

School Restorative Justice: Transforming Discipline into Learning Opportunities

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Internal and external suspension rates have been the topic of concern in South Florida and other school districts across the nation. Is there a means of confronting discipline issues that allows the offender(s) to not only face their situation and receive punitive response, but repair the harm caused to the victim(s) in a dignified manner? School-based restorative justice is an innovative approach which holds the belief that all human beings are of value and have the potential for healing, growth and change. The approach helps the victim, offender and when appropriate, the school community dialogue together to better understand the impact of the offender's behavior. Restorative Justice offers the unique opportunity for all parties to understand each other's perspectives, develop empathy and contribute to the solution. Come learn about this innovative model of violence intervention and see how it can apply to your local school community.



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