

HOW TO REFER A CASE TO RJMP

San Diego's Victim Offender Dialogue Program

CASE GUIDELINES:

While it is said that "Any kind of case is a good case for Victim Offender Dialogue", the cases that are best suited for Restorative Justice Mediation/Victim Offender Dialogue are cases where the victim and offender have to be involved with each other—they are neighbors, co-workers, schoolmates, etc., and where there is openness to conversation about ways the offender can make things right directly to the victim for what occurred during the offense. Restitution is often a part of that conversation. We have received cases from the Juvenile Court for theft, burglary, vandalism, assault/battery, DUI, hate crimes, and many others. Cases have been handled as part of a diversion program for offenders or are court ordered. We accept referrals from all San Diego county justice sector agencies for juvenile and adult cases.

- 1) There must be an identified offender
- 2) Offender must admit at least some guilt
- 3) Offender must be emotionally capable of mediation

REFERRAL PROCESS:

1. Fill out the Referral Form

Go to our website at <u>www.sdrjmp.org</u> and fill out a referral form. You may also download a form, fill it out and email it or fax it to us.

2. Send us the Referral Form

Submit the form online, email it to referrals@sdrimp.org, or fax to 619-280-1993.

3. Let us know YOUR timeline

Is there a date by which a final report is needed? Do you want updates on the progress of the case? Do you want to know the date of the mediation?

4. We'll call you to confirm receipt of the Referral Form

We want to make sure we're doing our job in a way that serves you, so we'll make sure we've got everything we need to do that.

5. After the mediation takes place...

We can send you all the documentation you need, including the Agreement Form and any follow-up on our part to see that the Agreement is completed. Let us know how to send it to you (email or fax).

6. Let us know how to improve the process

Call us at 619-280-1993 or email us at office@sdrimp.org with any comments or concerns.