



Restorative Denver

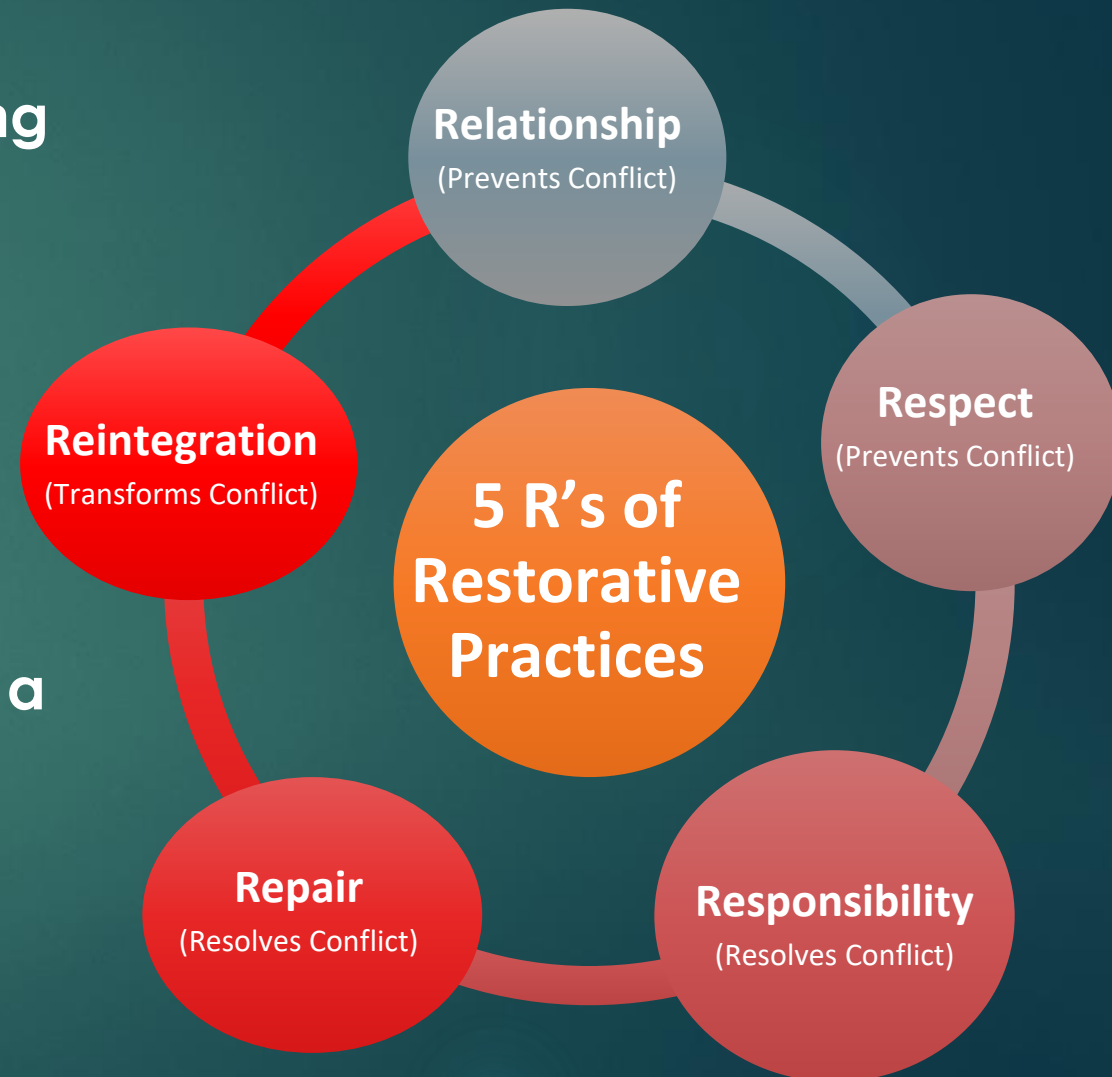
A Victim-Centered Public Safety Program

In partnership with

the **C**onflictcenter 

What is Restorative Justice?

