

Restorative Practices Advisory Committees

Every county, Tribal nation or jurisdiction in Minnesota may establish a Restorative Practices Advisory Committee (RPAC) to promote, develop, expand and maintain restorative practices criteria and processes for their communities.

Committees are made up of community members and justice system partners. To receive Office of Restorative Practices (ORP) grant funding, an RPAC is required.

What does an RPAC do?

Restorative Practices Advisory Committees:

- Promote the creation, expansion and maintenance of restorative practices within communities, local justice systems, schools, family courts, child protection systems, detention facilities and other areas.
- Use restorative practices in decision-making and come to a consensus when developing, expanding, and maintaining restorative practices criteria and referral processes.
- Review proposals for community initiatives and create proposals for grant funding.
- Recruit, train and incentivize participation of committee members reflecting equitable representation of restorative initiatives, ethnicities, system partners, victims of crime and justice impacted individuals.
- May request grant funds to help with a per diem for community members, parents, youth and justice-impacted people participating in the committee.
- Provide restorative practices training for all committee members annually.
- Meet regularly to maintain and expand the usage of restorative practices.
- Notify ORP when the committee will meet and come to consensus on funding initiatives.

Are you a restorative practitioner or organization that would like funding to do restorative work?

Visit [ORP Restorative Practices Advisory Committees and meetings](#) to find a committee in your area.

No committee in your area?

Invite [required committee members](#) and begin planning.

You can also [contact ORP](#) for help connecting with local community members.

About the ORP

The [Office of Restorative Practices](#) was created to promote the use of restorative practices across multiple disciplines, including:

- Pretrial diversion programs
- Delinquency, criminal justice, child welfare, and education systems
- Community violence prevention practices

It also provides oversight, support and training for the advisory committees.

