Restorative Justice & TRHT/TCHT: Collaborating to Build a Restorative Community

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Part I:
What is Restorative Justice?

What is Restorative Justice?
Roots & Sources

- Deeply rooted in Indigenous Practices
- Names are often interchangeable and were not called restorative practices but instead focused on interconnectedness
- Values the importance of each person and the role they play within a community
- Proactive pieces equally if not more important than reactive pieces

…promotes values and principles that use inclusive, collaborative approaches for being in community. These approaches validate the experiences and needs of everyone within the community, particularly those who have been marginalized, oppressed, or harmed. These approaches allow us to act and respond in ways that are healing rather than alienating or coercive (Amstutz & Mullet, 2015)

What is Restorative Justice?
How We Relate

NOT…

- A Program
- A Discipline system
- Punitive / Reactive
- A Magic Wand
- Therapy

IS…

- About Change
- Proactive / Responsive
- Relational
- A Way of Thinking and Being
- Asking v. Providing Answers

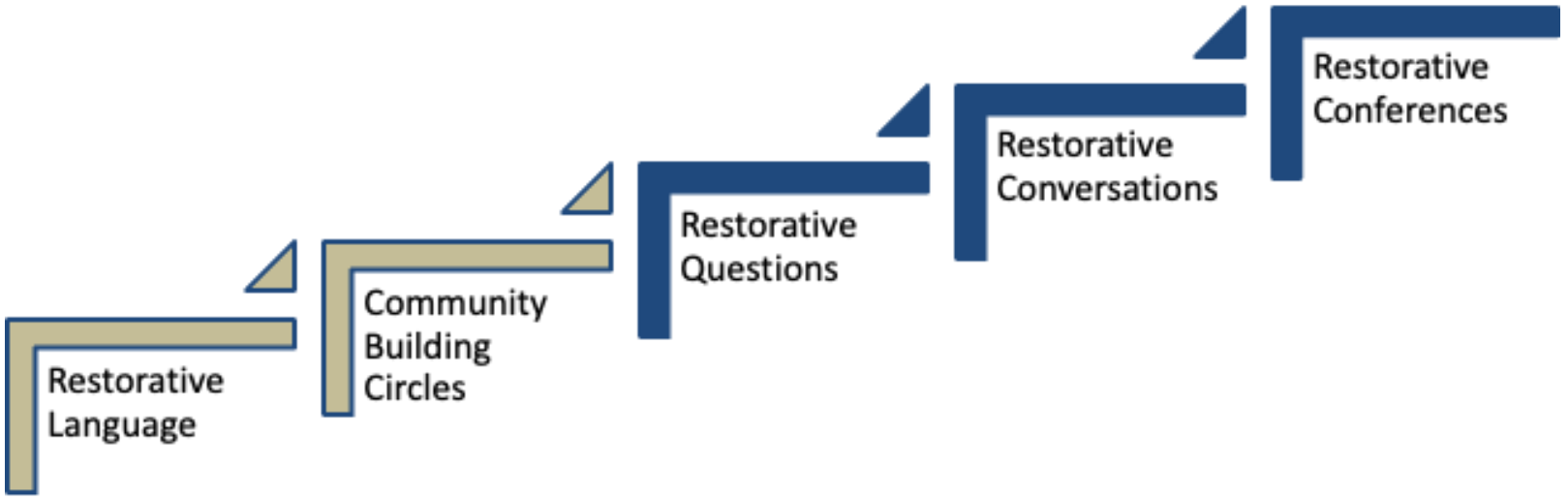
What is Restorative Justice? Principles

- Meeting Needs
  - For those who have been harmed
  - For those who have caused harm
  - For the community
- Obligations
  - For those who have been harmed
  - For those who have caused harm
  - For the community
- Engagement
  - For those who have been harmed
  - For those who have caused harm
  - For the community

