



Spring 2015

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

Building Relationships & Responding to Challenging Behavior

This newsletter focuses on the what, why, and how of restorative practices.
NEW trainings and resources are available to Orange County Schools.

Restorative practices can nurture positive relationships, prevent unwanted behavior

How can teachers address conflicts and behavioral issues in a manner that re-engages students - and keeps them in the classroom? That's a question that has stirred plenty of discussion among educators. But the use of restorative practices is one potential answer that's been gaining momentum in Orange County. [Read more...](#)



Trainings on restorative practices at OCDE

Attend with a school team

Don't miss the opportunity to attend these two-day trainings and learn how to bring restorative practices to your school or district.

Introduction to Restorative Practices & Using Circles Effectively

Day 1: Introduction to Restorative Practices

Learn practical strategies to build strong, healthy relationships

Learn to use affective statements and questions for impromptu conferences

Day 2: Using Circles Effectively

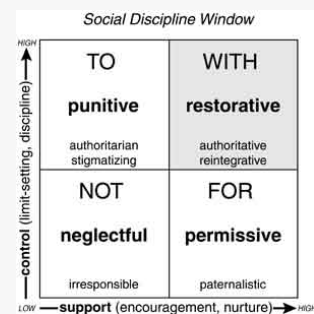
Discover how to optimally utilize circles for social-emotional development, community building, problem solving, and academics

2015 Trainings: [August 3 & 4](#); [October 1 & 2](#); [November 18 & 19](#)

2016 Trainings: [January 12 & 13](#); [February 23 & 24](#)

[Training Flyer](#)

Training includes membership to the OCDE [Restorative Practice Community Network](#).
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What are restorative practices?

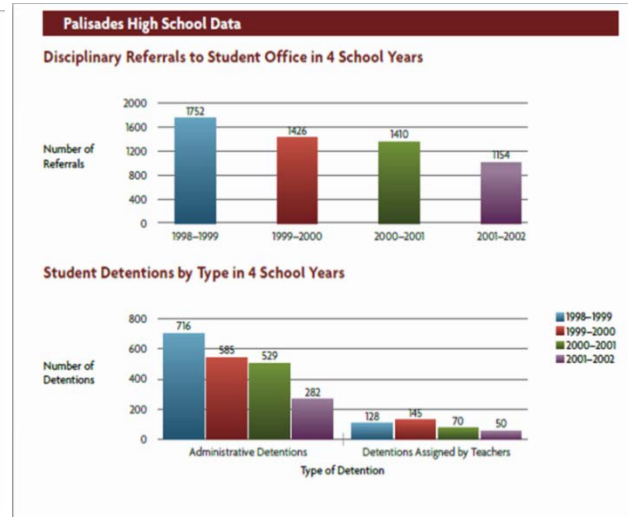
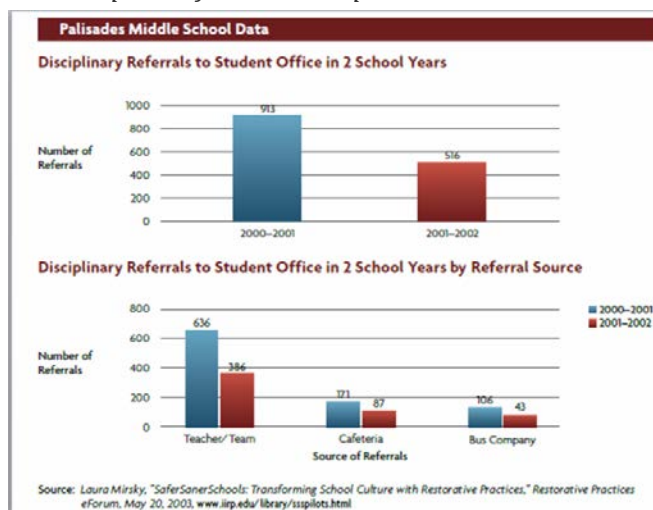
Restorative Practices (RP) are evidence-based strategies to build school and classroom community and develop a positive school climate in support of students' learning and social-emotional development. This article defines restorative practices and introduces the key concepts of a restorative approach to school discipline and the continuum of practices that can be aligned to a school's multi-tiered behavior system of supports.

