Facilitated Dialogue Around Sexual Trauma: 🇨 🧐

A Path to Recovery

Facilitated Dialogues are

conversations between people affected by sexual trauma that are guided by trained facilitators who create a safe environment where questions can be asked and everyone is respectfully heard. It is a personalized process designed to meet the needs of the participants for healing and understanding.

Facilitated Dialogues are for individuals, families, and community groups impacted by sexual trauma. A dialogue can include the survivor of the trauma, the person who harmed them, as well as others affected by the abuse like siblings, parents, close friends and partners.

A Facilitated Dialogue can take many forms depending on the needs of the participants including: a face-to-face meeting, letter writing, video conferencing, or conference calling.



A History of Helping People Affected by Sexual Trauma

Community Justice Initiatives (CJI) is a nonprofit organization known worldwide for pioneering Restorative Justice services. They build a safer, more connected community through supporting creative, peaceful solutions in situations of conflict or harm.

CJI has provided support to survivors of sexual trauma since 1982. That same year, they began offering support to people who had offended sexually.

In 2008, CJI formalized the Facilitated Dialogue program to provide expanded services to people affected by sexual trauma.



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