

Restorative Practices

Restorative Conferences

Student Reflection: Elementary School

Use the following to think about and/or discuss the video, "Restorative Conferences."

- 1. Restorative Conference trainer Joseph McCarthy says, "Listening is an act of love." What does that phrase mean? How does listening show love? Have you ever thought about listening this way? Describe how you feel when someone listens to you.

- 2. Restorative Conferences are meetings to help students work through issues where one person has been harmed and the other person caused the harm. What does it mean to harm someone or cause harm? Make a list of ways people harm each other at school.

Physical ways people harm each other	Verbal ways people harm each other

- 3. Why would it be helpful to know your teacher had learned ways to help in situations such as the ones you listed?

4. One teacher says that Restorative Conferences help everyone make a plan to “restore the community.” What is a community? What are some actions that might harm a community? Why is it important to “restore the community”?

5. The teachers are trained to ask a lot of questions when they have a Restorative Conference. They ask everyone involved the same questions. Why is it important to ask a lot of questions? Why is it important to ask everyone involved the same questions?

6. How does the act of asking a lot of questions relate to Joseph McCarthy’s first statement, “Listening is an act of love”?
