

[View this email in your browser](#)



## Issue: June 2024

### *Upcoming NCORJ Events and Offerings*

- "Restorative Justice in the North" Webinar Registration
- Upcoming Deadlines for NCORJ Scholarships

### *NCORJ Activity Highlights*

- "Restorative Justice Storytelling" Webinar Recording
- 2022 and 2023 Impact Reports Are Now Live
- Presentation on Restorative Justice and Treatment Courts at AllRise National Convention

### *Other Resources and Opportunities*

- The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Restorative Practices Pilot Sites Program Solicitation
  - FY24 Reimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community Safety Solicitation (from the Bureau of Justice Assistance)
  - Bureau of Justice Assistance FY24 Visiting Fellows Program Solicitation
-

# Upcoming NCORJ Events and Offerings



*Webinar Series*

**Restorative Justice: A Regional Lens**

April 24, 2024: Restorative Justice in the South

June 26, 2024: Restorative Justice in the North

September 25, 2024: Restorative Justice in the Midwest

October 30, 2024: Restorative Justice in the West

To learn about this series & other upcoming or past webinars, visit [ncorj.org/webinars](https://ncorj.org/webinars)



## Webinar: Restorative Justice in the North

Please join us for the next webinar in our *Restorative Justice: A Regional Lens* series, "**Restorative Justice in the North**," on **Wednesday, June 26 from 3 PM - 4:30 PM ET**. This session will feature community-based organizations and practitioners committed to implementing restorative approaches that promote accountability and healing within communities and function alongside or outside the criminal legal system. Presenters will share recommendations for implementing restorative justice based on their experience.

[You can register for this webinar here.](https://ncorj.org/webinars) To watch recordings of past webinars and to register for upcoming offerings, please visit [ncorj.org/webinars](https://ncorj.org/webinars) or click the button below.

Register and Watch Past Webinar Recordings Here

---

**NATIONAL CENTER ON RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**

**VERMONT**  
LAW & GRADUATE SCHOOL

**THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT**

**UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO**

### Restorative Justice Professional Certificate Scholarships

**The Vermont Law & Graduate School Professional Certificate in Restorative Justice**

- For recent college graduates and early to mid-career professionals
- Consists of **a foundational course & a wide selection of elective courses** tailored to individual professional interests
- Available online, on campus, or hybrid

**The University of San Diego Professional Certificate in Restorative Justice Facilitation & Leadership**

- Available online, on campus, or hybrid
- Consists of **an online theory course, a skill-building intensive, & a practicum experience**
- Connect with a community of practice and be paired with a restorative mentor

As a part of its mission to expand access to Restorative Justice Education, the National Center on Restorative Justice provides scholarships to the University of San Diego and Vermont Law & Graduate School Professional Certificates in Restorative Justice programs.

Apply and learn more about each program at [ncorj.org/CertificatePrograms](https://ncorj.org/CertificatePrograms)

## NCORJ Scholarships for Certificate Programs

Interested in earning a certificate in restorative justice? As a part of its mission to expand access to restorative justice education, the National Center on Restorative Justice provides scholarships to the University of San Diego (USD) and Vermont Law & Graduate School (VLGS) Professional Certificates in Restorative Justice programs!

The next deadline to apply for scholarships to the VLGS program is **July 8 (for Fall 2024 admission)**.

The next deadline to apply for scholarships to the USD program is **Nov. 1 (for Spring 2025 admission)**.

