

## **WHAT IS THE ARROWSMITH COMMUNITY JUSTICE SOCIETY**

The Arrowsmith Community Justice Society is a community organization whose purpose is to administer a Community Dispute Resolution process which promotes conferencing as a resolution and peacemaking mechanism for conflict in the community. Trained volunteers are utilized to accomplish the above objectives.

## **WHAT IS COMMUNITY DISPUTE RESOLUTION?**

The Community Dispute Resolution process is a gathering of concerned parties. The goal is to create a safe place to discuss a conflict, how it has affected the parties and to bring healing and, possibly a resolution, to the participants. This community dispute resolution process is available to individuals and groups in our community at no charge.

The community dispute resolution process is:

- Organized and led by trained facilitators.
- Held in a neutral community location
- A safe environment for all participants to express how they have been affected by the conflict.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY**

The process is confidential between the facilitating team and the participants. Statistics of conferences and their outcomes will be tracked and recorded by the Society for on-going evaluation of the program.

## **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

- Anyone experiencing differences or conflicts to be resolved.
- All parties must be willing to participate in the process.

## **THE BENEFITS**

### **Participant Benefits**

- A safe place to talk about how the incident has affected you.
- An opportunity to understand the other party's feelings
- An opportunity to participate in the resolution of the conflict.
- An increased possibility of receiving closure.

### **Community Benefits.**

- A rewarding and timely way of resolving conflicts
- A cost effective alternative process to litigation.
- An opportunity for citizens to participate in community peace making.
- By "looking after each other" we create a healthier and safer community.

## **HOW CAN CITIZENS GET INVOLVED?**

For more information about the Society and our Community Dispute Resolution Program and how to become involved contact the program coordinator at the address and phone number is on the back of this brochure.

## **ACJS STATEMENT OF INTENT**

*Our intent is to help people manage their differences and work towards developing mutually agreed upon solutions.*

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*Community Dispute Resolution*

*Our vision is  
a community in harmony.*