



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **ORANGE COUNTY OFFICE ON YOUTH OFFERS RESTORATIVE JUSTICE FACILITATOR TRAINING**

Orange County, VA – The Orange County Office on Youth is excited to announce a two-day Restorative Justice Facilitator Training December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The training will be held locally and is free to all participants due to the award of an Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Title II grant, funded in part through Federal Grant 2017-JF-FX-0018.

Restorative Justice is a program aimed to repair the harm caused to a victim by an offender. The program reinforces accountability and restitution and gives the victims a voice if they choose to participate. It also strives to develop empathy from the offender for the victim as the victim can express how the crime affected them and their personal and/or professional life. Furthermore, law enforcement and others involved in the crime are present in the session in order for the offender to see the full picture of how everyone is affected by their choices.

The training is open for current providers who offer youth-based services in Orange County, as well as to anyone interested in helping build a Restorative Justice Program with the Orange County Office on Youth to help close service gaps for the youth in our community. Participation for the training is limited to twenty (20) participants. Enrollment is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Alisha Vines, Office on Youth Director, to request a registration form to reserve your space at (540) 672-5484 extension 4, or via email at [avines@orangecountyva.gov](mailto:avines@orangecountyva.gov).

Training will be facilitated by the Piedmont Dispute Resolution Center of Warrenton, VA. For more information about their agency, and their Restorative Justice program, visit their website at <https://piedmontdisputeresolution.org/>.

For additional information please contact Office on Youth Director, Alisha Vines, at (540) 672-5484 extension 4 or [avines@orangecountyva.gov](mailto:avines@orangecountyva.gov).

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