For more information about each program, please click the button below.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

---

## *NCORJ Activity Highlights*

*Webinar*  
**Restorative Justice Storytelling**

**Dr. Lindsey Pointer**  
*National Center on Restorative Justice, Author (Moderator)*

**Carole Eady-Porcher**  
*Activist & Advocate*

**Jahmil Eady**  
*Writer, Director, & Producer*

**David Ryan Castro-Harris**  
*Founder, Amplify RJ*

**Charlene Allen**  
*Restorative Justice Facilitator, Advocate, & Author*

**Jayne Joyce**  
*Founder, Local Legend Films*

**J. Stephen Brantley**  
*Actor, Playwright, & Restorative Justice Facilitator*

**May 29, 2024**  
**3 - 4:30 PM ET**

**Read Panelist Bios & Register at:**  
[ncorj.org/webinars](https://ncorj.org/webinars)

## Webinar Recording: Restorative Justice Storytelling

Thank you to those who joined us for our last webinar, "**Restorative Justice Storytelling**." This webinar highlighted how practitioners, writers, artists, and other creatives are advancing restorative justice advocacy and education efforts through various forms of storytelling. Attendees were invited to consider how media and stories influence the public's perception of justice issues and can expand public imagination. Featured panelists included Charlene Allen, David Ryan Castro-Harris, Carole Eady-Porcher, Jahmil Eady, Jayme Joyce, J. Stephen Brantley, and Dr. Lindsey Pointer.

To view this recording and recordings of all our past webinars, please visit [ncorj.org/webinars](https://ncorj.org/webinars) or click the button below. You can also view all past NCORJ videos on our [YouTube channel](#). Don't forget to subscribe!

Register and Watch Past Webinar Recordings Here

## 2022 and 2023 NCORJ Impact Reports Are Now Live!

We are excited to announce that our [2022](#) and [2023 Impact Reports](#) are live on our website and ready to be



viewed. These reports provide an in-depth look at the status and results of various NCORJ activities, highlighting our achievements and progress over the past two years. Explore the reports to learn more about our ongoing commitment to advancing restorative justice education, practice, and research.

---

## **NCORJ Team Member Robert Sand Co-Presents on Restorative Justice and Treatment Courts at AllRise National Convention**



*Pictured: (Back row, from left to right) Robert Sand, Marc Wennberg, Armand Coleman; (front row, left to right) Chief Judge Eric Mehnert and DA Natasha Irving*

Last month, NCORJ team member Robert Sand was a co-presenter at the [AllRise National Convention](#) on addiction, mental health, and justice reform in Anaheim, California, along with restorative justice practitioner and consultant Marc Wennberg, Chief Judge Eric Mehnert of the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court, District Attorney Natasha Irving of Lincoln County, Maine, and Armand Coleman, the Executive Director of the Transformational Prison Project. The presentation focused on the overlap between restorative justice and treatment courts. To learn more about this important topic, read a blog post written by Robert Sand on the subject by clicking the button below.

## ***Other Resources and Opportunities***

### **The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Restorative Practices Pilot Sites Program Solicitation**

From the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW):

The Restorative Practices Pilot Sites Program is a 60-month funding opportunity seeking to support, strengthen, enhance, and expand existing restorative practice programs that prevent or address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, in accordance with the “restorative practices” definition at 34 U.S.C. § 12514(a)(3), and build evidence for victim-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive restorative practices addressing these harms.

**Eligible entities are:** 1) Units of local governments, 2) Tribal governments, 3) Tribal organizations, 4) Victim service providers, 5) Institutions of higher education (20 U.S.C. § 1001(a)), and 6) Private or public nonprofit organizations, including Tribal nonprofit organizations and faith-based nonprofit organizations.

OVW will award cooperative agreements to eligible entities that form a partnership of two or more entities that have (1) a demonstrated history of comprehensive training and experience in working with victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; and (2) demonstrated experience in implementing restorative practices. OVW is interested in supporting communities to enhance or expand current efforts, including an evaluation of the intersection of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and restorative practices. In addition, OVW seeks to fund a range of pilot sites, including sites in various geographic locations with different demographic characteristics; culturally specific, and/or underserved populations; and different VAWA subject areas to be addressed (i.e., domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking). OVW is interested in supporting projects that implement a diverse range of restorative practices, including projects that may have a connection to the criminal justice system, as long as the program is not housed within or administered by a court, prosecutor’s office, law enforcement agency, or any other component of the civil or criminal justice system.

