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Ground Rules

• Speak in turn

• Listen without interrupting with an open heart and an open mind.

• Respect the opinions and privacy of all others present and do not share anyone else’s words.

• We are a diverse group- Do your best to bring your wisdom and learn from the wisdom and experiences of others.

• Share the air- We may need to move things along to stay on schedule

• Anything else?

"Before we get too deeply involved, I feel we should establish certain ground rules, Jeremy."
What do YOU think?

Victim Description

• How does Restorative Justice Practices serve or do a dis-service?

Offender Description

• How does Restorative Justice Practices serve or do a dis-service?
Figure 2: Model of Responses to Trauma and Bereavement

Event

Disbelief
Outcry
Heroism

Rage
Anger
Blame

Anxiety
Intrusions

Reconstructing
A New Life

0 to 7 Days
TIME
2 to 5 Years

Shock
Denial
Disorientation

Numbing

Hyper-vigilance

Searching for
Meaning

Sadness
Despair
Guilt

Isolation
Loneliness
Depression

Reclaiming
Life

Coming to Terms with New Realities

(Note: Adapted from CMHS, 1994)
## Crime Levels Vary

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Victims’ Rights

• Notified
• Present
• Heard

FAIRNESS ~ DIGNITY ~ RESPECT
Victim-Centered Restorative Justice Practices

FAIRNESS ~ DIGNITY ~ RESPECT

Being victim-centered means holding the care and concern for the victim as the primary consideration.
Restorative Justice

- Victim
- Community
- Offender
Restorative Practices

What happened?

Who’s been affect & how?

What will be done to make things right?
The 5 Rs of Restorative Justice

- Relationship
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Repair
- Reintegration

-Dr. Beverly Title
Victim Centered Restorative Justice Practices...
What would you do?
access
community
no wrong door
seek information
support
encourage
services
focus
support
help
access
no matter the route
friend
info
agencies up-to-date referrals
help
seek
find services
support
victim-centered
issues
no wrong door for victims of crime
What does a victim need?
Do or do not, there is no try.
Feel like saying yes?
Safeguards

• Victim-Centered
  – Choice
  – Safety
  – Support
• Victim Advocates
• Surveys/Assessments
• Facilitator Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice
What?

So What?

Now What?
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Thank you.