

Option 1: Restorative Justice (RJ) For Criminal Legal System Cases

Who It's For

Adults (18+)* who have caused harm in criminal cases in Florida's Second Judicial Circuit:

Leon, Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Liberty, and Wakulla counties

*Age at time of referral

Types of Cases

- **Pending criminal cases**
(part of diversion or plea deals)
- **Probation cases**
(part of Victim Awareness Program)
- **Post-conviction cases**
(includes those currently or formerly incarcerated)

To Qualify



A criminal offense occurred



The person responsible is willing to take accountability



For pending cases: both attorneys must agree



Harmed party participation is encouraged, but not required

How it Works?



1. Referral

From lawyers, justice system partners, or individuals.



2. Preparation

Private meetings with all participants.



3. RJ Conference

Facilitated dialogue by Connection First team.



4. Agreements

Mutual commitments to repair harm.

Why Choose RJ?

- Supports healing for all parties
- Reduces repeat offenses
- Improves satisfaction compared to court
- Focuses on dignity, accountability, and closure

Refer a Criminal Legal Case



Option 2: Restorative Dialogue (RD) For Community Harm Cases

Who It's For

Adults (18+)* involved in conflict or harm in community settings

For residents of Leon County

*Age at time of referral

Types of Cases

- Disputes between **neighbors, friends, roommates, or community groups**
- **Workplace conflicts** (coworkers, managers, teams)
- When **formal systems** (HR, police, etc.) aren't appropriate or helpful

To Qualify

All parties are willing to meet and engage voluntarily



Agree to engage in a safe + respectful conversation



Participants are open to accountability and repair



How it Works?



1. Referral

From individuals, organizations, or community partners.



2. Preparation

Private, one-on-one meetings.



3. RD Conference

Facilitated conversation with Connection First team.



4. Agreements

Mutual commitments to repair harm.

Why Choose RD?

- Encourages open, respectful conversation
- Promotes understanding and personal growth
- Helps rebuild trust and prevent future harm
- Provides an alternative to formal systems

Refer a Community Harm Case

