# The Road to Repair: Restorative Justice in the Aftermath of Serious Violence and Harm

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#### **TOPICS WE WILL COVER**

Criminalization Impact of Criminalization Promises of Alternative Approaches Values Restorative Justice Models Q + A

## Impacts of Criminalizations

SURVIVORS OPT OUT More than half of people who experience violence contact 911 to begin with.

navigate the criminal legal system are not satisfied with their experience

have taken to survive violence

further violence

#### SURVIVORS NEEDS ARE NOT MET

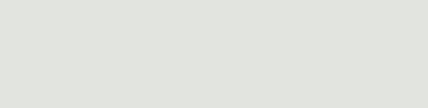
Many victims and survivors who do "successfully"

## SURVIVORS ARE CRIMINALIZED Many survivors are criminalized for actions they

#### IT DOES NOT REDUCE VIOLENCE

Arrest, convictions and prison sentences do not address the root causes of harm and often, lead to





### What other options do we have?



#### **Punitive Justice**

What laws have been broken?

Who did it?

What do they deserve?

### **Restorative Justice**

- Who has been hurt?
- What are their needs?
- Whose obligations are these?

#### **Punitive Justice**

Crime is a violation of the law and the state

Violations create guilt

Justice requires the state to determine blame (guilt) and impose punishment

## **Restorative Justice**

Harm is a violation of people, relationship and obligations to one another

Violations create obligations

Justice involves everyone involved in an effort to address the harm

## Restorative Justice is not...



#### MEDIATION

#### NOT A PANACEA

## Our Values: A Compass, Not a Map

From coercion and punishment to self and community accountability

From justice as "getting even" to justice as "getting well"

Centering racial equity



More Resources

CREATIVE INTERVENTIONS TOOLKIT - Comprehensive and practical tools

**TRANSFORMHARM.ORG** 

- Resource hub about community ways to end violence

SURVIVED & PUNISHED

- National project to defend criminalized survivors of violence