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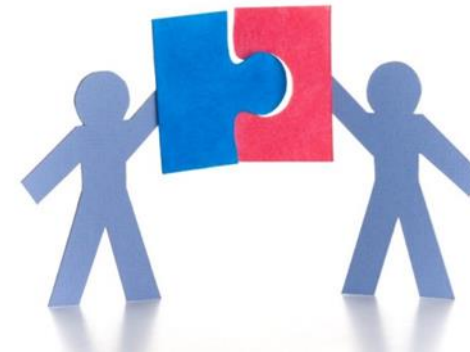
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# The Concept of Problem-Solving Justice

An approach to justice that:

- Seeks to do more than process cases
- Deals with underlying problems that bring people to court
- Uses alternative responses
- Emphasizes collaboration with community
- Builds on community strengths



# Peacemaking as a Restorative Justice Practice



*Ray Deal, Navajo Nation Peacemaker*

# Peacemaking Principles

- Focuses on healing damaged relationships
- Led by community peacemakers
- Welcomes broad participation
- Gives victims a voice
- Holds offenders accountable
- Empowers community

# PEACEMAKING SESSIONS

## Food

Opens with a meal to create a sense of community

## Ceremony

Creates sense of shared purpose

## Talking Piece

Equal opportunity speak

## Healing Steps

Consensus decision about future actions

# Isn't This Mediation?

## **MEDIATION**

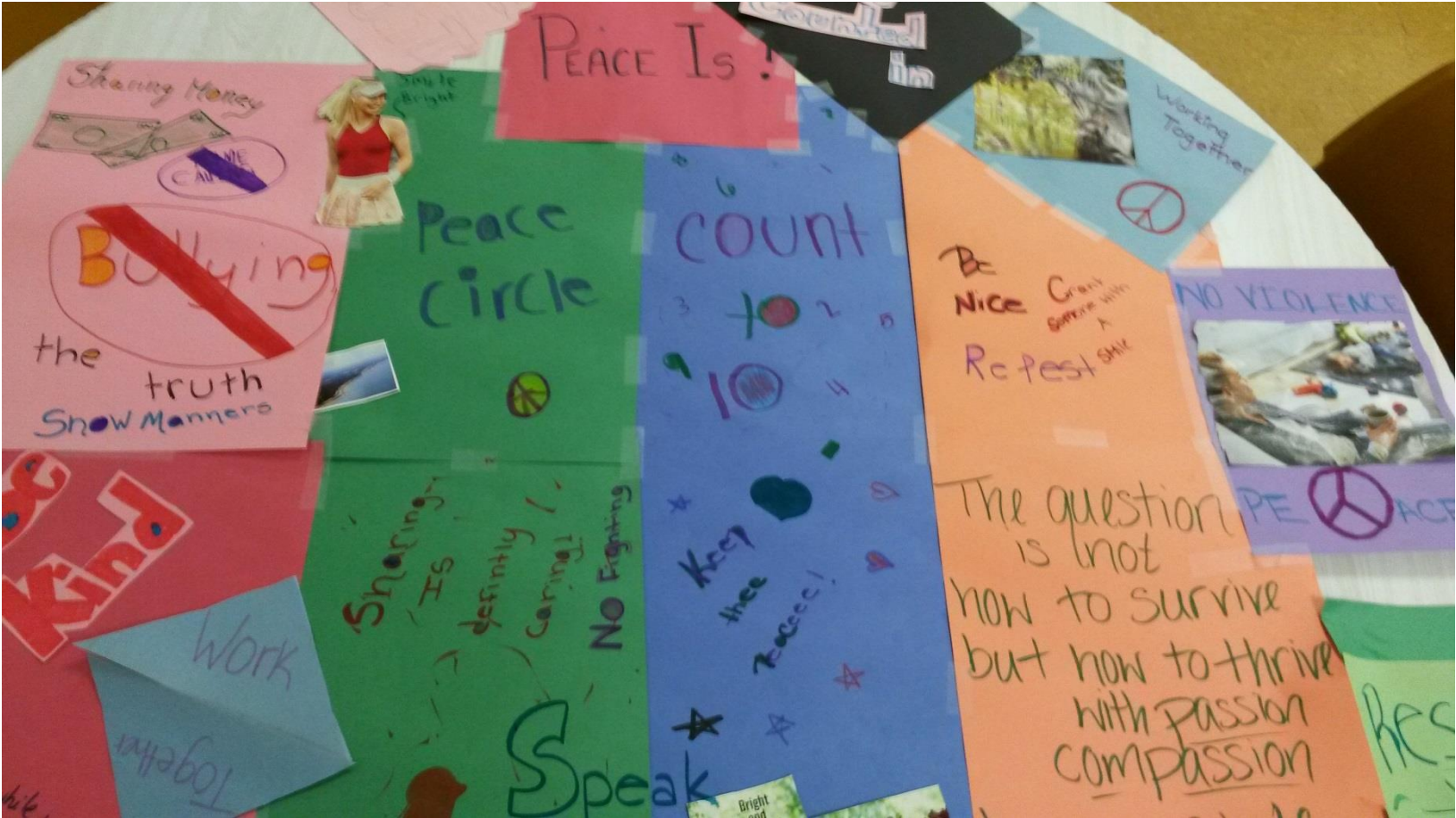
- ✓ Issue-focused
- ✓ Neutral facilitator
- ✓ Limited to “parties”
- ✓ Seeks compromise
- ✓ Time-bound

## **PEACEMAKING**

- ✓ Relationship-focused
- ✓ Interested facilitator
- ✓ Inclusive
- ✓ Seeks healing
- ✓ No time limits



# Restorative Practices in the Schools





# Questions? Comments?

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