

## OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOHN KELLNER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY 18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT SERVING ARAPAHOE, DOUGLAS, ELBERT AND LINCOLN COUNTIES



The District Attorney's Office is always in need of volunteers to participate in restorative justice circles that are often part of our juvenile diversion program.

Juvenile diversion works to divert kids out of the criminal justice system. The program uses therapeutic interventions to promote accountability and address the underlying factors contributing to criminal and delinquent behaviors.

Frequently part of that process is a restorative justice circle, where the client, parents, victim, law enforcement and community members come together to discuss the harmful behavior, its impacts and how to repair the harm that was done.

The community members who participate in the circles are volunteers. No advanced training is necessary. Circles can last up to two hours, and volunteers are asked to listen and offer their honest thoughts.

Circles are scheduled in the Littleton, Centennial and Castle Rock offices. (please note at this time circles are being held virtually via Zoom). Time and days vary according to the therapy schedules and availability of victims and clients.

If you can help juveniles in the diversion program by participating in a restorative justice circle, please contact Rachael Williams at <a href="mailto:rwilliams@da18.state.co.us">rwilliams@da18.state.co.us</a> or call her at 720-874-8708.

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