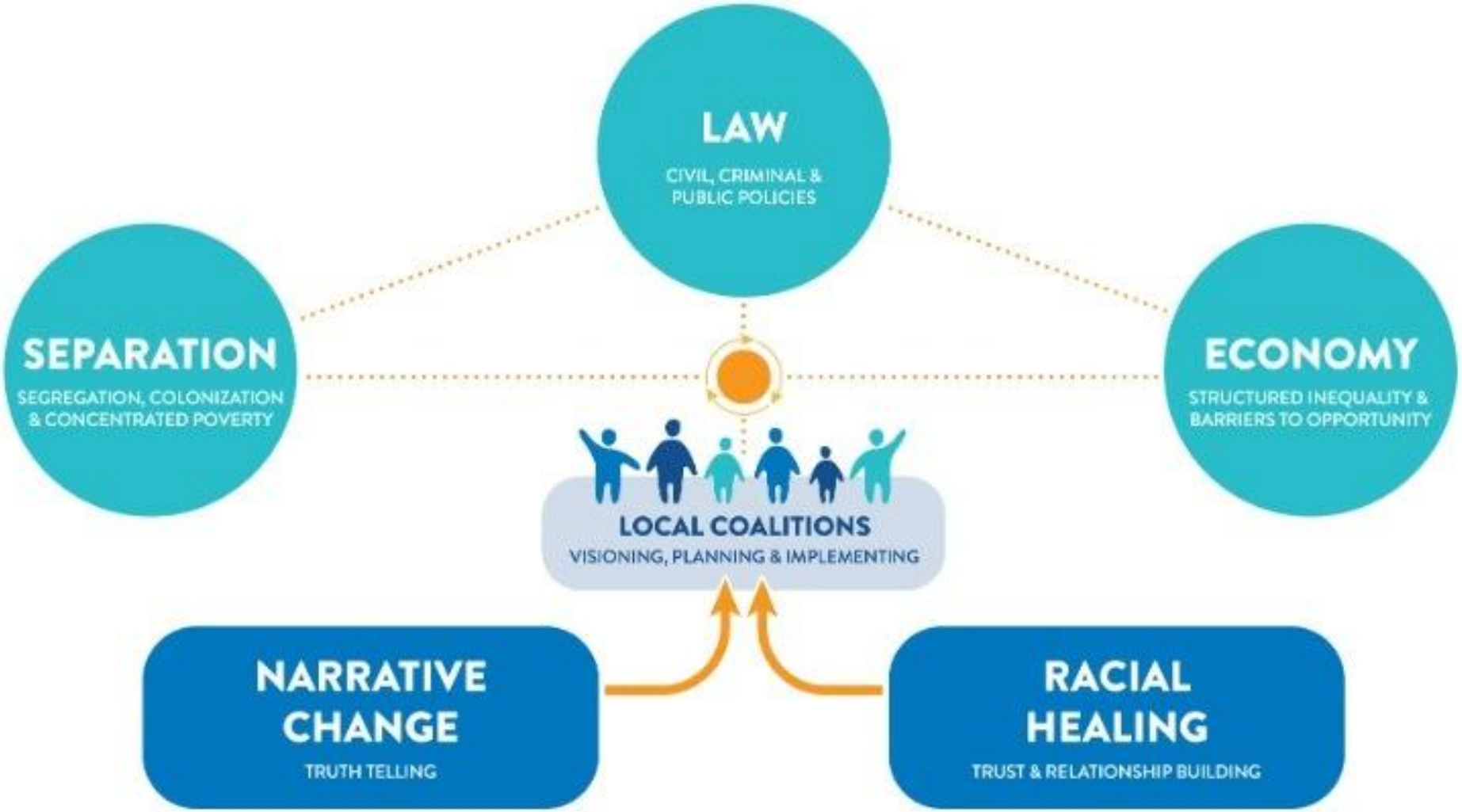
What is Restorative Justice?
Values – the 5 “R’s”

- Relationship
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Repair
- Reintegration

What is Restorative Justice?
The Restorative Practice Continuum



TRHT Framework

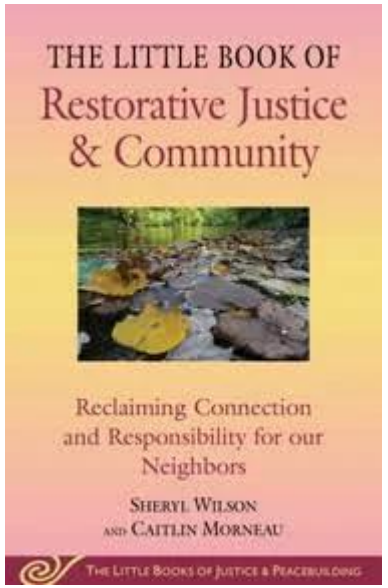


Part II:
Restorative Justice on Campus & in the Community

Community & Responsibility

Restorative Communities:

- Are oriented toward right relationships
- See belonging as recognition of needs and obligations
- Abide by values
- Seek to repair harm restoratively



RJ on Campus & in the Community
Duke & Durham

- Duke Divinity School
  - Curriculum
- Duke Sanford School of Public Policy
  - Curriculum
  - Informal practice and facilitation
- Campbell University - Durham
  - RxRHC training
  - Victim/Offender Mediation
  - Fathers Forever

RJ on Campus & in the Community
Loyola Marymount & Los Angeles

- Division of Student Affairs
  - Center for Service and Action
- LA Community
  - Centinela Youth Services
- Loyola Law School
  - Center for Conflict Resolution

RJ on Campus & in the Community
Bethel College & North Newton, Kansas

- Student Organizations
  - Diversity Council
  - Barbecue Club: “Barbecue and Belonging”
- Community Organizations
  - Bethel College Women’s Association
  - Newton Community for Racial Justice
  - Offender Victim Ministries
  - Peace Connections

Part III: Possibilities for Collaboration

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Thank You!

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