



Neighborhood Court

Description of the Facilitator's Duties and Qualifications.

The Yolo County District Attorney's Office is seeking community volunteers for the position of Facilitator in the new Neighborhood Court diversion program.

The Neighborhood Court Facilitator plays a very important role in the program. A Facilitator's duties include leading pre-conference meetings with victims (when participating), offenders and community panelists in order to prepare them for restorative dialogue in the joint conference. The Facilitator leads a restorative dialogue/agreement process in the joint conference. During this conference the Facilitator will guide participants through a restorative 3-Step Process in which victims, offenders and community panelists 1) name the harms created by the crimes in question; 2) determine how to make things as right as possible; 3) declare future intentions to assure that the actions will not be repeated and; 4) develop a specific agreement that clearly states how things will be made right and future intentions.

All Facilitators will receive training on how to lead both the pre-conference meetings with participants to prepare them for restorative dialogue in the conference and how to lead a restorative dialogue/agreement process in a conference.

We are looking for a diverse pool of community representatives, with members from different segments of the Davis community (e.g., downtown business, residential neighborhoods, students, etc.). Important qualities for applicants include the ability to work with others to solve problems, the willingness to learn how to acquire the skills, knowledge and attitude to guide a restorative three step process.

All Facilitators will undergo a Livescan criminal history background review and complete a confidentiality agreement designed to protect the integrity of the Neighborhood Court hearing participants and process. Applicants cannot have any felony convictions or recent misdemeanor convictions. Applications are available online at www.yoloda.org. You can email neighborhoodcourt@yolocounty.org or call (530) 681-6323 for additional information.