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"Restorative Practices **in** school, keep students **learning**, rather than removing them for suspension or expulsion..."

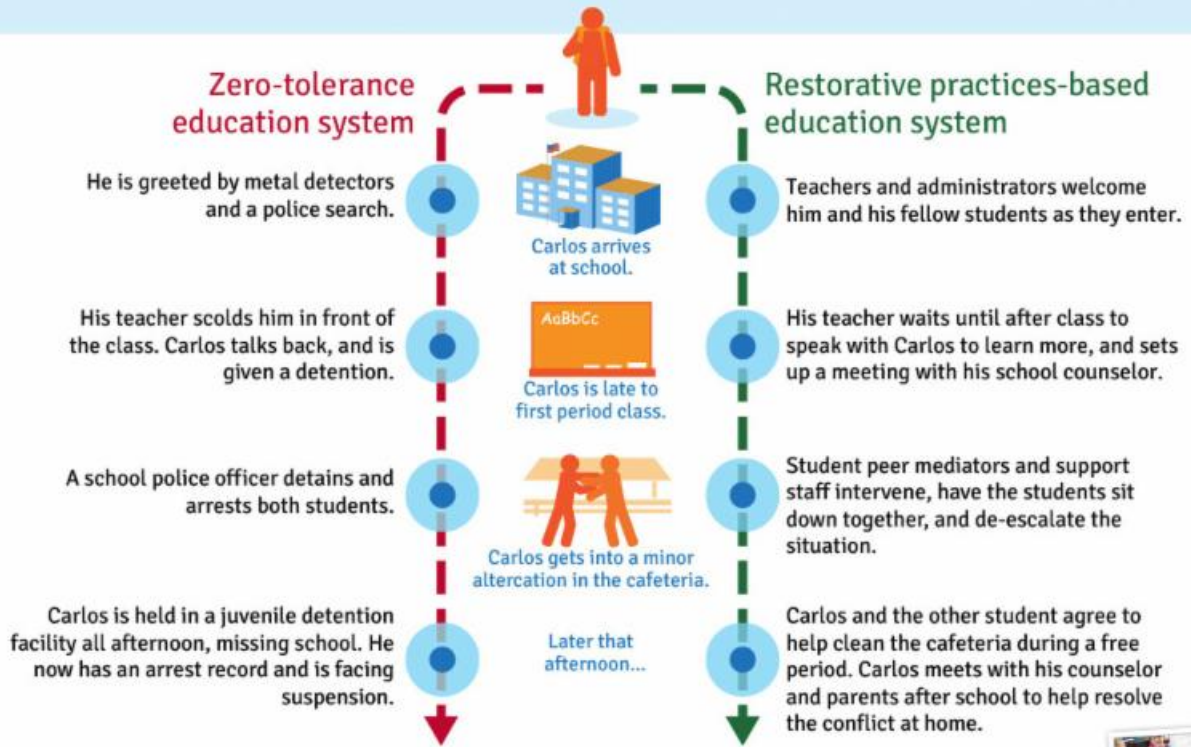
So what does the data show?

Impacts of restorative practices



A Tale of Two Schools

Carlos had a heated argument with his parents before leaving for school, so he's running late. Let's see the difference that restorative policies and practices can make.



Learn more about restorative practices:
www.otlcampaign.org/restorative-practices



Featured Restorative Practices Resources

Access valuable resources at www.ocde.us/healthyminds

A [video](#) by San Francisco USD featuring students and staff talking about restorative practices

A brief [slide presentation](#) introducing RP and ideas for integrating RP into a school's multi-tiered system of supports

A [guide](#) for whole-school implementation

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