Form **990-EZ**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 All other organizations with gross receipts less than $500,000 and total assets less than $1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form

▶ *The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements*

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A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning July , 2009, and ending June , 20 10

B Check if applicable
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☑ Initial return
- ☐ Terminated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization
The Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite
PO Box 141

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Belfast, Maine 04915

D Employer identification number 26 1508416

E Telephone number 207 338-2742

F Group Exemption Number ▶

● ***Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).***

G Accounting Method ☐ Cash ☑ Accrual Other (specify) ▶

H Check ▶ ☑ if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

I Website: ▶ rjpmidcoast.org

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☑ 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Check ▶ ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization **and** its gross receipts are normally **not** more than $25,000 A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if $500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ $

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received			1	70463
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts			2	162285
	3	Membership dues and assessments			3	0
	4	Investment income			4	178
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0		
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0		
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)			5c	0
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here ▶ ☐				
	a	Gross revenue (not including $ 29950 of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	8680		
	b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	4427		
	c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)			6c	4253
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	0		
	b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	0		
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)			7c	0
	8	Other revenue (describe ▶)			8	0
	9	**Total revenue.** Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8 ▶			9	237179
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)			10	0
	11	Benefits paid to or for members			11	0
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits			12	121620
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors			13	3709
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance			14	4102
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping			15	3595
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ Training, travel, equipment depreciation, PR, communications)			16	27221
	17	**Total expenses.** Add lines 10 through 16 ▶			17	160247
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)			18	76932
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)			19	28254
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)			20	0
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶			21	105186

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Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are $1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

(See the instructions for Part II.)

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	20631	22	81650
23	Land and buildings	0	23	0
24	Other assets (describe ▶ Receivables, equipment)	27357	24	44703
25	**Total assets**	47988	25	126353
26	**Total liabilities** (describe ▶ Payroll W/H, deferred income, payables)	19734	26	21167
27	**Net assets or fund balances** (line 27 of column (B) **must** agree with line 21)	28254	27	105186

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Part III **Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (See the instructions for Part III.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? **Provide mentoring to justice involved individuals.**

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)

			Expenses
28	Volunteer development and training to 75 mentors and conference facilitators. Ongoing supervision. Facilitate monthly meetings, provide skill development workshops. Support to 23 board and committee members. (Grants $ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	28a	19712
29	Restorative Practices Collaborative of Maine provided training to 588 school administrators and teachers in restorative practices to decrease behavioral incidences in the classroom, detentions, suspensions and expulsions impacting 3474 students. Decreases in detention of 40%, suspensions 30%. (Grants $ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	29a	16433
30	Court diversion and county jail reentry program receive mentors to guide individuals to meet their conditions with the courts. bail and probation. 15 individuals were mentored , 11 individuals completed their deferred disposition successfully. Two reentry individuals enrolled in community college. (Grants $ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	30a	23735
31	Other program services (attach schedule) . (Grants $ 4500) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	31a	11975
32	**Total program service expenses** (add lines 28a through 31a) ▶	32	115860

Part IV **List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees.** List each one even if not compensated. (See the instructions for Part IV.)

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
Dr. T. Richard Snyder, Dean Bangor Seminary P.O. Box 273 Lincolnville, ME 04849	Chair - 5	0	0	0
Leane Zainea, Assistant Attorney General 3 Lakeshore Lane Searsport, ME 04974	Vice-Chair -.5	0	0	0
Paul Diamond, 73 Pascal Avenue Rockport, ME 04856	Treasurer - 3	0	0	0
Debbie McAllian, Victim Witness Advocate P.O Box 1028 Bucksport, ME 04416	Secretary - <.5	0	0	0
Rev. Mark Glovin First Universalist Church 9 Acadia Drive Rockland, ME 04841		0	0	0
Carolyn Otto, LCSW 92 Cedar Street Belfast, ME 04915		0	0	0
Dorothy (Dottie) Foote, Director Community School 79 Washington Street Camden, ME 04843		0	0	0
Miriam Johnson Assistant District Attorney 277 Centre St. Bath, ME 04530		0	0	0
William Stoyko, Esq. 14 Ebb Tide View, Phippsburg, ME 04562		0	0	0
Sarah Rheault 60 Howe's Hill Rd. Camden, ME 04843		0	0	0
Margaret Micolichek PO Box 141, Belfast, ME 04915	Executive Director	43,000	0	0
Wendy Watson PO Box 141, Belfast, ME 04915	Director of Dev. & Adm.	33,000	0	0
Lynne Hutchinson PO Box 141, Belfast, ME 04915	Volunteer Coordinator	16,500	0	0
Joy Knowlton PO Box 141, Belfast, ME 04915	Volunteer Coordinator	16,500	0	0
Melanie Mock PO Box 141, Belfast, ME 04915	Adult Program Director	33,000	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

