



Victim Empathy Seminar
Additional Information

The Victim Empathy Seminar (VES) invites youth who have engaged in harmful behavior to reflect on the human impact of their actions. The seminar is held in a “virtual circle” format where every youth will be given the opportunity to respond to a series of questions or topics.

1. You will receive a **VES Registration Confirmation/Reminder** email upon registering for the class.
 2. You will receive another email soon after your confirmation email.
 - This is the **DocuSign** form **“YOUTH FAMILY PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT”**
 - You must complete and submit the DocuSign attachment **prior** to your VES date.
 3. You will receive another email closer to your VES date. This will contain more information on your VES.
 - The **Zoom link** to your class
 - Apology Letter Outlines
 - A “Thinking it Through” worksheet
- *If you are able, it may be helpful to print the Apology guidelines and the Thinking it Through worksheet. *
4. **Please be prepared with 2-3 blank pieces of notebook paper and a writing utensil.**
 5. A parent/guardian is expected to remain with their child for the entirety of the Victim Empathy Seminar.
 6. **Only** the referred youth and parents/guardians are allowed to participate in the seminar in order to protect group confidentiality. A breach of this expectation will result in removal from the class.
 7. Participants must remain in a quiet and stationery environment. Driving, walking around, laying in bed, etc. will not be permitted.
 8. If the participant’s video/audio technology is not working within the first 5 minutes of the seminar, they will be removed from the group. A Restorative Justice staff member will follow-up accordingly. VES staff will be online 30 minutes prior to the session for class check-ins.
 9. **An Apology Letter is REQUIRED for successful completion of the program. This letter must be submitted electronically OR postmarked to the Restorative Justice program within 3 business days of the session in order to successfully complete the program.**

- Submit **electronically** at VES@agree.org **OR** - Submit via **USPS** to: **Consensus Council**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **701-799-3795** or VES@agree.org



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