CMHA VERNON- RESTORATIVE JUSTICE X Canad Health Vernon



Types of Charges 2022:

Assault: 7%
Mischief Under \$5000: 29%
Theft Under \$5000 14%

Other Referrals: 50%

Community Concern, Criminal
Harassment, Internal Theft Under,
Cause Disturbance/Assault, Break
& Enter Business, Historic
Concern, Mischief Under \$5000 &

To December 2022

Types of Charges 2021:

Uttering Threats.

Assault: 0%
Mischief Under \$5000: 25%
Theft Under \$5000 25%

Other Referrals: 50%

➤ Unsafe Storage of Firearms, Internal Theft and/or Fraud Under, Community Concern and Other Criminal Charges.

__ To December 2021 _____

As the nation-wide leader and champion for mental health, CMHA facilitates access to the resources people require to maintain and improve mental health and community integration, build resilience, and support recovery from mental illness.

Having restorative justice closely integrated into mental health services helps foster community cohesion in safe, inclusive spaces where we can enhance understanding, healing, and growth for those impacted by harm and those who have caused harm.

Deliverables:

- Provide services for persons harmed (victims).
- Provide services for young persons (age 12 17) and adult (18 and up) persons who caused harm (accused).
- Approach Regional District of North Okanagan in 2022.
- Secure additional funding from sources other than the City of Vernon to be used to maintain the service level for 2022.

January 2006 to December 2022

1161 Persons Harmed/Affected520 Persons Who Caused Harm704 Guardians/Supporters

2385 TOTAL Persons Served

379 Referrals421 Agreements

The Youth Criminal Justice Act was changed in 2008 so that extra judicial measures now must be considered, and restorative justice is of those measures. Prior to that, Canada had one of the highest rates of youth incarceration in the world.

COMPLIANCE OUTCOMES ■ Non-Compliance ■ Partial Compliance III Full Compliance 2022 2021 2020 2019 2018 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

of Referrals Per Year

2022 – 14 To December 2022

2021 - 16

2020 - 21 2019 - 27

2018 - 33

of Closed Agreements

2022 – 27 To July 2023

2021 - 14

2020 - 20

2019 – 28

2018 - 36

January 2006 to July 2023

80% Full Compliance of Agreements

"Restorative Justice is respect. Respect for all, even those who are different from us; even those who seem to be our enemies. Respect reminds us of our interconnectedness, but also of our differences. Respect insists we balance concerns for all parties. If we pursue justice as respect, we will do justice restoratively." Howard Zehr

Types of Agreement Activities

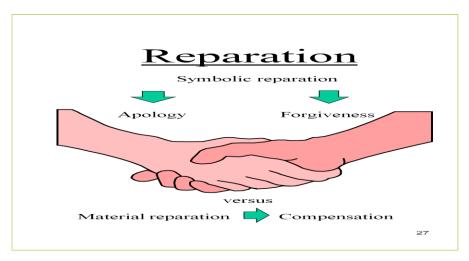
Reaching a Disposition or Resolved Agreement is done in discussion with the person harmed (victim), person who caused harm (accused), guardians/supporters, and the referral source.

The Agreement answers the last of the three (3) main questions in an RJ process:

- What happened?
- How were people affected?
- What can be done to repair the harm?

A Disposition Agreement is reached in-person and by consensus in an RJ Circle. A Resolved Agreement is reached when an RJ Circle is <u>not</u> hosted. For the person harmed it is the voice of what needs to be done to repair the harm; and for the person who caused harm it is an opportunity for reparations whether symbolic or material.

Symbolic reparation is obtained through an apology or handshake. **Material reparation** is obtained through letters of apology, cost of repairs, community hours and other activities.



Picture is from the Community Justice Forum Facilitator Training Manual

Symbolic and Material Reparations on Agreements in 2022

Thirty-one (31) letters of apology.
Two (2) letters of thank-you.
Three hundred and ninety-five
(395) community hours.
Research/review materials.

Write essays on specific topics.

Plan, cook, clean-up a family meal and activity.

Shoplifting Prevention Program booklets.

Attend counselling/information sessions

Donation to charity of person harmed choice.

We recognize, honour, and respect the unceded territory of the **Syilx Nation** and the people of **N'kmaplqs** (**Head of the Lake**) whose traditional and ancestral territory CMHA Vernon and District offices are situated. We respect their connection to the **tmxwula?xw** (**land**) and honour their history and culture through continuing education.