		Line	Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	33	✓	
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34		✓
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but **not** reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T			
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a		✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on **Form 990-T** for this year?	35b		✓
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36		✓
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a 0			
b	Did the organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?	37b		✓
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee **or** were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?	38a		✓
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b 0			
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a 0			
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b 0			
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ 0 ; section 4912 ▶ 0 ; section 4955 ▶ 0			
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b		✓
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ 0			
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0			
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.	40e		✓

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ Maine

42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ **Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast** Telephone no ▶ 207338-2742
Located at ▶ **96 Main St., Belfast,ME** ZIP + 4 ▶ 04915

		Line	Yes	No
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	42b		✓
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for **Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.**			
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?	42c		✓
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶			

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041**—Check here ▶ ☐
and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43

		Line	Yes	No
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44		✓
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45		✓

Part VI **Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46–49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

			Yes	No
46	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46		✓
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47		✓
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48		✓
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a		✓
b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b		✓

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than $100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
None				

f Total number of other employees paid over $100,000 ▶ 0

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than $100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over $100,000 ▶ 0

Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

▶ Margaret Micolichek | Executive Director

Signature of officer | Date

▶ **Margaret Micolichek, Executive Director, November 11, 2010** 11-11-10

Type or print name and title

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Preparer's signature ▶	Date	Check if self-employed ▶ ☐	Preparer's identifying number (See instructions)
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶		EIN ▶	
		Phone no ▶	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ ☐ Yes ☐ No

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization
The Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast

Employer identification number
26 : 1508416

Part I **Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E.)

3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: ____________

5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)

6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7 ☑ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)

8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)

9 ☐ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33⅓ % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33⅓ % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)

10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**

11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.

a ☐ Type I **b** ☐ Type II **c** ☐ Type III–Functionally integrated **d** ☐ Type III–Other

e ☐ By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box . . . . . ☐

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

		Yes	No
(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?	11g(i)		
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?	11g(ii)		
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?	11g(iii)		

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II **Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")		67438	81150	103966	233109	485663
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf		0	0	0	0	0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge		0	0	0	0	0
4 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 3		67438	81150	103966	233109	485663
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						0
6 **Public support.** Subtract line 5 from line 4.						485663

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4		67438	81150	103966	233109	485663
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources		27	18	137	178	360
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on		0	0	0	0	0
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)		0	0	0	0	0
11 **Total support.** Add lines 7 through 10						486023

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . 12 | 0

13 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** . . . ▶ ☑

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . 14 | %

15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . 15 | %

16a **33⅓ % support test—2009.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33⅓ % or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . ▶ ☐

b **33⅓ % support test—2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33⅓ % or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . ▶ ☐

17a **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . ▶ ☐

b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . ▶ ☐

18 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ ☐

Part III **Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of $5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 **Public support** (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 **Total support.** (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

14 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ▶ ☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15	Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16	Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17	Investment income percentage for **2009** (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18	Investment income percentage from **2008** Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a **33⅓% support tests—2009.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33⅓%, and line 17 is not more than 33⅓%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐

b **33⅓% support tests—2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33⅓%, and line 18 is not more than 33⅓%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐

20 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶ ☐

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions.

EIN 26 150 8416

Part III Statement of Program Service
Accomplishments

Community Resolution Teams divert juvenile offenders from court to a community conference process in which a mentor is assigned to assist the juvenile and the family toward meeting the obligations of the offense. 16 offenders and their families participated, bringing 11 victims and 14 community members together to determine a written agreement to be fulfilled by the juvenile. Agreements had a 100% completion rate resulting in community service hours and monetary restitution.

Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center supports the successful transition of DOC individuals to their home communities. As a subcontractor we provide mentoring and group programming for all residents at the center. 30 residents have participated in introduction to RJ practices and 16 are being mentor both within the center and in the community.

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(Grants $ 0) No foreign checks

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROJECT OF THE MIDCOAST
P.O. Box 141, Belfast, Maine
info@rjpmidcoast.org
207-338-2742

Program Descriptions
Fall 2009

Formed in February 2005, the Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast (RJP) works to mentor adult and juvenile offenders involved with the criminal justice system and with behavioral issues in schools by creating offender accountability that builds an awareness of the impact of the offense on the victim and community. With a focus on relationships and community building, the project has seen incredible success and response to the process.

There are three staff positions (Executive Director, Funding Coordinator/Office Manager and Volunteer Coordinator) and two VISTA volunteers, along with more than 90 volunteers mentoring adult and adolescent offenders in Knox and Waldo Counties in Maine. Our annual budget is $190,000 and funding is from county contracts, grants, churches and individuals.

