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### Independent restorative justice practitioner

Facilitating restorative processes such as:

- Circles to build understanding and community
- Conferences to explore wrong-doing and its effects in a nonthreatening and respectful atmosphere; to assist participants in reaching an agreement for repair

## Résumé

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### Professional experience

#### Restorative Justice

##### Independent Practitioner

June 2015-Present

Offering training, consultation, circle and conference facilitation in schools and organizations

##### Chief Case Coordinator then Program Director, Communities for Restorative Justice

2008-May 2015

Based in Concord MA and serving several communities in the Boston metropolitan area, C4RJ partners with area police departments to provide a restorative justice process after criminal incidents.

At C4RJ I was responsible for:

- case management
- supervision of case coordinators
- liaison with police departments and courts
- recruitment of and liaison with area mental health clinicians
- recruitment, interviewing, and training of volunteers, including special topic training (including Working with Challenging Offenders, Awareness of Victim Needs and Perspectives, Keeping Circles, various trainings for facilitators working with clients)
- Training of police officers referring to C4RJ
- outreach to community organizations, schools and colleges
- consulting to other organizations training and facilitation in schools (see below)
- writing and editing of *Talking Piece* newsletter to community stakeholders
- creation of specialty newsletters for volunteers and police partners
- script writing for and participation in "Finding Courage," a half-hour film about restorative justice
- Presentations to funders and community stakeholders
- Grant writing and reporting

Relevant Skills: Leadership, problem solving, motivational interviewing, listening, writing and editing, public speaking, organization, use of Outcome Tracker database; budget management

### Relevant training taken

- Graduate level course at Eastern Mennonite University on the impact of social issues (race, class, and gender) on restorative justice, May 2014
- Circle training for educators with Nancy Riestenberg, Lincoln MA, November 2012
- Restorative Interventions for Bullying training, Minneapolis MN, June 2012
- Motivational interviewing workshop and continued study
- Restorative School Practices Summer Workshop, University of Maine, June 2010
- Principles and practices of restorative justice, 2002, and subsequent topic training

### **Restorative Justice Presentations, Publications, Trainings Provided**

#### **Academic settings**

- Trainer, Introduction to Restorative Practices in Schools, Malden (MA) faculty and staff of town-wide After-School Program, March 2015
- Trainer, Introduction to Restorative Practices in Schools, Malden (MA) K-12 school administrators, August 2014
- Trainer, Introduction to Restorative Practices in Schools, Malden (MA), teachers and staff in Pathways program, Malden High School. Continued working with students and staff into 2015.
- Trainer, Introduction to Restorative Justice in Schools, teachers and administrators at Fitchburg High School, October 2012
- Participated in review of practices at Charlestown High School, summer 2013
- Guest lecturer, restorative justice principles and practice, Boston University divinity and law students, February 2012
- Guest lecturer, restorative justice principles and practice, University of Massachusetts Boston, Large Group Conflict class, October 2012
- Guest lecturer, restorative justice principles and practices, University of Massachusetts Lowell, conflict resolution class, November 2012, March 2013, October 2013, March 2014, October 2014, March 2015
- Guest teacher, What is Restorative Justice?, Acton-Boxborough Regional High School, several English classes, October 2012, October 2013
- Guest teacher, What is Restorative Justice?, Concord Middle School, December 2014

#### **Faith Communities**

- Guest speaker, First Religious Society (Unitarian Universalists), Carlisle, January 2012
- Guest presenter, First Parish Church (United Church of Christ), Westford, 2010
- Guest presenter, Wellesley Village Church (United Church of Christ), May 2014

#### **Community Presentations**

- Falmouth Democratic Town Committee, July 2015
- Malden's Promise, February 2015
- Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative, June 2014
- Acton-Boxborough Community Forum on Youth, December 2014
- Two-day training for youth services providers in Stamford CT, December 2013
- Rotary Clubs, various communities, 2013-2014
- Presentation to clinicians, Boundaries Therapy, Acton, May 2012
- Presenter, Boston-area Day of Restorative Justice, June 2012

## **Journalism and Publishing**

Associated Press, Miami, Los Angeles, New York (1975-1982)

- Assistant Sports Editor (national)—Management of 20-member national staff plus sports writers in bureaus nationwide, writing, editing. Contributed to the *Associated Press Stylebook and Libel Manual*.
- Olympics Coordinator—Managed coverage team of 70 writers, editors, photographers for winter (Moscow) and summer (Lake Placid NY) games.
- Enterprise editor for AP World Services division—Assigned feature assignments to AP bureaus worldwide, packaged features for distribution to non-U.S. markets

Boston Phoenix (1983-1987)

- Associate editor—managed 20-person staff plus freelance writers; responsible for assigning, editing, and production of news section and for supervision of other sections and their editors.

Freelance editorial work with several publications and organizations, including:

- PricewaterhouseCoopers, Hill Holiday, *Boston Business Magazine*, *Rehabilitation Today*, *CFO, Inc.*, *Worth* magazines

St. Petersburg Times and Evening Independent (college years)

- Reporter and editor; special correspondent
- Poynter Scholar

## **Community volunteer work**

Communities for Restorative Justice, 2002-2008, facilitator, keeper, case coordinator, and board member

Citizen Action Team, 2005-2008 A grassroots organization that collected and shipped goods to disaster areas after Hurricane Katrina. Northeast transportation manager.

Carlisle (MA) School Committee, member (3 years)

Carlisle School Building Committee (7 years, chair for 3 years)

Carlisle School Advisory Committee (3 years, 1 as chair)

Carlisle Mosquito, newspaper columnist

## **Education**

Bachelor of Arts degree, Political Science and International Relations, University of South Florida, 1975