

Orange County Restorative Justice Center (OCRJC) is a community-based restorative justice agency, offering cost-effective alternatives to the Family, Criminal, and Civil Courts and the State Corrections system. We remain committed to our mission and vision—building and advocating for just communities by providing restorative programs to address legal issues, wrongdoing, conflict and the needs of harmed parties (victims); and connecting participants to services that improve the health, well-being and positive behavior of individuals and the community. We want the everyday life in Orange County communities to be safe, just and provide opportunities for all people to thrive.

We offer 13 programs to Orange County residents: Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) for high-needs youth, Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA), Community Restorative Practices training, Court Diversion, Driver's License Reinstatement, Healthy Lifestyles leisure activities, Pre-Trial Services, Reparative Panels, Restorative Re-Entry after incarceration, Safe Driver Education, Transitional Housing, Victim Assistance and the Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, 295 people were referred to us for services. Local volunteers provided 1,715 hours of their time to support 253 restorative meetings. We served 79 harmed parties and distributed \$3,000 in restitution to those who experienced losses due to crime. OCRJC helped: 79 people connect with counseling services, 12 people access our emergency support fund and 14 people reinstate their driver's license. We secured 4 apartments for Transitional Housing and had 78 people in our Safe Driver program.

In FY24, OCRJC worked with 5 Thetford residents and addressed 6 incidents that took place in Thetford. For each incident referred to us, the person responsible and the individuals impacted by the crime are offered services.

OCRJC's FY24 operating budget was \$921,412. We are proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. The town of Thetford appropriated \$500 for FY24 to support our work. OCRJC requests \$500 in 2025 to support ongoing programs.

Thank you for your support! For additional information, visit our website at <https://ocrjvt.org> or contact Lisa Lee, Victim Services & Community Outreach Coordinator, at 802-685-3172 or [Lisa@ocrjvt.org](mailto:Lisa@ocrjvt.org).