

## OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

20<sup>TH</sup> Judicial District

## Volunteer Opportunity: Restorative Justice Facilitator

The Boulder County District Attorney's Office houses the Center for Prevention and Restorative Justice (CPRJ), a restorative diversion program that offers an alternative to prosecution for youth and adults in eligible cases, reducing damaging collateral consequences of a criminal conviction or adjudication while holding diversion participants accountable for their offense and supporting them to repair the harm to victims and others who were affected.

CPRJ's in-house Restorative Justice Program (DARJ) provides high-quality restorative services in conjunction with diversion services, supporting the person who committed the crime to understand the impact of their actions, take meaningful responsibility, and repair the harm to the extent possible.

Victims and harmed individuals, family members and supports, law enforcement, school personnel, and other community members are empowered to participate in a facilitated restorative justice process that supports accountability. DARJ has an active base of trained volunteer facilitators and community members to support the process of justice.

Restorative Justice Facilitators help to guide parties involved in a crime through the restorative justice process and support those parties to create an agreement that promotes accountability and repair of harm by the responsible party. Duties include facilitation, scheduling, debriefing/follow-up with the RJ Program Coordinator, and participation in monthly team meetings.

Skills needed:

- Bilingual Spanish and English preferred.
- We actively seek to involve people from diverse backgrounds, including people who identify as bicultural, men, LGBTQIA+, and youth.
- Volunteers must attend a 4-hour introductory training, held twice a year, and a 20-hour
  RJ Facilitator Training, held once annually by the DA's Office.
- Volunteer must complete an application and go through an interview process.
- No previous experience is necessary.

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