

# **“Restorative Justice and Probation”**

*Restorative Justice in probation practice:  
strategic steps, making the footprint  
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**15 years of Czech Probation and  
Mediation Service: Restorative  
Justice practices**

15 years ago... empty spaces....

***No equipment***  
***No computers-typewriters***  
***Few people***  
***Lot of cases and files***  
***New law***  
***New ideas, visions***



# Probation and Mediation under one roof

- **Integration of Offenders,** *law-abiding behavior and no further offending*
- **Participation of Victims,** *support, reparation, trust and security*
- **Protection of the Community,** *prevention of any future offending behavior*

# Probation and Mediation under one roof

- **Victim/Offender Mediation** and activities leading to conflicts resolution, i.e. restorative activities;
- **Probation** – preparation, organization and enforcement of supervision in the frame of community sanctions and measures and other alternatives to imprisonment; (parole, community services, home detention, etc.)
- Preparation, organization and enforcement of measures based on the **Youth Justice Act.**

# RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

- \* Key paradigm, idea, journey
- \* **Victims** - Reducing harm, damage,
- \* **Offenders**-take responsibility
- \* **Communities**-participation,  
strengthening the feeling of safety
- \* Three basic principles, **simple,**  
**sustainable, timeless**

# RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

- \* Restorative Justice represents concept of social responsibility of public institutions.....“**Public social responsibility**“
- \* **Corporate Social Responsibility** is well known equivalent concept in private sector.....
- \* Restorative Justice represent public commitment of judicial institutions/justice

# Practice

- \* **Restorative Justice** concept became component part of work Probation and Mediation service
- \* **Victim/Offender Mediation** program and activities in pre trial stage
- \* **Probation** activities including **Parole**
- \* **Case management** was extended about the victim's context,

# Practice and examples

- \* **Victim/Offender Mediation Program**
- \* **Projects Restorative Justice – „Victim support and counseling“ and „Why me“? Counseling and assistance for Victims of crime in collaboration with NGOs. Extension of services for Victims. Currently runs in 40 cities.**
- \* **Projects „Fragile Chance“, development of the Parole Boards**
- \* **Project „On the right way“ implementation of Family Group Conferences for juveniles**



# Some figures for the 15 years

- \* More than **12 000** VOM sessions
- \* Almost **5 million Euro** negotiated as financial compensation for Victims in last 3 years
- \* More than **10 000 contacts** in the frame of Victim counseling almost for **6000 victims** were delivered assistance and support in the frame of counseling projects
- \* Almost **10 000** pre release reports
- \* Almost **2 million Euro** were ensured as victim compensation in the frame of probation work in last 3 years.
- \* More than **10 millions** hours in the frame of the Community services

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# Conclusion

**Best wishes and Good Luck  
for Probation and Mediation  
Service**

**Thank you for your attention**

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