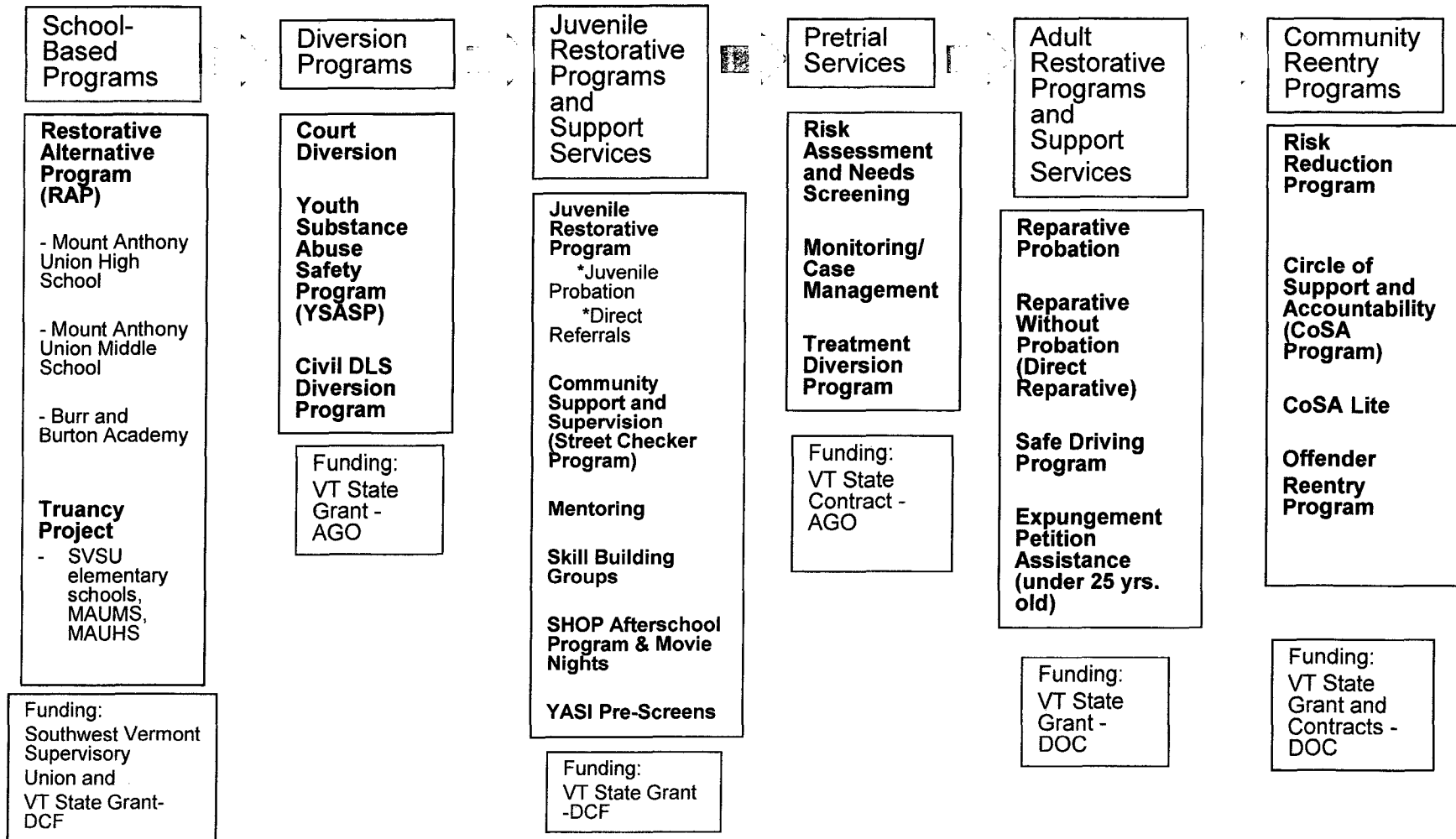




Center for Restorative Justice (CRJ) is a community justice agency serving Bennington County, Vermont. CRJ provides a full spectrum of restorative justice programs and services helping both young people and adults take an active role in becoming positive, contributing members of their community. CRJ's program continuum begins with prevention and intervention work in the schools through reentry work helping people returning to the community from incarceration.

