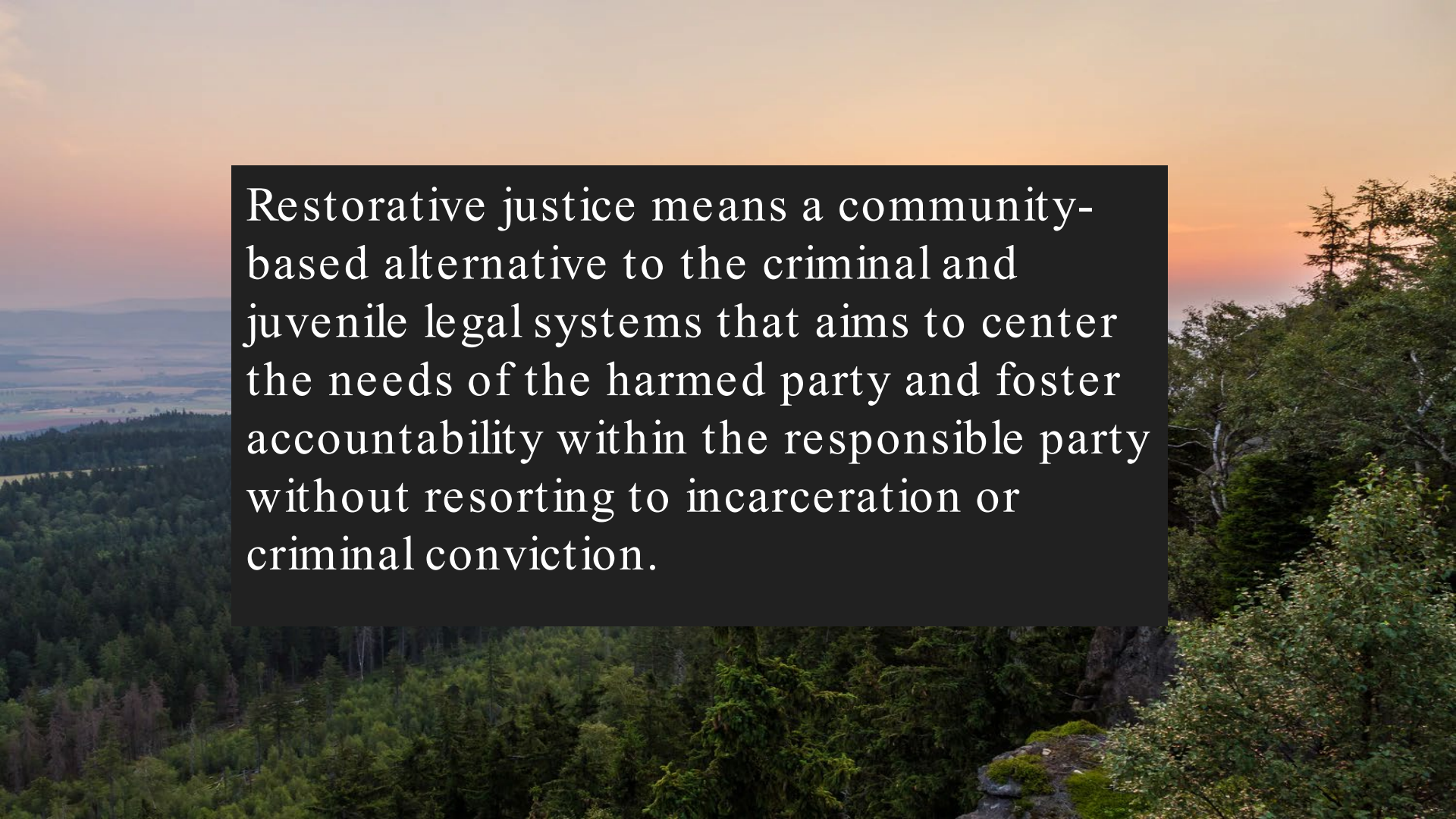




The Restorative Justice Grant Program

Criminal Justice Reform Committee:

