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# Victim / Offender Reconciliation Program

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*"An Informed Community Active in Preventing Crime"*

# What is VORP?

## The Victim Offender Reconciliation Program:

- ... seeks to hold the offender accountable
- ... strives to repair the harm caused by crime
- ... is mediation between an offender and the persons harmed
- ... explores the incident of crime and how the victim and offender were impacted by the crime
- ... focuses on expressing emotions
- ... allows all parties to clarify their perceptions of the crime
- ... contributes to safer and healthier communities

## Who can participate?

### Referrals to VORP are accepted from:

- Police and Youth Justice Committees
- Schools and Child & Family Centres
- The Criminal Justice System
- Parents and Family Members
- Clients may also self refer

## What is the process of VORP?

A young offender and victim meet separately with a trained facilitator to discuss the process, any concerns, and prepare for mediation

The victim and young offender each describe their perceptions of the incident

The victim expresses how he/she was impacted by the incident

The young offender can actively hear how his/her actions impacted the victim and understand the victims' pains and concerns

The young offender clarifies information for the victim and expresses how he/she was impacted by his/her own actions

The victim expresses his/her need for reconciliation

An agreement/contract is drawn up between the victim and the offender to ensure an agreeable solution will be made to repair the harm of the crime

## **Benefits of VORP:**

### **Victims will gain...**

- An opportunity to actively participate in the process of resolving the incident
- A greatly increased chance of receiving restitution or reparation
- An opportunity to be more fully informed about the incident, the offender, and the criminal justice system
- An opportunity to experience a sense of closure

### **Young Offenders will gain...**

- An opportunity to be aware of the harm suffered by victims
- An opportunity to "make it right" with the victim
- An opportunity to take responsibility in a serious and honest way
- An opportunity to be more fully informed about what is happening and why, the criminal justice system, and the impact of their actions

# Contact Us:

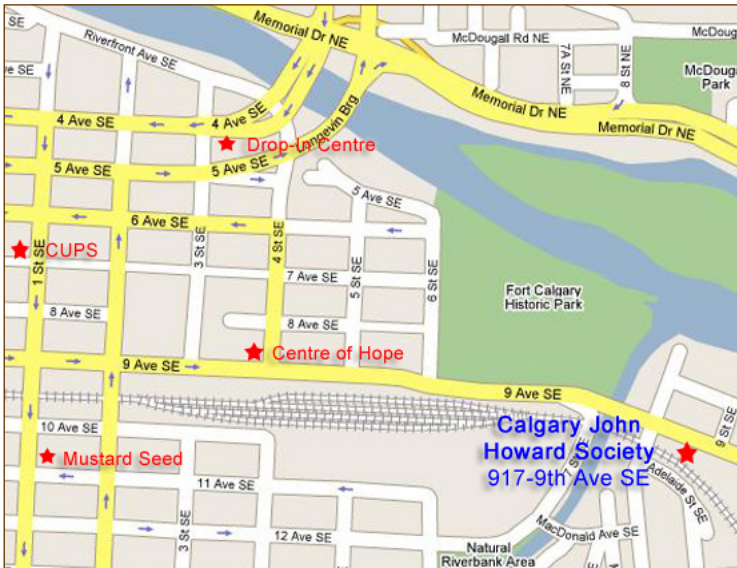
## Referrals

To make an inquiry or referral to the  
Victim Offender Reconciliation Program,  
please contact:

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