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#### What is Restorative Justice?

Restorative Justice is an approach to crime and wrongdoing that not only engages victims, offenders and their affected communities, but it is in fact governed by these three stakeholders. Restorative justice is about turning our attention and resources toward first recognizing harms experienced through crime, and then creating the conditions for that harm to be repaired, with a focus on righting relationships which have been thrown out of balance through harmful actions.

The result: restorative justice is cost-effective, shows the highest rates of satisfaction (90%+ from victims, communities & offenders) and reduces the offender re-offense rate to 10%, down from a national average of 60% with conventional justice. Restorative Justice emphasizes the way in which crimes affect not only people, but also the community in which it occurs. Read More >>

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**Upcoming Events!** 

Nov 21, 2014 **RJ Coordinating Council Site Visit** 20th JD



Colorado Restorative Justice Promo

# **Latest News From The RJ Community**

## The RJ Legislative Focus Groups Completed Successfully



Thank you to those who hosted and all who attended the five RJ Legislative Focus Groups. The RJ Council is deeply grateful to you and inspired by you. Please read the report for a broader perspective of the statewide focus groups.

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Latest Blog Post

## Anjali Nandi's Motivational Interview Training

Monday, July 07, 2014

**GUEST POST BY: Anjali Nandi's** 

My name is Zana Molina, and I am the Restorative Justice intern for Deb Witzel at the State Court Administrator's Office. I am currently working on my graduate degree at the University of Colorado Denver majoring in criminal justice. Once Deb told me about what a great trainer Anjali was, I became eager to take her MI training on June 17th and 18th at the Boulder County



### **Testimonials**

"I was extremely impressed and moved by the safety, honesty and healing that occurred."

#### - COMMUNITY MEMBER

"Restorative Justice is the most cost effective way to resolve these crimes."

## - MIKE BUTLER, LONGMONT CHIEF OF POLICE

"I never knew how what I did could hurt somebody else. And I never knew so many people cared about me."

"Presenting my view and the impact on the company was empowering. I am happy to see the community has a program like this."

- VICTIM

Justice Center, and she really did live up to the 'hype!' Motivational interviewing is a key tool to have in any restorative justice 'toolbox' and learning the skill with Anjali Nandi was such an honor! Anjali displayed appreciable passion for the subject, a desire to involve everyone in the training (not an easy task to accomplish with almost 50 people in attendance), and an energetic presence that made myself and others eager to learn and discuss MI skills with those who were unable to attend the training. Read More

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