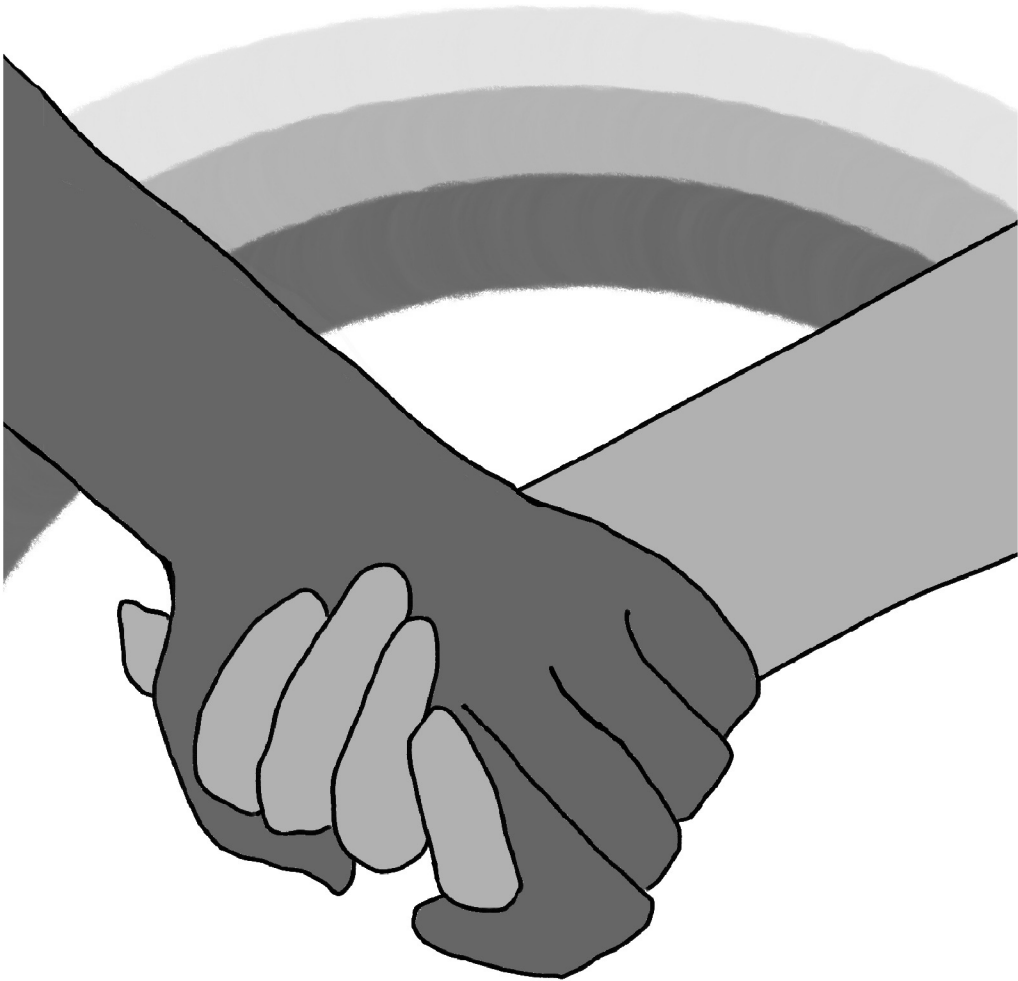


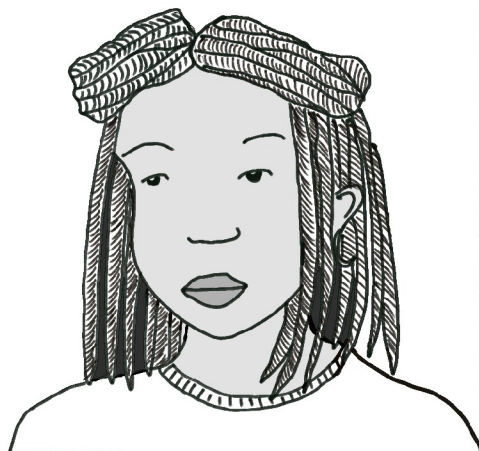
Georgia Conflict Center

***Restorative
is Inclusive***



Illustrated by Joey Rose

It's amazing how quickly things happen sometimes.



One minute it feels like you're just being you, and the next you're in the principals office.



Or suspended

EXIT



Or worse.



The other day I thought I was looking pretty cute.



But my teacher didn't think so.



Things in the principal's office started off bad.



Things got out of hand so fast.



The next thing I knew I was suspended.



But my friend got it worse.



He was getting bullied every day.

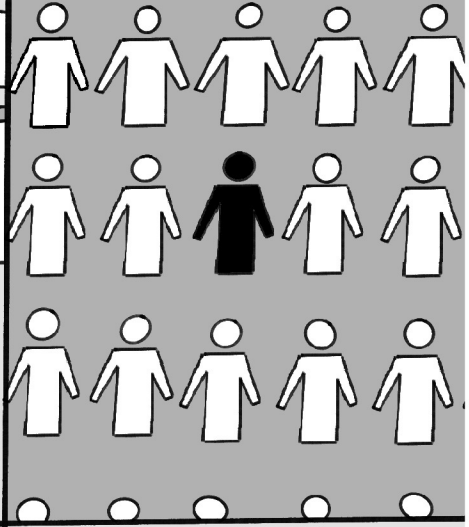


So one day he felt like he needed to defend himself.



