

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

Restorative principles and practices have been used in indigenous communities throughout the world for hundreds of years. While practices varied, all held the essence of repairing harm and bringing into balance relationships with others, community, self and nature.

In the last decades, new voices have added their contributions of practices with similar principles and given them the name "Restorative Justice." VOMA honors this rich history and strives to contribute and advance the practice of restorative (transformative) dialogue toward the achievement of social justice.

VOMA'S MISSION

To promote and enhance restorative justice dialogue, principles and practices.

Our mission will be achieved only with a commitment to full diversity and equality of participation for all people. VOMA holds this commitment as central in all its work.

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TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Available Now

VOMA is committed to the practice of restorative and transformative dialogue. This practice requires skill, support, and opportunity for continuous learning.

VOMA's Training and Technical Assistance Program brings trainers to where they are needed, provides support from experienced practitioners, and creates a learning community for individuals and organizations committed to social justice and the practice of mediation.

***"The Earth is but one country and
mankind its citizens."***

Baha'ullah

VOMA TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Program Goals:

1. Expand and deepen the practice of restorative justice dialogue and mediation processes.
2. Increase access to training by practitioners and other interested persons.
3. Better identify, utilize, and share the knowledge and skills of VOMA members.
4. Provide affordable and excellent services to VOMA members, restorative justice advocates and practitioners, and communities.

Program Components

Training based on restorative justice principles and practice relevant to starting or operating a successful restorative justice or mediation program.

Technical assistance and organization consulting that is tailored to meet your organization's needs and conducted by seasoned professionals.

Training and consulting associates are experienced practitioners who consistently receive quality ratings from their customers and have been selected by VOMA to be part of the Training and Technical Assistance Program.

Regional Training and Networking Opportunities that bring advanced, cross-disciplinary, and/or organizing workshops to different geographic regions.

"No matter how big a nation is, it is no stronger than its weakest people, and as long as you keep a person down, some part of you has to be down there to hold him down, so it means you cannot soar as you might otherwise."

Marian Anderson

MAKING THE PROGRAM WORK FOR YOU

Bring Training to Your Community

- Identify prospective training topics.
- Contact VOMA.
- VOMA identifies and suggests a training associate(s)—you make the final selection.
- Enter into a working agreement with VOMA. (VOMA provides the curriculum, material and handout masters and a training administration / promotions kit and helps promote the training. Your organization coordinates, promotes, and administers the training.)
- Complete evaluation and return to VOMA.
- Share the net revenue with VOMA.

Contract for Internal Training and/or Technical Assistance

- Identify areas of need for training and/or technical assistance.
- Contact VOMA.
- VOMA works with you to refine your needs and suggests a VOMA associate(s) who meets your needs—you make the final selection.
- Enter into a working agreement with VOMA.
- Coordinate internal training or consultation.
- Complete evaluation and return to VOMA.

Co-sponsor a Regional Event

- Watch for VOMA invitations to co-sponsor a regional event.
- Join the planning team.
- Help promote the training.
- Attend the event if possible.
- Complete evaluation and return to VOMA.

Join the VOMA Associates Group

- Submit application for review by VOMA.
- Complete VOMA Orientation Session.
- Enter into contract agreement with VOMA.
- Participate in periodic review of your work.

TRAINING TOPICS TO CONSIDER

- Basic Victim Offender Mediation and Conferencing
- Community Justice and Over-Contact with Minorities in the Criminal Justice System
- Restorative Justice Perspectives in Native American and/or African American Cultures
- Restorative Justice in the Criminal Justice System
- Restorative Justice Evaluation and Outcomes
- Gender and Cultural Bias in Criminal Justice and Mediation Models
- Mediated Dialogue in Crimes of Serious Violence
- Domestic Violence and Victim Offender Mediation
- Introduction and Evolution of Restorative Justice Practices
- Restorative Justice and Safe Schools
- Train the Trainer in Victim Offender Mediation and Group Conferencing
- Mediation and Advanced Mediation Practice
- Starting and Operating a Quality Restorative Justice and/or Mediation Program
- Mediation in Labor, Civil and Criminal Cases
- Working with Volunteers
- Ethics and Standards
- Victim and Offender Sensitivity
- Teen/Peer Mediation

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VOMA will customize trainings to meet content and learning styles needs.
