

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE & COMMUNITY BRIEF

Coherence Tools for Communities, Practitioners & Organizers

Purpose

To provide community-level guidance for applying coherence principles in conflict resolution, collective governance, and restorative environments.

I. Core Concepts

Harm = Decoherence

Harm is not a moral category.

It is a structural collapse of stability, rhythm, or relational safety.

Justice = IS (Re-Coherence)

Justice is the process that:

- stabilizes
- restores
- reintegrates
- develops
- reconnects

Agency = Conditions of Choice

Not everyone has access to agency when they cause harm.

Access depends on:

- safety
 - coherence
 - non-coercion
 - viable choices
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II. Community-Level Applications

1. Replace Punishment with Stabilization

When someone harms others:

- stabilize them
- stabilize the impacted people
- stabilize the environment
- only then work on narrative and repair

2. Replace Isolation with Supported Containment

Containment:

- must be rare
- must be non-punitive
- must be relationally oriented
- must aim at stabilization

3. Replace “Calling Out” with “Calling In”

Shift from:

- shame → alignment
- blame → understanding
- exclusion → reintegration

4. Build Developmental Scaffolding

Communities should support:

- role stability
 - shared rhythms
 - access to relational care
 - developmental needs
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III. Collective Field Coherence

Communities are conscious fields when they demonstrate:

- shared identity
- coherent rhythms
- relational stability
- collective directionality

Collective care =

- transparency
- repairing ruptures
- maintaining rhythms

- distributing load fairly
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IV. Practical Tools

- co-regulation spaces
 - restorative circles
 - narrative reintegration
 - structural harm mapping
 - multi-agent support teams
 - developmental mentorship
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V. Summary

A coherent community system:

- protects vulnerability
- supports development
- repairs ruptures
- prevents coercion
- restores agency
- builds long-term stability

These are the structural foundations of non-punitive communal life.
