How the Justice Center Works

The Saint Albans Community Justice Center is a program of the City of Saint Albans. The Justice Center is guided by a Citizens Advisory Board whose members are passionate about Restorative Justice.

The Center works with Law Enforcement, the Vermont Department of Corrections, schools, and local agencies to develop and implement services and programs.

The Center receives the majority of its funding from the Vermont Department of Corrections. Additional funding comes from the Vermont Department of Children and Families and the City of St. Albans.

The Center relies on committed community volunteers to deliver its restorative programs and services.

The Center prioritizes services for Saint Albans City and Town but accepts clients from other towns of Franklin County.

Call us, we're here to help:

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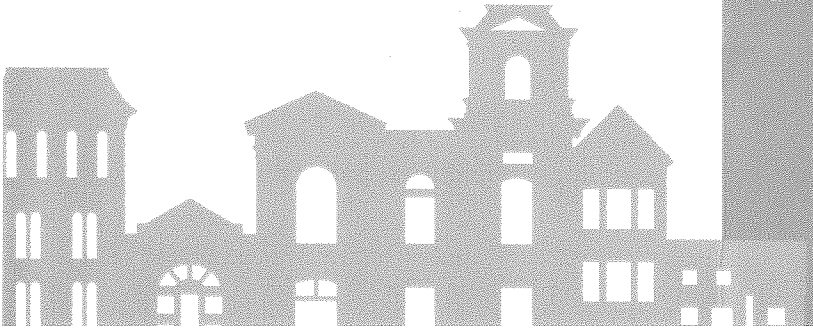

Justice Center Programs

Reparative Boards - The Justice Center coordinates the reparative boards for Saint Albans City and Town. The volunteer-led boards meet with low-level offenders to discuss the impact of their crimes and seek meaningful amends. If appropriate, the board also meets with the victims of crime.

Truancy Program - The Justice Center works with Franklin and Grand Isle School Districts to provide family-led truancy intervention. The Center accepts referrals from schools to facilitate Family Group Conferences for children who are not meeting attendance expectations.

Offender Reentry - The Justice Center coordinates offender reentry services for both high-risk and low-risk offenders. High risk offenders are eligible to participate in the Circle of Support and Accountability program and the One Stop Reentry Resource Center. Both programs have goals of improving community safety and promoting successful reentry.

Community Mediation - The Justice Center provides sliding-scale mediation services. These services are available to address neighborhood conflicts, landlord/tenant issues, and other community disputes.

Parallel Justice Program - The Justice Center provides direct services to victims of crime through outreach, financial support and advocacy.

What is Restorative Justice?

Restorative justice focuses on the harm of wrongdoing and crime and how it affects relationships. Restorative Justice involves both victims and community in a process where each has a voice about how they have been affected and what they need for things to be made right. The offender is supported and encouraged to take responsibility and fulfill his/her obligations from an agreement that is reached. The restorative process also asks the offender to make changes in order to prevent new crimes.

How You Can Help

The Justice Center recruits volunteers for all of our programs. You can serve on a reparative board or a Circle of Support and Accountability. We also have other opportunities to help make St. Albans a more healthy and safe place to live. If you want to be a part of a community solution, please call the Justice Center.

"I feel that if more people went through this process, there would be fewer repeat offenders."

Client

Mission of the Saint Albans Community Justice Center

The Saint Albans Community Justice Center's mission is to build a safe and inclusive community where people are accountable to each other.

The Justice Center listens to offenders, victims/survivors, and other affected parties, facilitates meaningful amends and change, and addresses conflict through community education, shared power, and respectful dialogue.

"The program makes you think and take action- it makes you accountable for your actions"

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Community Justice Network of Vermont

The Saint Albans Community Justice Center is a member of the Community Justice Networkof Vermont.

For more information on the network, please visit **www.cjnvt.org**

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