RYCNC Safeguards

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Participants in RJ processes should be extended the opportunity to

Consult with legal counsel

Be provided with interpretation and translation services

Parent or guardian assistance

Assistance of other supporters (friends, community members, etc)

Be fully informed of the process, including the potential of healing and possible consequences

Not participate. Participation in an RJ process is always voluntary and should never be coerced.

Other safeguards:

Participation in an RJ process should not be seen as evidence or admission of guilt

RJ agreements should be voluntary and be reasonable

Confidentiality of process: Discussions in restorative processes that are not conducted in public should be confidential.

Failure to reach an agreement: Failure to reach an agreement should not be used against the one who caused harm in any subsequent criminal justice proceedings.