Recipients under this program will receive Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) for the duration of their awards that is tailored to the recipients’ distinct approach to

restorative practices in domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking cases. Recipients will be required to collaborate with the evaluator(s) to help develop an understanding of establishing, implementing, and using restorative practices to redress the harm caused by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Please see the full solicitation (button below) for further details.

### Important Dates and Information

- **Solicitation Release Date:** May 10, 2024
- **Pre-Application Webinars:** Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 2:00pm Eastern Time (ET) and Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 2:00pm Eastern Time (ET)
- **Deadline to submit SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov:** 11:59 PM ET on June 25, 2024
- **Deadline to submit full application in JustGrants:** 8:59 PM ET on June 27, 2024

Please reach out to the OVW Restorative Practices Team at [OVW.RestorativeJustice@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.RestorativeJustice@usdoj.gov) if you have any questions.

## Read the Full Solicitation Here



# FY24 Reimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community Safety Solicitation

From the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA):

**Description:** With this solicitation, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks to support the development and testing of new or innovative approaches to improving community safety and trust that are alternatives to traditional enforcement mechanisms for neighborhoods experiencing high rates of less serious and low-level criminal offenses.

This model will involve coordination with law enforcement entities to improve public safety and community residents' perceptions of law enforcement and procedural fairness and legitimacy. This solicitation also supports funding for national training and technical assistance to support site-based grants and the field in building capacity and partnerships essential to this work.

**Grants.gov Deadline:** July 1, 2024, 8:59 pm Eastern

**Application JustGrants Deadline:** July 8, 2024, 8:59 pm Eastern

## Find More Information Here



# Bureau of Justice Assistance FY24 Visiting Fellows Program

From the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA):

**Description:** With this solicitation, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks to invest in current and future leaders in the criminal justice field to advance priority national policy issues and offer cross-developmental opportunities for Department of Justice (DOJ) staff and criminal justice practitioners and researchers.

Awards made under this program will fund fellowships for a period of 24 months for Category 1 and for 36 months under Category 2, including a “dedicated immersion” period when the Fellow will be expected to commit a significant portion of their time to the fellowship. Fellows will also have an opportunity to work closely with BJA staff members, both virtually and onsite at BJA’s office in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of each fellowship is to make important policy and programmatic contributions in a criminal justice focus area. Fellows will collaborate with BJA and DOJ staff members to provide critical outreach, data, research, and subject matter expertise to inform the development of new BJA strategies, policies, and programs to benefit the field.

**Grants.gov Deadline:** July 24, 2024, 8:59 pm Eastern

**Application JustGrants Deadline:** July 31, 2024, 8:59 pm Eastern

### More details

- [Solicitation Webpage](#)
- [Read the full solicitation here](#)
- [Register for an Informational Webinar here \(June 12\)](#)




Thank you for being part of our community! If you know someone who would like to receive updates on the activities of the NCORJ, please encourage them to sign up for our newsletter [here](#).

With gratitude,  
*The National Center on Restorative Justice team*

 Share  Tweet  Forward



The NCORJ now has a LinkedIn page. [Follow us](#) for updates!

Receive this from a friend? [Click here to subscribe.](#)



The National Center on Restorative Justice (NCORJ) is a partnership between [Vermont Law and Graduate School](#), [the University of Vermont](#), [the University of San Diego](#), and [the U.S. Office of Justice Programs](#). The NCORJ is funded by [the Bureau of Justice Assistance \(BJA\)](#) to educate and train the next generation of justice leaders and to support and lead research focusing on restorative justice and addressing social inequities to improve criminal justice policy and practice in the United States.

*The National Center on Restorative Justice is supported by Grants No. 2020-MU-CX-K001, 15PBJA-20-GK-00035 and 15PBJA-23-GK-01578-NCRJ awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The Bureau of Justice Assistance is a component of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, which also includes the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the National Institute of Justice, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Office for Victims of Crime, and the SMART Office. Points of view, images, or opinions in this document and are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S. Department of Justice.*

*Copyright © 2024 National Center on Restorative Justice, All rights reserved.*

Want to change how you receive these emails?  
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

