

# PROMISE PROGRAM VICTIM SERVICES



## MISSION

*To safeguard the rights of victims so their voices may be heard, their choices valued, reconciliation occurs, and further victimization avoided.*



## REPAIRING THE HARM DONE

With the ongoing consent and active participation of the student, each victim is referred to on campus or community resources that:

- offer immediate crisis intervention and initial support;
- serve as a spokesperson for the student within the school and off campus community ensuring privacy and dignity in all aspects of the intervention and assistance process;
- work with the student to minimize disruption to the victim's class attendance, class work, academic schedule, and/or initiate necessary changes that may result from the immediate crime and the long term impact of that crime on the student's academic success;
- assist in locating appropriate on campus and community resources, information and/or remedy to meet the student's specific immediate and ongoing needs; and
- explain the reporting process and assist the victim, if he/she chooses, in filing a report with the appropriate law enforcement agency.

## RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Restorative justice offers alternatives to our traditional juvenile and criminal justice systems and school discipline processes. Rather than focusing on punishment, restorative justice seeks to repair the harm done. At its best, through face-to-face dialogue, restorative justice results in consensus-based plans that meet victim-identified needs in the wake of a crime. This can take many forms, most notably conferencing models, victim-offender dialogue, and circle processes. In applications with youth, it can prevent both contact with the juvenile justice system and school expulsions and suspensions. Restorative justice also holds the potential for victims and their families to have a direct voice in determining just outcomes, and reestablishes the role of the community in supporting all parties affected by crime.

## WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Speak to your local school administrator.

Speak to a representative from:

Diversity, Prevention & Intervention,  
a department of Student Support Initiatives  
(754) 321-1655

Speak to one of our Restorative Justice Partners:

Harmony Development (954) 766-4483  
Broward Sheriff's Office (954) 765-4838



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