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Continuum of Services



Principles of Restorative Practices

In Vermont, services embracing a restorative vision for addressing harm continue to evolve and expand. This dynamic landscape creates an important opportunity to establish a core set of shared principles by which the providers deliver services. Through actively applying these principles, we seek to ensure a consistent intent and observable standard for engaging those served and affected by our efforts. In the words of Howard Zehr, “Restorative Justice is a compass, not a map.”¹ As such, the following principles are meant to orient and guide us toward effectively supporting relationships rooted in justice and respect. The Community Justice, Balanced and Restorative Justice, Court Diversion, and Pretrial Services strive to operate based on these principles.

1. Harmful actions are violations of people and relationships.

- While harmful actions may or may not be violations of law, the primary concern is the physical, emotional, and social impact such acts have on people—those directly harmed, impacted or victimized, family members, community members, those who have committed the acts— and the relationships among them.

2. Violations create obligations.

- Each situation is complex and creates obligations to repair harm to the extent possible, as defined by all those affected.
- Those who have caused harm and victimization have a responsibility to gain insight concerning their actions, to make amends, and to learn ways to avoid causing future harm or victimization.
- Community and government, in partnership, have responsibilities to provide support and accountability to all its members when a violation has occurred.
- Community and government have responsibilities to address conditions that may contribute to crime and delinquency as well as encourage mutual respect and healthy communities.

3. Restorative justice seeks to engage and support those who have been harmed or victimized.

- People who have been victimized or harmed are in the best position to know what their needs are and what is important to them. They should be provided opportunities to participate, shape the process, make decisions and seek resolution.
- People who have been victimized or harmed may determine their level of participation through a meaningful invitation, an opportunity to share how the incident affected them, being deeply listened to and by identifying how their needs may best be met.

¹ Zehr, Howard. (2002, pg. 10). *The Little Book of Restorative Justice*. Intercourse, PA: Good Books.

Addison

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Easter Seals of Vermont	Middlebury	802-382-4030	easterseals.com/vt

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Caledonia

Community Restorative Justice Center, Inc.	St. Johnsbury	802-748-2977	communityrjc.org facebook.com/Hardwick-Area-Community-Justice-Center-734568066606703/
Hardwick Area Community Justice Center	Hardwick	802-644-1960	
Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	St. Johnsbury	802-748-8732	nekys.org

Chittenden

Burlington Community Justice Center	Burlington	802-865-7155	burlingtonvt.gov/CJC
Chittenden County Court Diversion	Burlington	802-864-1585	chitccd.org
Essex Community Justice Center	Essex Junction	802-872-7690	essexcjc.org
South Burlington Community Justice Center	South Burlington	802-846-4215	sburl.com/cjc
Williston Community Justice Center	Williston	802-764-1151	town.williston.vt.us
Winooski Community Justice Center	Winooski	802-655-0221	winooskivt.org/public-safety/community-justice-center/

Essex

Essex County Community Justice Partnership	Guildhall	802-676-3500	
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Franklin

Franklin Grand Isle Restorative Justice Center	St. Albans	802-524-7006	fgirjc.org
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Lamoille

Lamoille Restorative Center	Hyde Park	802-888-5871	lrcvt.org
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Orange

Orange County Court Diversion	Chelsea	802-685-3172	occdp.org
Randolph Community Justice Program	Randolph	802-249-8554	randolphvt.org

Orleans

Northeast Kingdom Community Action	Newport	802-334-8224	nekcavt.org
Orleans County Restorative Justice Center	Newport	802-487-9327	kingdomjustice.org

Rutland

BROC	Rutland	802-775-0878	broc.org
Rutland County Court Diversion and Restorative Justices, Inc.	Rutland	802-775-2479	rutlandcountycourtdiversion.org

Washington

Greater Barre Community Justice Center	Barre	802-476-0276	gbcjc.org
Montpelier Community Justice Center	Montpelier	802-223-9606	montpelier-vt.org/mcjc
Washington County Court Diversion	Barre	802-479-1900	wcdp-vt.org

Windham

Brattleboro Community Justice Center	Brattleboro	802-251-8142	brattleborocjc.org
Greater Bellows Falls Community Justice Center	Bellows Falls	802-463-9927 x107	
Windham County Court Diversion/Youth Services	Brattleboro	802-257-0361	youthservicesing.org

Windsor

Hartford Community Restorative Justice Center	White River Jct	802-291-7173	hartfordjusticecenter.org
Springfield Restorative Justice Center	Springfield	802-885-8707	springfieldrjc.org
Valley Court Diversion	White River Jct	802-295-5078	vcdp.org