

Blog Writer Guidelines

Thank you for considering writing a guest blog for www.rjcolorado.org.

Please read the guidelines below in writing for this website.

Blog submissions will be read and approved by the administrative team. Please remember this website is viewed by the public. You protecting the identity of participants and others may be very important. If approved, blogs will be posted on the website and open for comment. Comments are also read and approved by the administrative team but may express a difference of opinion. Blog length should be approximately 300-600 words.

If you have questions please contact Deb Witzel via email with the subject line: **RJ CO BLOG POST QUESTION.** Deb.Witzel@judicial.state.co.us

Introduce yourself

·Include a brief introduction so the blog feels personal- For example, you could answer the following questions in your introduction:

- What is your name/title?
- What affiliation do you have with restorative justice practices?
- What had you first become interested in restorative justice?

Include a Visual

- The visual should be related to the content of the blog.
- The visual should be appropriate for all readers.
- Visuals should be cited if they are not the original work of the blog author. ('Source: Google Images' is an acceptable citation.)

Include a Link

- Remember that links can possibly change.
- Please proofread/check and test the link multiple times before posting.

Conclude with a Call to Action

- Do this to motivate the audience to volunteer, read more about the subject, or get involved in some way.
- The following are a few examples of 'call to action' type messages, though there are many different ways to motivate the reader:
 - Check back under the 'events' tab for local training opportunities.
 - Go to www._____.com to look for volunteer opportunities with this organization.
 - Watch the following video to learn more about restorative justice practices.

Other Recommendations

- Include an a contact name e-mail address incase readers would like to ask additional questions.
 - Do not use abbreviations without first writing them out in full (Ex. I support RJ v. I support restorative justice (RJ)).
 - Use plain language when possible and try to avoid using slang vocabulary.
 - Protect the identity of people who may not want to be recognized in your story.
- Keep your blog between 300-600 words.***

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