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In the spring of 2015, LARJP provided five circles to local schools, serving a total of 18 students ranging from 3rd grade to 10th grade. Our trained volunteers led two Respect Circles at Riverside Elementary School and Cuyuna Range Middle School for students who have displayed issues with bullying—either with bullying other students, being bullied, or passively standing by when other students are bullied. Trained volunteers also led three Truancy Circles at Forestview Middle School, Crosby High School, and Pequot Lakes High School for students who are at risk for truancy. Our evaluation, which consists of pre- and post-surveys completed by both students and interested stakeholders (Collaborative Service Workers, counselors, and teachers of each student) as well as grades and attendance records, shows that our program positively impacted these students in their relationships with others at school, in their hope for a future education, and in their attendance.

LARJP is the only organization that offers restorative justice programming in Crow Wing County. *Studies have shown that retributive discipline does not make a definitive impact. However, when the root causes of behavior are uncovered and the focus is placed on the victim, the offender, and the community, the behavior can be changed.* We believe that in order for real change to occur in the ways that students are disciplined, teachers and administration must be educated in restorative justice and adopt these practices in their classrooms and schools.

In continuing our mission and goals for implementing the Restorative Justice model into schools LARJP will be hosting a Restorative Discipline Coordinator Training focused on implementing school-based restorative justice practices on Aug 18th and 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 4pm at the Central Lakes College room C236 in Brainerd, MN. The training will be led by Kris Miner, the Executive Director of Circle Space Services. Kris is a well-known and respected restorative justice trainer who has been teaching restorative justice practices in schools since 2005.

Restorative Justice in schools, delivered by school coordinators, is a growing trend. This training session will equip and prepare staff assigned to provide Restorative Discipline. Training will include:

- Benefits and challenges to a whole school approach
- How to facilitate and train on Restorative Conversations, Restorative Conferences, and Circles
- How to select, screen, and prepare participants for Restorative discipline
- Tips on how to train and work with staff, students, administrators, and parents
- Recommendations and examples to develop and implement a referral system and protocols
- Emphasis on how to develop restorative plans, monitor agreements, and conduct follow-up

The training fee is \$150 for attendees who are administration or teachers of Crow Wing County schools or from agencies within Crow Wing County. For all other attendees the cost is \$300.00 each. Scholarships are available on a first come-first served basis. A group discount of \$50 per group of 3 for attendees from the same organization will be given if pre-paid by July 31st.

Please pre-register before Aug 5th by calling 218-454-4145 or email [executive.director@larjp.org](mailto:executive.director@larjp.org). Mail checks to LARJP 424 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Brainerd, MN 56401

We invite all school personnel and others who are interested in restorative practices to participate in this training.

Circle Space Services will provide attendees a training certificate for CEU's. The certificate will include the attendees name, training contact hours and signature of the trainer. Kris Miner is a National Certified Counselor, certificate number 43655, certification date April 13, 1996 and expiration date December 31, 2019. Circle Space Services is a 501c3.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided