

Introduction

The following three pages outline the process and clarify expectations for partner participation in the project Evaluating for Restorative Results. We also acknowledge, however, that in any collaborative endeavor, it is crucial to maintain flexibility in the planned process. The specifics of how we will move forward in this process may evolve as we grow to better understand partners’ needs and hopes for this work.

Something that we would like to make clear – this is not an evaluation of work that has happened in the past, or what the impacts have been of your program so far. This project is about setting up foundational mechanisms to measure these things moving forward.

Project Overview

Project Goals

Evaluating for Restorative Results will set the foundation for the following long-term goals:

- 1) The collection of, and access to shared data amongst restorative justice programs.
- 2) The development of agreements that supports intra- and inter-programmatic learning through intentional and collaborative reflection on the shared data.
- 3) To establish a sustainable reflective praxis for restorative justice programs in BC, resulting in more effective and meaningful service for clients served – particularly victims and survivors of crime.

Project Objectives, Activities, and Schedule

Project Objectives	Activities	Schedule
Identify shared outcomes for restorative processes.	Collectively brainstorm experiential and outcome goals for program participants (i.e. victims/survivors, those that cause harm, communities of support, and macro-community participants. ¹)	Scheduled Meetings: ² Aug. 29, 2019 Sep. 12, 2019 Sep. 17, 2019 Oct. 3, 2019
	Organize outcome goals according to the shared vision, ideas, etc.	
	Further distill and prioritize identified outcome goals to collaboratively determine a final set of outcome goals.	Deadline: Oct. 31, 2019
Collaboratively develop evaluation tools.	Collect all evaluation tools currently or historically utilized throughout BC (from participating programs). The group may choose to use evaluations from similar programs outside BC.	Schedule TBD
	Organize existing evaluation questions based on the agreed upon set of outcome goals.	Deadline: Jan. 31, 2020

¹ “Recommended Principles and Standards for Restorative Justice Providers in Criminal Matters” may be utilized to support the creation of shared outcome goals. This can be downloaded for free [here](#).

² Additional meetings may be scheduled as necessary.

	Utilize collected and organized information to distill, edit, and/or create questions that best measure the level of achievement of each outcome goal.	
	Determine specific evaluation tools necessary to measure effective outcome achievement.	
	Utilize the identified questions to collaboratively develop evaluation tools specifically tailored to participant and process needs.	
Develop collaborative administration agreements.	Determine agreements around consistent evaluation administration and collection agreements across programs.	Schedule TBD Deadline: Mar. 31, 2020
	Consider potential partners for data entry, storage, access and support. Negotiate agreements between participating programs and data partners.	
	Collaboratively develop structures to independently and collectively reflect on and learn from shared data.	
	Finalize Memorandum of Agreement articulating all administrative agreements.	
	The following questions will be explored during this phase of the project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Determine the who, how, and when of evaluation administration within programs. 2) How and where will data be entered, stored, and shared? 3) Who has access to stored data? When do they have access? How do they gain access? 4) What can we do to collectively reflect on data and learn from one another? 5) What organizational or individual roles are necessary for successful implementation? 6) What funding is necessary for sustainability? Where might that funding be available? 	
Develop and initiate implementation timeline and next steps.	Collectively determine next steps and timelines for tool implementation and data reflection. Questions explored include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) How do we encourage, motivate, and support implementation agreements? 2) How do we monitor the effectiveness of the established tools? 3) What is the start and modification date for the evaluation tools? 	Deadline: Mar. 31, 2020

Next Steps

Our first meeting, scheduled for August 29, 2019 from 10 am to 12 noon, will be focused on building relationship, process design, and the first stage of brainstorming potential objectives. Our hope is to digitally record each meeting for those that are unable to attend in person.

If you have concerns or questions about the outlined process, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us at info@justoutcomesconsulting.com.

Conclusion

Thanks to all our partners in this endeavor—for your responsiveness thus far, for your openness to engaging in these conversations to strengthen the restorative justice praxis in BC, and for your willingness to be flexible as we move forward in this project.

In order to successfully achieve the objectives and goals for this project, we are inviting a flexible, open, and collaborative mindset. Agreeing on the outcome goals for restorative processes between over 20 programs will be both a challenging and rewarding task, made easier by a collective mindset of curiosity and learning. We anticipate working with all of you to see what might emerge from our collaborative endeavor!