

YOUR WILLISTON COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER



February 2025

BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

802.764.1151

COMMUNITY
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED

TO WORK WITH THE
COMMUNITY JUSTICE
CENTER

Serving the communities of Bolton, Hinesburg, Huntington, Richmond, St. George and Williston, the WILLISTON COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER is committed to promoting and advancing the safety and wellbeing of our communities by providing resources for positive change, striving to dismantle patterns of racial and economic disparity, and seeking to repair damaged relationships through restorative practices tailored to meet the unique needs of impacted and responsible parties.

“Officer... I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to be referred to the Restorative Justice Program, rather than being processed through the traditional criminal justice system... This... has provided me with a chance to address my actions in a more meaningful and constructive way, and I am grateful for the benefits it has offered... [It] has allowed me to take responsibility for my actions while also focusing on understanding the impact they had on others. This approach not only fostered personal growth, but has given me the opportunity to repair harm done, both to individuals and the community...

Thank you” (By referred participant)

MEET THE STAFF

The Williston Community Justice Center is staffed by two full-time employees, Cristlee McSweeney, Executive Director, and Mandy Ferland, Restorative Justice Specialist.

You'll find us in the community, and at WCJC locations, Monday through Thursday. Staff are present daily at the Williston office, typically from 9 to 9.

MEET THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Our many, many thanks to those who have continued their work with the WCJC.... And our gratitude to those who have left. Our special thanks to Rob Michalak, Board Chair, and current board members Patrick Brown, Brant Dinkin, Lisa Elowsen, Lauralee Keach, Juliette Longchamp, and Ed Townley.

Welcome too our newest additions... Alex Devaux has agreed to join the Executive Board! Also joining this Board, as advisors, are Matt Cohen, of the Richmond Police Department, and Corporal Jeremy Hulshoff, of the Hinesburg PD.

MEET THE VOLUNTEERS

Join us in giving thanks – to you, our many volunteers, who, each month, collectively, contributed nearly 100 hours to the WCJC! With 23 active volunteers, recruitment is ongoing. Three now in training; look for them and make them welcome as they join in upcoming panels.



(By referred participant)



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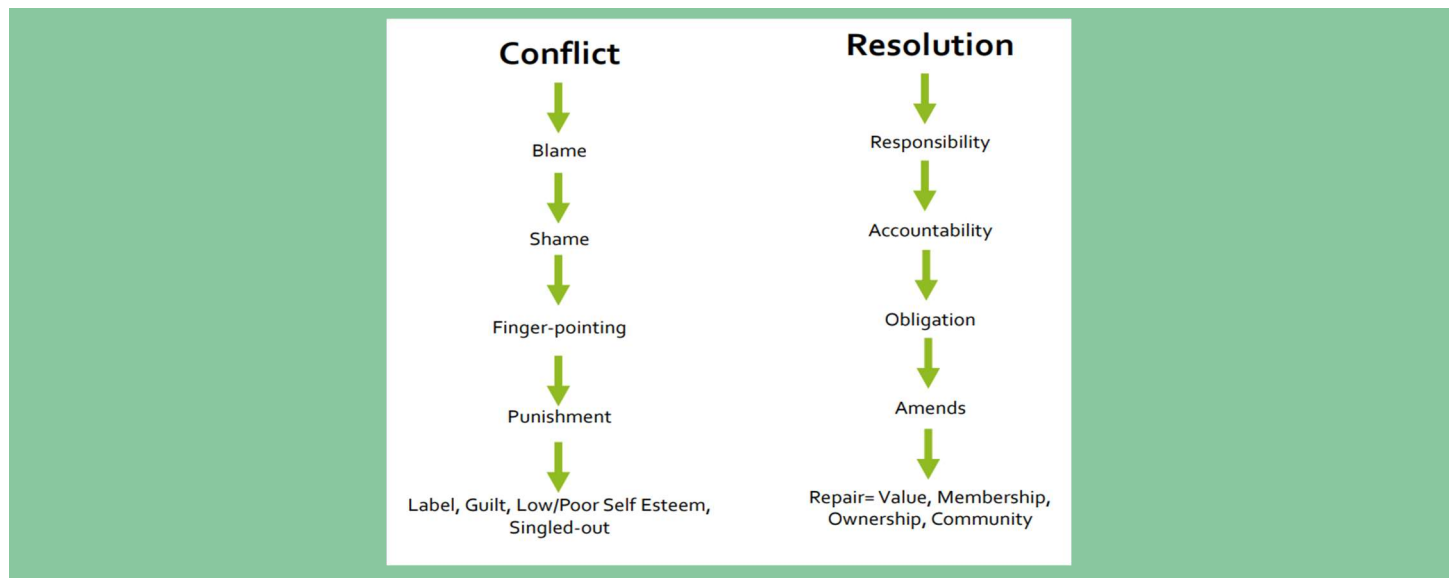
WORKING

What does the CJC do? Cristalee joined the Richmond-Williston Rotary in December of 2023 to speak about the work. See this at YouTube, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LpxpD2Q-76k>, and hear about the work being done with individuals who have committed crimes; replacing the shame and blame, too often associated with the criminal justice, with accountability and responsibility.

IN DECEMBER OF 2024 AND JANUARY OF 2025...

WCJC volunteers attended 38 panels, serving their community with more than 100 hours.

SHOWING OUR WORK



SHOWING THE WORK – *By referred participants*



Checklist To Drive:

1. Are you breathing heavily?
2. Are you able to hear or feel your heartbeat in your head?
3. Is anything currently making you angry or emotional making you unable to be safe?
4. Is your phone giving you notifications and in plain sight?
5. Is anything else distracting you from being a safe driver?

If **ALL** answers to the questions above are no, you are safe to drive again, if not, repeat cooldown and relaxation steps until all above questions are answered truthfully with no.

Finally, be safe and really understand the risks if you are unable to do so.

IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS ...
the Williston Community Justice Center has
closed 134 cases!

NEEDS: COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

Needed are non-perishable food items -- especially small items that can fit in storage bags or zippies, to be easily handed out and transported as many have only a backpack. These are given free to those in need.

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Monday -Thursday 9-9

Please share this resource!

**WHERE YOU'LL FIND US:
MONDAY -THURSDAY**

Monday: Office hours at the WCJC, followed by facilitated scheduled evening events.

The Williston Racial Equity Project meets each fourth Monday of the month, at the WCJC, beginning at 6 pm. Join us as, this month, we explore Scene on Radio's podcast series, Seeing White! Call for details.

Tuesday: Office hours, with facilitated afternoon and evening panels.

Wednesday: Office hours at the WCJC and, typically, off-site, with two community service events at Zephyr Place.

Thursday: Office hours at both the Hinesburg PD and the WCJC; evening panels at the WCJC.

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