

# Restorative Practices

## Restorative Conferences

### Student Reflection: Middle 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? Why do you think he felt it necessary to make this statement to the teachers in the group learning how to lead Restorative Conferences?

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- 2. Restorative Conferences are meetings held to help students work through issues where one person has been harmed and the other person caused the harm. How would it be helpful to know your teacher had learned how to hold Restorative Conferences?

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- 3. One teacher says that Restorative Conferences help everyone make a plan to "restore the community." What are the elements of a community? What are some actions that might harm a community? Why is it important to "restore the community"?

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