

# Restorative Practices Assumptions

1. The world is profoundly interconnected
2. All human beings have a deep desire to be in good relationship
3. All human beings have inherent dignity
4. All human beings have gifts and everyone is needed for what they bring
5. The people most affected by a conflict should drive the process for repair
6. Harmful behavior often comes from unmet needs; A response that pushes away generally increases harm and a response that pulls in closer helps reduce future harm.
7. People will make positive changes when those in authority do things **with** them, rather than **to** or **for** them.



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