

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 2024 - 10

Subject: Restorative Justice Community Court

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective July 15, 2024, and until further order of the court, a Restorative Justice Community Court (RJCC) shall be established in the Municipal Department's Sixth Municipal District, at Sauk Village Community Center, 2700 Kalvelage Drive, Sauk Village, Illinois 60411.

The RJCC is designed to accomplish the following:

- (a) enable defendants and victims to work together to repair the harm caused by the crime;
- (b) engage locally based stakeholders, including, but not limited to, residents, merchants, faith communities, police officers, schools, and service providers to support the needs of both defendants and victims;
- (c) emphasize communication in lieu of incarceration in repairing the harm caused by the crime; and
- (d) as appropriate, include non-traditional activities, such as peace circles, to facilitate communication among the defendants, victims, and other stakeholders.

At the court's discretion, resources permitting, the RJCC shall hear cases meeting the following criteria:

- 1. non-violent misdemeanors or felonies;
- 2. defendant is between 18 and 26 years of age on the date of the alleged offense;
- 3. defendant has a non-violent criminal history;
- 4. defendant accepts responsibility for the harm caused,
- 5. defendant and the person(s) harmed (victims) agree to participate in the RJCC; and
- 6. location of the RJCC is in close proximity to the location of one or more of the following:
 - (a) alleged offense,
 - (b) defendant's residence, or
 - (c) defendant's place of employment;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, effective July 15, 2024, and until further order of the court, the above location shall be a place of holding court for the RJCC.

Dated this 3rd day of July, 2024.