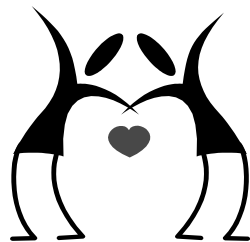


How To Get Involved...

- Take our training course and become a mediator
- Volunteer time in the office
- Provide or connect VORP with odd jobs or job mentoring for students
- Prayerfully or financially support VORP

VORP staff would love to visit your church or other organizations to further educate about restorative justice, the VORP process and how you can get involved.



All of our services are free and strictly confidential

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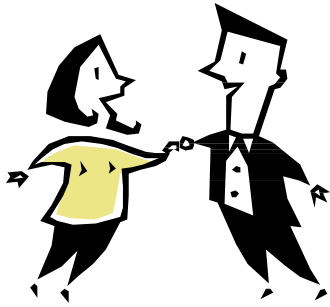


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**A Faith and Community
Based Program**

**Experience reconciliation
within the community...**

About VORP...



A different approach to juvenile crime...

For over 20 years, VORP has provided a faith and community based response to crime in Fresno County.

With the assistance of locally trained volunteer mediators, VORP facilitates a mediation process which takes into consideration the needs and concerns of the victim, offender, and the community. VORP gives the people involved an opportunity to decide how to best address the offense and how to keep it from reoccurring.

Once satisfactory agreements have been made, VORP monitors the plan and assists the parties in keeping the agreements. As long as the agreements are kept, no further court or probation action is needed.

Who Are We?

- **VORP** is a non-profit organization that is supported by donations from individuals, churches, and other community organizations.
- **VORP** was first started in Kitchener, Ontario and later in Elkhart, Indiana by Mennonite Central Committee. Fresno VORP was begun by a local group of concerned citizens that is to this day dedicated to providing a constructive process for restoring both victims and offenders.
- **VORP** annually serves an average of 500 cases with 2 full-time staff and a pool of 200 active volunteers from the community.
- **VORP** participants express a high degree of satisfaction with the program.
- Offenders who have participated in **VORP** are much more likely to pay restitution and much less likely to re-offend.
- **VORP** seeks to address needs of victims and offenders.

Participation in VORP requires the consent of all parties. The meetings are organized and led by a neutral, trained community volunteer, who is present to facilitate communication, not make a decision or impose a settlement.

For the victim, VORP provides the opportunity to:

- Ask questions which may have arisen out of the offense.
- Express feelings and opinions about the offense directly to the offender.
- Work out a written agreement for restitution.

For the offender, VORP provides the opportunity to:

- Take responsibility for actions and involvement in the offense.
- Work out a written agreement for the restitution and other matters necessary to make things right.
- Get over the offense by "making it right" with the victim directly.