RJP provides diversion from the courts for first time juvenile offenders through **Community Resolution Teams (CRT)**. Over a four and a half year period, the CRTs have worked with 75 juvenile offenders. Utilizing a conference circle process, a paired team of facilitators brings together the victim, offender, mentor and community participants and offers a chance for victims to talk about how they felt and the impact of the offense, and for offenders to accept responsibility for their actions and restore the relationship. All conference participants have the opportunity to share and provide input into an agreement which the offender with their mentor will have six months to complete. If the agreement is successfully completed, a closing conference is held and the juvenile shares their experience with the group. The program has a 95% success rate of individuals not re-offending.

Another effort to support juveniles is through the efforts of the **Wednesday Afternoon Club (WAC).** This is a biweekly program at the Knox County courthouse in Rockland that serves juveniles who are on conditions or probation and seen to need more support to be successful. It is a way of keeping a closer watch on these juveniles, providing access to resources and support, and catching them if they slip before they have a chance to continually spiral downward. A number of the juveniles that RJP has worked with have been involved with the WAC, with one referral coming from the judge during the WAC.

RJP's adult focus includes the **Community Re-entry Program (CRP)** and **Court Deferred Dispositions (CDD) program**. CRP works with inmate re-entry to the community after a stay at the county jail. CRP has trained 60 volunteers who work in teams of two with inmates at least four to six weeks prior to release and for six months following their release. Most mentors continue beyond the six month commitment. A critical goal is to help inmates accept responsibility for their actions and to break the patterns that led them into the circumstances of their crime. Serving as mentors, volunteers assist participants with such issues as housing, employment, health care, and family relationships.

The Court Deferred Disposition (CDD) program works with individuals who are referred by the District Attorney's office to be mentored for a 6 or 12-month period. CDD individuals are mentored one on one and include individuals with a range of charges, many with addiction issues. A conference circle model is implemented that brings victim and offender together and an agreement is created similar to the CRT process. RJP has worked with 21 individuals thus far in this program, with a 90% success rate of individuals not re-offending.

The Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center (MCRRC) located in Belfast, Maine is a residential program serving Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadohoc, Waldo, and Washington Counties. This facility will house up to 60 adult males classified as minimum or community security who are nearing the completion of their period of incarceration (final 6 – 18 months), and who have been assessed as moderate to high risk for recidivating. The overarching goal of MCRRC is to provide maximum support for an inmate's successful reentry back into their home community. RJP will offer Group and Individual Mentoring while incarcerated at the facility, as well as Community Resolution Conferencing and/or Healing Circles to help facilitate the inmates' healthy and productive return to their families and communities. Upon release to their home community, RJP will provide continued mentoring for select individuals in their home communities for a period of at least, six months. A critical goal is to help inmates accept responsibility for their actions and to break the patterns that led them into the circumstances of their crime. Serving as mentors, volunteers assist participants with such issues as housing, employment, healthcare and family relationships.

Restorative School Practices (RSP) began in 2006, when RJP created a partnership with the University of Maine Orono Peace and Reconciliation Program and the University of Maine Law and Civic Education Program to form the Restorative School Practices Collaborative of Maine. Our collaborative is helping Maine schools to understand and implement restorative practices, values and skills, including restorative discipline. Under the collaborative over 600 teachers, staff, administrators, school boards, students and parents from Portland to Bingham have received training, presentations and consultation on changing school climate to become more restorative.

Since 2006, RJP has provided in-service training on restorative school practices reaching approximately 300 administrators, staff and families through presentations, training and student conference sessions with the following schools: Winslow and Waterville Junior High Schools, Greeley Middle School, Bingham School District, Waldoboro Schools and Mt. Ararat Middle School. Other local presentations and training has reached 175 additional educators at the Edna Drinkwater School, BCOPE, Camden Community School, Searsport High School, Mt. View Junior High School, St. George Elementary, Camden Middle School, Troy Howard Middle School and Belfast High School.

These schools have been trained to use this philosophy to address issues that previously would have resulted in detention, suspension and expulsion. Since Troy Howard Middle School implemented a circle conference format in place of the traditional detention model, they have seen a 40% decrease in the number of students receiving detention. In addition, RJP began working in 2007 with Unity College and continues to develop as students trained in RSP are bringing the philosophy to residence hall life.

RJP staff and volunteers have served as presenters and facilitators at the first-ever Transforming Discipline: Building Community Through Restorative Practices Conference in Portland in 2007, as well as a University of Maine Summer RSP Graduate course in 2008, Fall 2008 One-Day Workshop and the RSP Summer Institute in 2009 in Augusta, reaching another approximately 150 educators. Current goals are for continued RJP staff involvement, and growth in these educational partnerships and trainings.