

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE & LEGISLATION



32 out of 50 states have enacted legislation supporting RJ as a crime-response strategy.

4 states, including Colorado, enacted legislation that recognizes RJ as an evidence-based strategy for school discipline.

Since 2010, Colorado has added/revised 25 statutes to include the support of restorative justice principles.

Rep. Pete Lee: "If we can transform offenders, one by one, it will lower recidivism, reduce re-arrests, promote individual responsibility, and save money"



Some states use an unstructured/structured method of RJ in their legislation depending on their need.



Some state statutes may not mention "restorative justice" but cite RJ practices like victim-offender dialogue or community conferencing, which still provide restorative practices.

Visit this link to read case studies of successful RJ stories:

<https://www.rjcolorado.org/restorative-justice/case-studies>



How do we know RJ works?



Of those that complete an RJ agreement, less than 10% reoffend.
97% of victims feel satisfied with the sense of justice afterward
98% of offenders feel satisfied with the sense of justice afterward