



Restorative Services

A new program offering a range of direct in-school supports

Our skilled restorative practitioners will come to your building and work with your students and staff on a wide range of issues.

For more information, call Mary Lynn LaSalvia-Keyte at 215-416-3725.

Restorative Services is a program of the Community Service Foundation and Buxmont Academy, in affiliation with the International Institute for Restorative Practices. *CSF Buxmont* pioneered restorative practices in their schools for delinquent and socially and emotionally disturbed students. *The IIRP* is a graduate school and leading provider of restorative practices training and consulting.



We will work with you to select appropriate processes, prepare participants and provide facilitation.

Restorative Services can help:

- » Resolve and prevent conflicts, crises and discipline problems
- » Assist challenging students and families with recurring problems
- » Improve communication among students, families and staff
- » Decrease days lost to suspension
- » Reduce out-of-school placements and increase inclusion

Approaches could include:

- » **Reintegration counseling** to help students returning from out-of-school placements achieve success
- » **Restorative circles** in classrooms to enhance relationships among students and staff and resolve problems
- » **Individual and family counseling**, including **drug and alcohol** counseling
- » **Restorative conferences** to involve those affected by serious incidents in repairing harm, restoring relationships and changing future behavior
- » **Family group decision making (FGDM)** conferences to engage students and families in developing plans to address recurring behavior and other problems

Develop your school's in-house capacity in restorative practices through:

- » **Implementation support and co-facilitation opportunities** for staff to practice and refine their skills
- » **Skills training** offered through the IIRP's SaferSanerSchools program – visit SaferSanerSchools.org for more information

Empirical Evaluations Show:

- » Restorative practices can improve the climate and culture of all schools: rural, suburban and urban.
- » Restorative practices helped reduce violence 75% at West Philadelphia High School, on PA's "Persistently Dangerous School" for six years
- » Offending reduced by over 50% among delinquent and at-risk youth in CSF Buxmont's restorative programs

Source: *Improving School Climate: Findings from Schools Implementing Restorative Practices*, a report from the IIRP Graduate School (www.safersanerschools.org/isc)

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