He never used it.

It's really hard for kids with stuff like ADHD or autism.



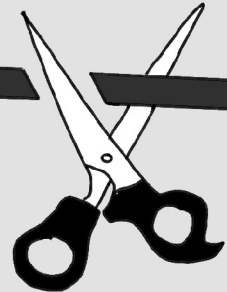
But he's in jail now.

My other friend is always getting in trouble and he can't even help it.

I heard about this organization that helps people in situations like these.



School



Prison

It's called the Georgia
Conflict Center.



They do
**restorative
practices.** That
means they work
with youth and
adults to repair
the harm done...

And build peace in
the schools and
community.



They'll have a conversation with
the student, parent or guardian,
and the principal to assess the
harm done.



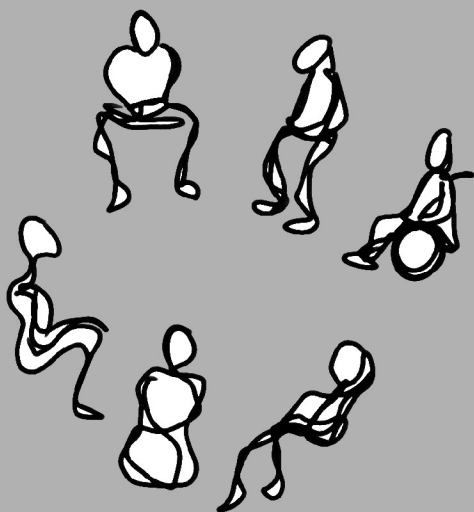
Together they can make the decision to do a restorative meeting instead of exclusionary processes.



It's a cool process where they bring the folks impacted together. And everyone is invited, even support people.



Then they have a circle and go through restorative questions.



Everyone gets a chance to talk and share.

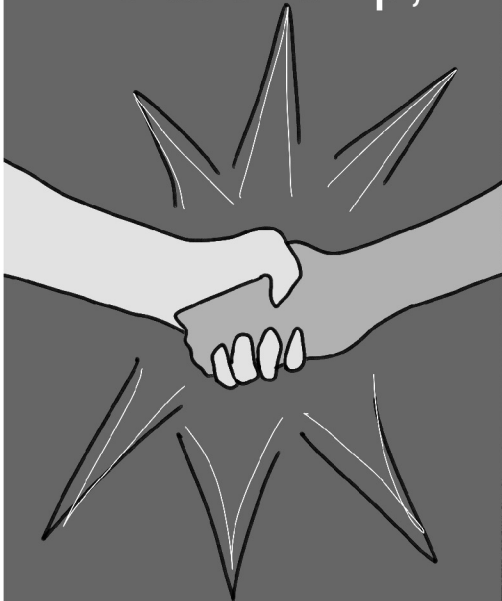


The group talks about what structures exist that are contributing to the incident. Systems are addressed and problems are solved.

This is good because it addresses the harm directly,



Restores the relationship,



And creates a positive learning environment for everyone.



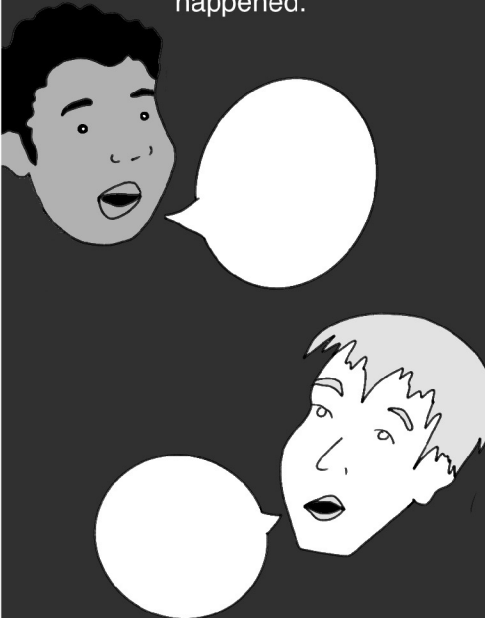
There's also the Restorative Justice Diversion (RJD) Program.



GCC receives RJD case referrals from the district attorney's office.



Both the harmed party and the responsible party talk about what happened.



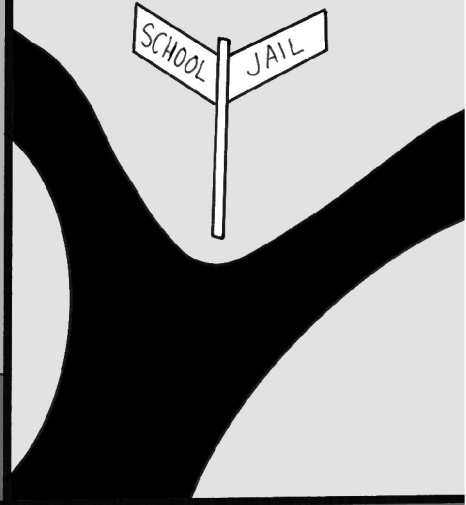
They come together with the families or other support people to make a restorative plan.



Once the process is completed the case gets dismissed and the charges are dropped.



If something happens at school it doesn't have to lead to exclusionary disciplinary processes.



Parents/guardians can ask for restorative practices. It's even reflected in the code of conduct.



On GCC's website they have a big list of free resources too.



Conflict happens, but
it doesn't have to be
the whole story.

There is a
better way!



Restorative is Inclusive!

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