- ▶ **Response to crime that focuses on addressing & repairing harm**
- ▶ **Emphasizes:**
 - ▶ Making things right for victim
 - ▶ Defendant taking responsibility
 - ▶ Reintegrating D back into community with skills & awareness to prevent future crime
- ▶ **Opportunity for victim & community to have a significant voice in the justice process**
- ▶ **Many models of restorative justice**



Case Eligibility:

- ▶ Victim is open to resolving case through Restorative Denver
- ▶ Defendant is willing to take accountability & repair the harm
- ▶ Initially, misdemeanor cases, non-DV



Referrals:

- ▶ **Anyone can identify a potential case**
 - ▶ DA / VA / Defense Counsel
- ▶ **DA has gatekeeping power**



Restorative Denver is Victim-Centered

- ▶ Victim must be open to RJ
- ▶ Victim contact
- ▶ Options for participation
- ▶ Learning
 - ▶ Victims are more eager to participate in cases of greater harm



Restorative Denver Programming

- ▶ DA Screening
- ▶ Intake
- ▶ Pre-Conference
- ▶ Community Group Conference
- ▶ Written Contract



Contract Examples:

- ▶ Community service aimed at specifically repairing the harm caused
- ▶ Restitution
- ▶ Apology letter
- ▶ Anger management, parenting, conflict resolution classes
- ▶ Attend AA meetings or counseling sessions
- ▶ Read “Real Queer America: LGBTQ Stories from Red States” to discuss at the celebration circle



Post-Conference:

- ▶ Monitor compliance
- ▶ Notice of completion
- ▶ Case dismissed & sealed if successful
- ▶ 3-6 months from referral to completion



Quotes from Restorative Denver Participants:

- *“I feel that I have brought some peace of mind to the person I harmed & his family. I feel that this process is also bringing closure to my family. The facilitators acted with compassion & fairness, & guided everyone in a non-judgmental way through the process.”*
- *“I am excited to be a part of this program & to see the outcome. Participating in this program has changed the way I feel about myself.”*
- *“What has changed for me is that I actually have really enjoyed completing the items on my contract & that has benefitted my general outlook on certain topics.”*
- *“I feel different doing this program than court. I feel like I am not treated like a criminal. The facilitators gave me respect. This program was a great choice for me, this process was a great choice for me.”*

Program Statistics:

- **100 Participants Referred**
 - 65: Successfully Completed
 - 28: Currently in Program
 - 6: D Withdrew Before Starting
 - 1: Unsuccessful
- **Case Trends:**
 - Assault 3
 - Child Abuse
 - Theft
 - Careless Driving Causing Injury
 - People under 21 charged with DUI

Participant Demographics

▶ Gender:

- ▶ 65% Male
- ▶ 35% Female

▶ Race/Ethnicity:

- ▶ 48% White
- ▶ 24% Latinx
- ▶ 22% Black
- ▶ 4% Asian
- ▶ 2% Other

▶ Age:

- ▶ 39% 13-24
- ▶ 38% 25-39
- ▶ 18% 40-55
- ▶ 5% Over 56

▶ Income:

