Welcome to the Restorative Justice Council’s Legislative Focus Group
Plan for time:

- To briefly provide information about RJ Council, existing RJ statutes and the current status of RJ in CO

- To get your thoughts and perspectives about RJ legislative possibilities and priorities moving forward

- To invite you to engage and support for RJ legislation in the 2015 legislative session, if you wish to do so.
Provide technical assistance and education

Support the development of restorative justice programs

Serve as a repository of information

www.rjcolorado.org
Restorative Justice Practices in Colorado

- RJ Council
- DOC Pilots
- Mandatory Advisements
- RJ Cash Fund
- Support Staff
- Juvenile Diversion Pilots

Colorado is a leader and model for RJ Legislation nationwide.
Restorative Justice Directory

RJ Training Guidelines

Facilitator Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice

Mini- Documentaries

Council Contact
Thank you
Restorative Justice Just Ahead
Purpose

Restorative Justice Practices exist to...
Two Attributes of a Common Powerful Purpose

• A personal touchstone for you as an individual

• Fundamental justification for the existence of RJ and your work with the CO community

A powerful purpose attracts participation, including and unleashing everyone
9 Whys

Make the purpose for your being here clear

When I am working to ensure restorative justice practices serve, what do I do?
Becoming Clear on Purpose

Ask a partner, “When you are working to ensure restorative justice practices serve, what do you do?”

1. Why is it important to you?
   – First answer, “________....”

2. Hmmm, why is that important to you?
   – Second answer, “________....”

3-8. Continue to ask WHY?
   – 9th time, OK, if your dream came true last night, what would be different today?

• Keep asking, “Why... why... why... until you make a discovery about your partner’s bedrock purpose
• Actively listen, digging deeper and deeper
• Record a brief statement of your partner’s purpose on a sticky note

Then switch roles.
Join another pair-

- 3 minutes in a small group
  - Discuss similarities and differences
  - Elements of a community Purpose may materialize!
- 3 minutes debriefing, “What happened?”
1. What is working relative to Restorative Justice Practices (RJP) in CO? (What is our current reality?)

2. What is happening with RJP that demands adaptation? (What needs to change?)

3. What is at stake if we do not make changes?

4. Given our purpose, what seems possible now?

5. How are we moving away from the current state toward the future?
What must be legislated to move RJP forward to serve CO?

**Steps**

1. Groups of 4-5 relative to your RJP context
2. Select a facilitator and recorder
3. Start asking the questions in order
4. We will check in after about 3-5 minutes with each question
5. We will debrief what comes up as we go…
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25/10 Crowd Sourcing
What are the priorities?

On index cards, write:

- If you were 10 times bolder, what would you do to advance RJP and unleash more innovative action to serve CO...

No names
Write legibly
25/10 Crowdsourcing
Rapidly generate and sift a group’s most powerful actionable ideas and prioritize

• Pass cards around while milling
• 5 rounds
• Rate each card: 1 = ho-hum to 5 = fabulous, “I’m in!”
• Decide before looking at other scores
• Put rating on the back of the card
Final Steps

Rapidly generate and sift a group’s most powerful actionable ideas

• Add all the scores after the last round
• Post high-to-low scoring ideas on a wall tapestry

If you have more than 5 scores, add them together, divide by the total number of scores, then multiply by 5
1. What is working relative to Restorative Justice Practices (RJP) in CO? (What is our current reality?)

2. What is happening with RJP that demands adaptation? (What needs to change?)
   - Change:
   - Change:
   - Change:

3. What is at stake if we do not make changes?

4. Given our purpose, what seems possible now?

5. How are we moving away from the current state toward the future?

GOAL 1

GOAL 2

GOAL 3
15%

What can YOU do?
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