



Belknap County Restorative Justice

“Accountability, Victim Involvement, Community Partnerships”

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VISION STATEMENT

It is the vision of the Belknap County Restorative Justice Program to provide an opportunity for defendants to have a chance to avoid a criminal conviction and be held accountable, while supporting the victims of crime as well as the community. The key values of the program are:

- Ensure that case managers are fair, professional and ethical in their conduct by maintaining clear boundaries with clients while maintaining the highest level of integrity and the best practices standard of “Do No Harm”.
- Ensure that the client acknowledges and accepts responsibility for their actions and the effects their actions have on relationships with family, community members and others.
- Clients will show empathy and respect for all parties involved.
- Support victim’s rights and ensure opportunities for victims to have a voice.
- Support the level of participation the victim chooses to take in the restorative process.
- Ensure the victim has the opportunity to talk about the crime from their perspective, and how the harm to them can be repaired.
- Involve the community to assist with re-integration for the client to the community and to repair the harm that has been done to the community.
- Support the client by developing a restorative program that will inspire the client to make changes in their behavior, thinking and decision making that will help them reach their full potential.