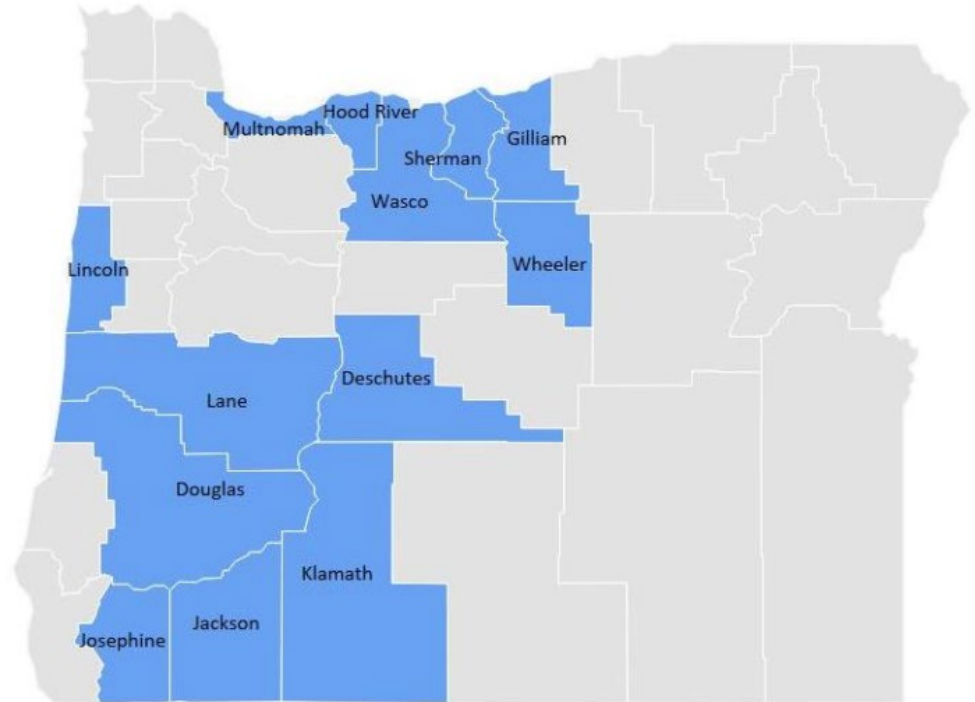
- ❖ Tristen Edwards
- ❖ Paul Solomon
- ❖ Lamar Wise


A scenic landscape featuring a dense forest of evergreen trees in the foreground and middle ground. In the background, rolling hills are visible under a sky with a warm, orange and yellow sunset glow. The text is overlaid on a dark, semi-transparent rectangular box in the center of the image.

Restorative justice means a community-based alternative to the criminal and juvenile legal systems that aims to center the needs of the harmed party and foster accountability within the responsible party without resorting to incarceration or criminal conviction.

Grantees of the Restorative Justice Grant Program

- ❖ Center for Dialogue and Resolution
- ❖ Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
- ❖ Conflict Artistry
- ❖ Deschutes' Emerging Adults Program
- ❖ Lutheran Community Services Northwest
- ❖ Restorative Roots Project
- ❖ Six Rivers Dispute Resolution Center
- ❖ Resolve Dispute Resolution Center





Center for Dialogue and Resolution

- Stage in Development: Established Program
- Referral Partners: Lane County District Attorney's Office
- Highlights:
 - Expansion of services to crime survivors
 - Significant increase in referrals
 - Significant increase in successful outcomes
- Impact of Losing Funding:
 - Rollback progress made and availability of services

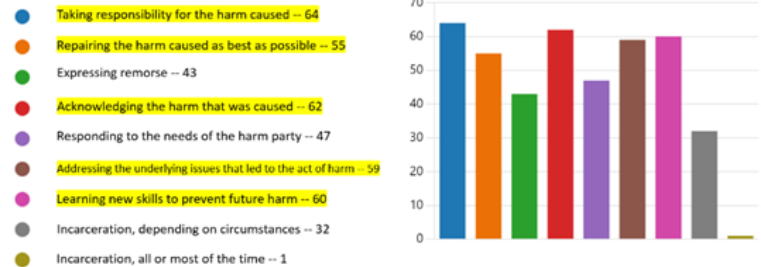
Restorative Roots Project

- Stage in Development: Pilot Year
- Referral Partners: Multnomah County District Attorney's Office
- Training and Technical Assistance: Impact Justice
- Highlights:
- Promising Early Results
- Intensive Preparation Period
- Services for Harmed and Responsible Parties
- Impact of Losing Funding:
- Program will close its doors

Six Rivers Dispute Resolution Center

- Stage in Development: Design (pilot expected to launch in winter)
- Referral Partners: Wasco County District Attorney (conversations being had with Hood River DA and local law enforcement)
- Training and Technical Assistance: NYU's Center on Violence and Recovery
- Highlights:
- Community Readiness Assessment
- Survivor Support Circles
- Impact of Losing Funding:
- Reduce services for survivors
- Limit the scope of the case types

What does accountability look like to you? Check all that apply.



Legislative Strategy

- Establishing reasons for lack of funding in 2023 Session
- Focus on the end of session bill (there are limited pathways for budget requests)
- Establish relationships with key legislators and build champions who will advocate for restorative justice at the end of session
- Strengthen organizational support
 - Letters of support
 - Outreach to important decision makers within the legislature
- Ongoing Discussion in Community Action and Advocacy Committee

Legislative Strategy

- Important things to consider...
 - The judiciary committee is familiar with restorative justice because of SB 586, many members support the grant program.
 - Ways and Means (Joint Committee and Public Safety Subcommittee) is our key audience.
 - Bipartisan support
 - SB 586 split on a party line vote *but* there are Republicans who support continued funding for the grant program.



How the Racial Justice Council Can Help...

- RJC Letter to the Legislature
- Formal support from the Governor and permission to the Criminal Justice Commission to advocate on this issue
- Executive Branch and individual committee members to lend their support by having conversations with legislators
- Stay educated on the grant program – read materials provided by RJCO leading up to session

QUESTIONS?

