

Restorative School Practices Resources

Amstutz, Lorraine and Mullet, Judy. **The Little Book of Restorative Discipline for Schools.** (Intercourse, PA, Good Books, 2005). \$4.95, www.GoodBooks.com. "Discipline that restores is a process to make things as right as possible." This Little Book shows how to get there.

Boyes-Watson, Carolyn. **Peacemaking Circles and Urban Youth: Bringing Justice Home.** (St. Paul, MN, Living Justice Press, 2008). \$20.00, www.livingjusticepress.org. "[Peacemaking Circles and Urban Youth: Bringing Justice Home](#), by Dr. Carolyn Boyes-Watson, explores how the Circle process is being used by a remarkably innovative youth center outside Boston."

Hopkins, Belinda. **Just Schools: A Whole School Approach to Restorative Justice.** (London & Philadelphia, Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2004). \$39.95, www.jkp.com. Clearly structured including reproducible sheets, this book will be an excellent resource for teachers, school counselors and youth workers seeking a more positive and effective way to deal with conflict in educational settings.

Pranis, Kay. **The Little Book of Circle Processes: A New/Old Approach to Peacemaking.** (Intercourse, PA, Good Books, 2005). \$4.95, www.GoodBooks.com. Peacemaking Circles are used in schools to create positive classroom climates and resolve behavior problems and in many other settings. This book describes the process and its applications.

Zehr, Howard. **The Little Book of Restorative Justice.** (Intercourse, PA, Good Books, 2002). \$4.95, www.GoodBooks.com. A bestselling book by one of the founders of the Restorative Justice movement. Zehr proposes principles and practices for making restorative justice both possible and useful.

Video: **Beyond Zero Tolerance: Restorative Practices in Schools.** ([SaferSanerSchools](#), 2004). Available from IIRP, \$25.00 (DVD or VHS). Students, teachers and administrators speak candidly about the effects of restorative practices in their schools. The video shows circles, conferences and one-on-one meetings in progress.

Videos: **Restorative Strategies for Schools: Roundtable Discussions 1 & 2.** ([SaferSanerSchools](#), 2003). Available from IIRP, \$30 each or \$50 for both. These two videos include practitioners engaging in roundtable discussions on school issues, such as students acting out, bullying, restorative consequences, and dealing with difficult situations. Useful for staff discussion groups.

International Institute for Restorative Practices, Bethlehem, PA. www.iirp.org Conferences, training, graduate program, resources including e-forum, for the field of restorative practices in schools and criminal justice settings.

Transforming Conflict, the National Centre for Restorative Justice in Education, Berkshire, England. www.transformingconflict.org Training, consulting, and resources for restorative approaches in educational settings in the UK. Director Belinda Hopkins was our keynote speaker at the Maine Conference, Transforming Discipline: Building Community through Restorative Practices in November 2007.

Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast, Belfast, ME. www.rjpmidcoast.org The Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast provides mentoring for adult and juvenile offenders, as well as an innovative process for dealing with behavior issues in the schools, which provides alternatives to

the usual classroom management techniques of detention, suspension and expulsion. Contact: Margaret Micolichek, Margaret@rjpmidcoast.org; 207-338-2742.

Peace & Reconciliation Studies Program, University of Maine, Orono, ME.
www.umaine.edu/peace/conflictresolutioneducation.htm. The K-12 school program includes teaching, supporting and promoting conflict resolution education, peer mediation, diversity education, school climate change, "relational literacy", Community Circles as well as restorative practices and restorative discipline. Contact: Barbara Blazej, Barbara.blazej@umit.maine.edu; 207-581-2625.

Maine Law & Civics Education, University of Maine School of Law, Portland, ME.
<http://mainelaw.usm.maine.edu/mlce/>. MLCE provides professional development in law-related education, conflict management education, peer mediation, bullying prevention and restorative practices for K-12 schools in Maine. Contact: Pamela Anderson, pamelaa@usm.maine.edu; 207-780-4991.

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