Victims' satisfaction

Achieved agreement

Voluntarily executed agreement

100%

75%

50%

25%

0%

Motivations to participate

VICTIMS

→ to meet the offender

→ have questions to the offender

→ to look for reparation (emotional, financial)

→ are concerned about the offender

OFFENDERS

→ to offer reparation

→ to express their responsibility and remorse

→ are concerned about the victim

→ (in some cases) benefits in the criminal justice process

What is it for victims?

THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROCESS

- Feeling of involvement and empowerment
- Fair process
- Apology or other symbolic reparation can be more essential than material compensation
- Faster than the traditional justice system
- Financially attractive (lower judicial and medical costs)

The outcomes of restorative justice practices

- Victims receive material and symbolic restitution
- Victims' reduced anxiety about further harm by the offender
- Reoffending rates are lower
- Offenders appreciate to actively express remorse
- When community members are involved, it reinforces social bonds

Resources and further reading

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