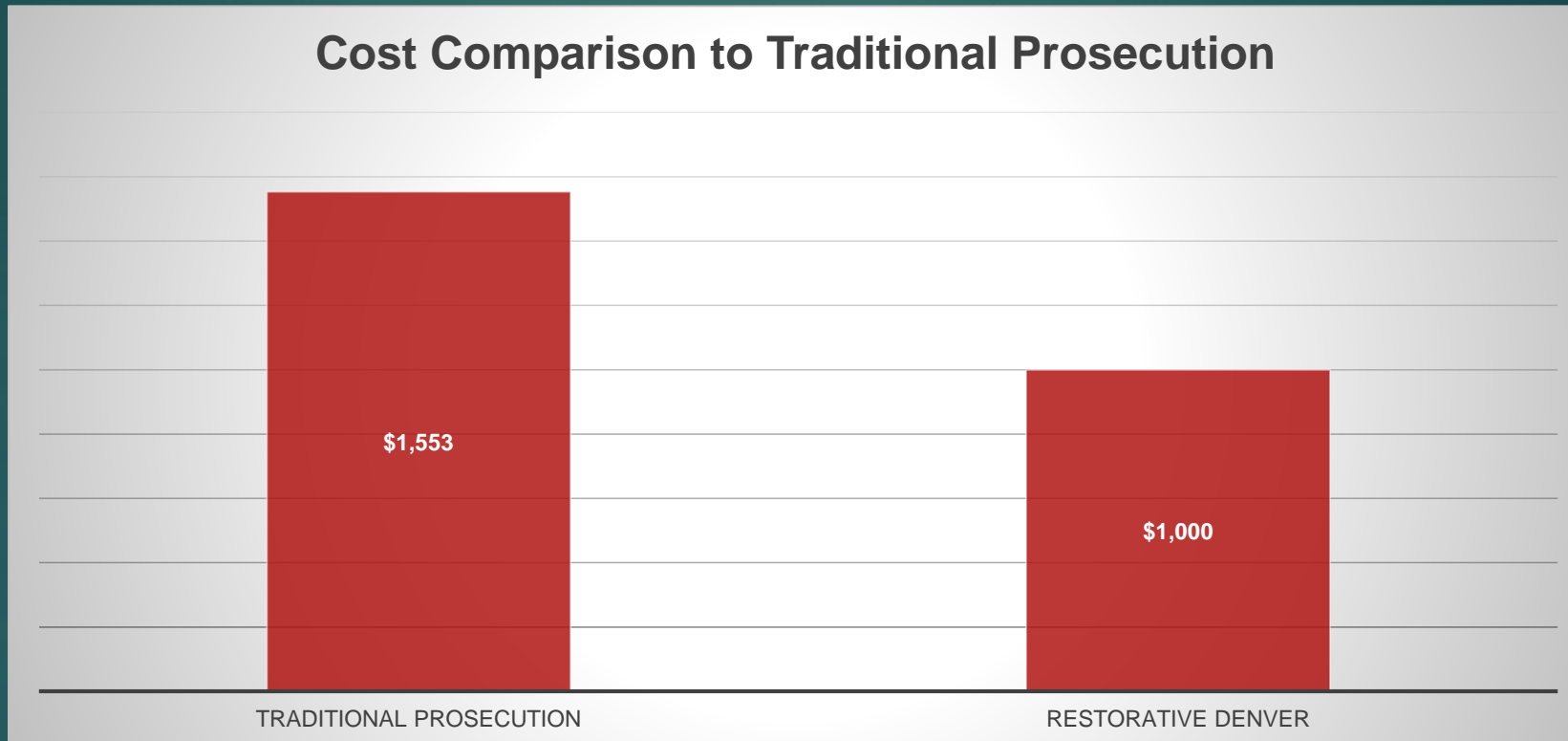
- ▶ 60% Public defender
- ▶ 27% Private counsel
- ▶ 13% Pro se

RJ Demographics v. Traditional Prosecution

	2019 Misdemeanors:	2020 Misdemeanors:	Restorative Denver:
Total Cases:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9,785 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7,207 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100
Gender:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 72% Male • 27% Female 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 74% Male • 25% Female 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 65% Male • 35% Female
Race: (Misdemeanor Data doesn't separate ethnicity & race so white/Latino data is skewed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70% White • 23% Black • 3% Latinx • 1% Asian • 2% Unidentified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 72% White • 22% Black • 2% Latinx • 1% Asian • 4% Unidentified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48% White • 22% Black • 24% Latinx • 4% Asian • 2% Other
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COST & CAPACITY:

- ▶ **COST:** \$1000 per case from referral to dismissal



*30% cheaper than traditional prosecution
with even greater savings over time!*

Future of Restorative Denver:

- ▶ Looking for multi-year funding to expand the program
- ▶ Expand capacity to at least 10 cases per month
- ▶ Officially open to felonies





QUESTIONS?