

Central Virginia Community Justice



FY24 Impact Report

July '23 - June '24



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FACILITATING CHANGE

Central Virginia Community Justice provides a brave space for those involved in harm to lead their own accountability and healing.

CVCJ's FY24 Impact

- 26** Cases served
- 81** Participants in restorative processes
- 17** Criminal charges dismissed or reduced after successful RJ
- 400** Hours of conflict resolution for Charlottesville City Schools
- 40** Presentations and workshops about restorative justice

Restorative justice repairs harm & supports healing

100% OF PARTICIPANTS SURVEYED 'AGREED' OR 'STRONGLY AGREED' WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

I was a full partner in creating the agreement.

The facilitators treated me with respect.

The facilitators maintained a safe environment for the conversation.

I felt I could share my perspective in the joint conference.

I am leaving with a greater understanding of the other participants.

When CVCJ participants were asked, "How likely are you to recommend this process to someone else in your similar situation?" on a scale of 1-10, responses averaged **9.3**

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"With thanks to this program I was finally able to meet with the harmed party. I was able to not only introduce myself, express my apologies and considerations, but mostly make amends that actually seemed to make a difference."

-CVCJ participant

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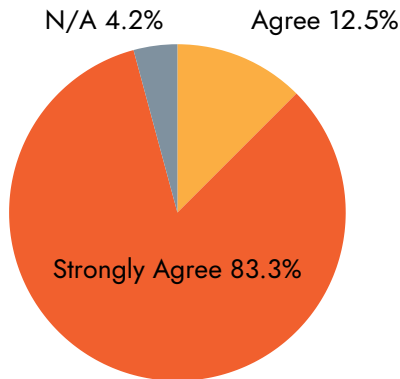
RJ offers agency to survivors of crime and harm

Survivors' trauma symptoms are reduced when they have a sense of control and feel that the harm won't happen again.

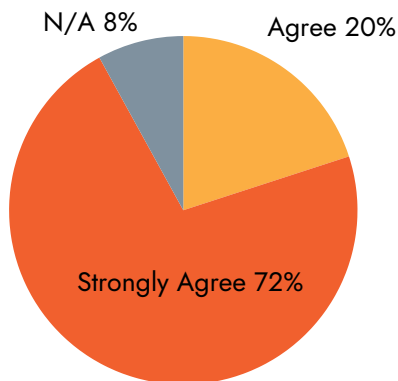
Sources: Gustafson, 2005; Nascimento & de Castro Rodrigues, 2023.

CVCJ surveys indicate that participants actively created safety and well-being moving forward

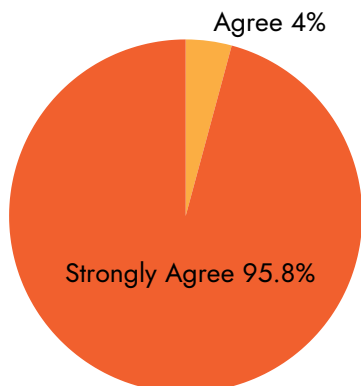
In the joint conference, we explored the reasons for the harm and how to make sure it doesn't happen again.



I was a full partner in creating the agreement.



I am leaving the joint conference with a greater sense of well-being than before.



"I am in complete awe for everyone in Restorative Justice and the work they are dedicating to the community. This truly offers healing, opportunity to speak your part in open session and there sure are a few lessons in human compassion and forgiveness."

-CVCJ participant

Saving Community Dollars

RJ diversion programs cut costs by reducing or eliminating the costs of probation, parole, incarceration and reducing the demands on health and social welfare systems

Sources: Sherman & Strang, 2007; Shapland et al., 2008; Furman, 2012

CVCJ's FY25 Goals:

- Secure funding to continue our productive partnership with local schools
- Meet the demand for RJ for sexual harms in our community
- Hire a Development Manager so we can continue to grow our impact

CVCJ services are free of charge for participants.

Please **donate** to support repair and safety today!

