



Winter 2009

CSC unveils New Website—December 15 !!!
With the help of Sean Gill of Ripple Concepts, our website has a new face and new interactivity options.

www.cscsb.org

Thanks to CSC

Volunteer Mediators

For the past 20 years, Community Mediation has trained hundreds of people who volunteered thousands of hours as mediators, helping people in SB county reach agreements and resolve conflicts. Among those are the current or recent volunteer mediators to whom we are very grateful.....

Monica Brock, Gayle Golden, Trudy Golobic, Dan Hurlinger, Bob Kohn, Carrie Rouse, Maureen Sullivan, and Leone Webster.

For detailed information about our Mediation Training and Internships, visit our website at

cscsb.org

CSC needs support from our community to provide Restorative Justice services and alternative ways of resolving conflicts.

Please consider making a donation of any amount. (You can make an online donation through our website.)

We are also in need of a laptop computer and projector.

We thank you in advance for anything you can contribute!

Skim this im-MEDIATE-ly

Conflict Solutions Center (CSC) is recognizing its 20th year of service this year. We have been providing volunteer driven mediation services for neighbors, businesses, family members ever since. CSC has also trained over 2500 people in conflict resolution and mediation skills in the county since then **Since 1999**, CSC has been a pioneer in introducing and promoting Restorative Justice into Santa Barbara County. In 1999, CSC sponsored a visit and training by Allan MacRae from New Zealand, where Restorative Justice is the law now. Out of that effort grew several other community based efforts which are detailed on the “Wiki” at www.RJusticeSBC.pbwiki.com

And check our website for information on the **“Restorative Justice Partnership Initiative” in Santa Barbara County.**

Staffing Transitions: The new fiscal year brought several positive changes to CSC. **Kimberly Rosa**, our Executive Director since 2006, is now our Director of Training and she has designed a new training series to debut in January 2010. [click here for details](#)

Robert Burrs, who had been our Restorative Justice Program Developer, is now Executive Director.

Ericka Sanchez is our new Restorative Justice Program Coordinator.

Laura Arteaga Davidson is our new Intake and Office Manager.

Jeanie Class continues to be our Mediation Services Coordinator.

Cristina Gonzalez, previous Restorative Justice Program Coordinator is now with the Fund for Santa Barbara. She remains active as an RJ mediator.

Special thanks to the Fund for Santa Barbara, the Santa Barbara Foundation, the Marian Medical Foundation and the McCune Foundation for their support in making this happen!



CSC Executive Director speaks at a State-wide Restorative Justice conference in Colorado along with Dr. Howard Zehr

CSC Executive Director, Rob Burrs flew to Colorado to speak at a Restorative Justice (RJ) conference Sept. 17. He joined Dr. Howard Zehr, the “grandfather” of Restorative Justice in the U.S. and the author of “Changing Lenses.” Colorado has now legislated RJ as a first course of action in juvenile justice cases. HB 08-1117 “Restorative Justice

in the Children’s Code” was passed last May 2009. Over dinner, Rob and Howard discussed the difference between RJ hybrids and RJ value based practices and the problems associated in some jurisdictions when programs are not truly operating from the “restorative” set of principles.

What is Mediation?

Mediation is a voluntary process in which two or more parties involved in a dispute work with an impartial party, the mediator, to generate their own solutions in settling their conflict.

Unlike a judge or an arbitrator whose decisions subject one party to win and the other party to lose, mediation is about finding a solution that works for both parties.

What is Restorative Justice?

Restorative justice emphasizes repairing the harm caused by crime. When victims, offenders and community members meet to decide how to do that, the results can be transformational. Visit our website cscsb.org to learn about what we’re doing locally.

To initiate our services, please go to our **website**

or **call** our offices:

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(805) 349-8943

South County
(805) 963-6765



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