

COMMUNITY SERVICE PLACEMENTS INCLUDE

- Non–Profit Agencies
- Community Events
- Senior’s Residence

WHEN THE HOURS ARE COMPLETED

The placement supervisor will keep a record of the young person’s community service hours. Time cards are given to the young person for this purpose.

Upon successful completion of their hours and agreement tasks, the police are notified and the young person avoids having a criminal record for the offence.

WHEN THE HOURS ARE NOT COMPLETED

If the young person fails to complete his or her community service hours, the police will be notified. This may result in the young person being charged by the police under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

From our experience, most young people are anxious to complete their community service hours.

HOW CAN YOUR ORGANIZATION HELP?

It is our hope that your non-profit organization will benefit from the use of our clients who in turn, will have a positive experience.

Please feel free to contact us to discuss this unique opportunity further.



*Restorative Justice
Healing The Effects of Crime*

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CHATHAM-KENT**

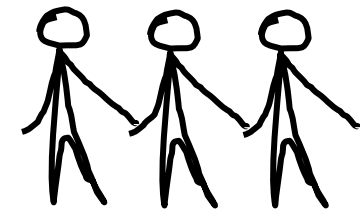
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**A COMMUNITY FOCUSED
ON RESTORATIVE
SOLUTIONS**



- ✓ **Offender Accountability**
- ✓ **Victim Empowerment**
- ✓ **Community Involvement**

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CHATHAM-KENT

The mission of Restorative Justice Chatham-Kent (RJCK) is to involve victims, offenders, and the community in the restoration of broken relationships.

We believe in a vision of peace, understanding and compassion, and caring for one another with respect, as we would care for ourselves.

We affirm each person's dignity and worth through a consensual process of restoring, forgiving, and healing.

WHO ARE OUR CLIENTS?

Restorative Justice Chatham-Kent assists young person's through our Pre-Charge Diversion Program. Our clients have committed non-violent offences and range in age from 12 to 17.

While in the Pre-Charge Diversion Program the young person's charges are "pending" until they have successfully completed the program.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CONFENCING

When Restorative Justice receives a referral from the Chatham-Kent Police Services, they contact the offender and the victim and schedule a conference. The conference is held in private, with the victim, the offender and their respective family members/guardians, trained community volunteers, as well as other relevant parties. Each party will have the opportunity to express how they have been affected by the offender's actions and behaviour.

After input from all parties, the group then decides on how the issue will be resolved. This is done in the form of an agreement. All parties sign the agreement. The following are examples of what might be included in the agreement:

- Apology and/or Restitution
- Attend Counseling and/or Specialized Programs
- Graffiti Removal
- Community Service Hours

WHAT IS COMMUNITY SERVICE?

Community Service enables young people to perform voluntary work in their community in order to compensate for the offence that they have committed. The number of hours required range from 10 to 100.

This program provides youth with the opportunity to give back to their community while developing their pro-social skills and self-confidence.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED?

The staff at RJCK will conduct an interview with the young person and their parent/guardian which involves an assessment of the offence committed, young person's age, maturity level, employment/volunteer experience, skills and interests.

Once an appropriate placement has been established, the staff at RJCK will oversee the supervision of the young person's hours until they are completed.