southeast

Mediation & Conflict Solutions

1700 North Broadway, Suite 124, P.O. Box 6541, Rochester, MN 55903

[Wendy Moore](#), 507-285-8400

Services: Mediation for families, in schools (student/student, student/adult) and in the community.

Training: Conflict resolution skills for students. Training is currently offered to seventh- and eighth-grade students at an alternative learning center.

Rice County Dispute Resolution Center

1651 Jefferson Parkway, Suite 125, Northfield, MN 55057

[Katie Arnold](#): 507-664-3522

Services: Juvenile diversion using victim offender mediation and restorative conferencing. School-based restorative practices to build community and repair harm; immigrant law clinic.

Training: Victim-offender dialogue, restorative conferencing, restorative circles, civil mediation and family mediation. Also, workshops on social emotional learning and restorative practices for elementary schools.

Area Served: Southern Minnesota counties

Winona County Restorative Justice

171 West Third St., Winona, MN 55987

[Sarah Larson](#): 507-457-6457

[Megan Walters](#): 507-457-6478

Services: Community group conferences to repair harm for juvenile cases referred through the court system; community work service program; mentoring program to serve youth ages 10 to 18; early intervention programming for truancy; circles in schools; conflict resolution circles and alternatives to detention circles.

Southwest

Chippewa County Circle Sentencing Program

629 North 11th St., Montevideo, MN 56265

[Angela Arndt](#): 320-269-2688

[Courtney Buseman](#): 320-269-2688 ext. 2

Services: Circles to address truancy and circle sentencing program for court-referred youth.

Training: Available to refer school personnel to training opportunities in surrounding counties.

Area Served: Chippewa County

Redwood County Restorative Justice

250 S. Jefferson St., P.O. Box 130, Redwood Falls, MN 56283

[Eric Johnson](#): 507-637-1139

[Susan Minkel](#): 507-637-1142

Services: Circle sentencing, support and talking circles, circles in schools, restorative conferencing and mediation.

Area Served: Redwood County

Southwest Health and Human Services Circle Program

607 West Main St., Suite 100, Marshall, MN 56258

[Megan Boerboom](#): 507-532-4121

[Amber Kinner](#): 507-532-4132

Heather Bruse, Circle of Hope: 507-532-1207

Services: Circle sentencing, family and community circles, circle of hope, school circles and parent-to-parent circles.

Training: Restorative justice/circle training, circle keeper training and circle in schools training.

Area Served: Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Redwood, Rock and Pipestone Counties

Yellow Medicine County Restorative Justice Department

415 Ninth Ave., Suite 102, Granite Falls, MN 56241

[Sharon Hendrichs](#): 320-313-3028,

[Jessi Jeppesen](#): 320-313-3029

Services: Circle sentencing; family and community circles; Circle of HOPE; transition circles; Restorative Attendance Review Board; circles to address truancy; healing circles; family-centered meeting facilitation; parallel protection process facilitation; family group decision-making facilitation and family safety plan meeting facilitation.

Training: Core/foundational restorative justice and circle training; circle keeper training; advanced circle keeper training; cultural dynamics training; restorative practices within systems/residential facilities training; mapping and restorative practices in schools training (assessment through mapping of needs with the school determines which practice they'd like to begin) and circles in schools training.

Area Served: Predominantly Yellow Medicine County and southwest Minnesota; national and international trainings provided.

West Central

Kandiyohi County Restorative Justice Diversion Program

415 S. W. Sixth St., P.O. Box 1126, Willmar, MN 56201

[Kristi LeLoux](#): 320-321-2440 ext. 5804

[Londa Burns](#): 320-231-2440 ext. 5828

Services: Pre-charge restorative conferencing and circles for juveniles and adults for cases referred by the county attorney's office; truancy circles; transition circles to aid in transitions home from an out-of-home placement; family circles and victim/offender dialogue.

Training: Circle training and circle keeper training.

Area Served: Kandiyohi County

Renville County

105 S 5th St., Suite 119, Olivia, MN 56277

[Andrew Peltz](#): 320-523-3871

Services: Pre-charge restorative conferencing and circles for juveniles and adults for cases referred by the county attorney's office; family circles and victim/offender dialogue.

Training: Circle training and circle keeper training.

Area Served: Renville County

Swift County Restorative Practices

301 14th St. N., P.O. Box 288, Benson, MN 56215

[Shelly Lottman](#): 320-843-2493

Services: Circles for fifth-eighth-grade students in the Benson school district to promote relationship building, social-emotional skill development and address issues such as bullying, substance abuse prevention and digital citizenship and online safety, and circle conferencing to repair harm.