

# Partnerships for Success

*Government partnerships with positive outcomes for Indigenous people, businesses and communities*

## Restorative Justice Programs

Ministry of Justice and Attorney General

The Ministry of Justice and Attorney General supports a province-wide Restorative Justice Initiative that works with victims, offenders, and communities to address the harm caused by crime. Through valued partnerships with First Nations, Tribal Councils, Métis communities and community-based organizations, Restorative Justice Programs resolve about 3,500 adult and youth criminal cases annually. Sixty-five First Nations in the province are involved in the programs.

The initiative works by enabling victims and offenders to have input into how their cases are resolved. Restorative Justice provides an opportunity for victims, offenders, and communities to discuss what happened, who was harmed as a result of the crime, and what could be done to address the situation. Most referrals come to an agreement about what the offender will do to repair the harm as much as possible, such as paying restitution to the victim, completing community service hours, making charitable donations, or attending treatment programs.

With many of these programs being offered by Indigenous organizations, and Indigenous people making up 55 per cent of the clients who received service, the programs are important in addressing the over-representation of Indigenous people in the criminal justice system. The programs have a positive impact on crime reduction, with only 20 per cent of offenders who participated in the program re-offending three years later, compared with 32 per cent of those who didn't participate. The data shows that 80 per cent of cases reach an agreement about how the offender will make amends, and over 90 per cent of agreements are completed.

### Outcomes

Restorative Justice Programs:

1. Reduce criminal activity.
2. Help to address the over-representation of Indigenous people in the justice system.
3. Enable the courts to focus on more complex cases.

The Ministry of Justice and Attorney General partners with many Indigenous agencies in the delivery of Restorative Justice Programs. These relationships between First Nations, Tribal Councils, Métis communities, community-based organizations, the Government of Saskatchewan, police, and Justice Canada are vital to delivering program services and support training.

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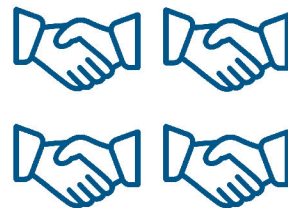
CRIMINAL MATTERS REFERRED  
**IN SASKATCHEWAN**



SINCE 1997-98

# 3,500

ADULT and  
YOUTH CASES



**RESOLVED**  
ANNUALLY

ONLY  
**20%**

OF PARTICIPANTS

re-offended within 3 years

compared with



# 32%

of NON-PARTICIPANTS

# 65

FIRST NATIONS  
IN SASKATCHEWAN

**ARE INVOLVED**



Reduce reoffending



Help to address overrepresentation of Indigenous people in  
the justice system



Enable Saskatchewan courts to focus on more complex cases



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