

# 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)
- **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

