

0:35: *The English version of the program is: Circles of Support and Accountability*

0:36: Is a program based on Restorative Justice approach and...

1:55: Circles of Support and Accountability which started in Canada in 1994 as a response to the release of a high risk sex offender

2:16 decided to adapt the Circles model to the reality and the context

2:59 to give him emotional support and to model his prosocial behaviours and also to help him with his practical needs

3:25 the staff from **prisons** that refer

3:34 continues serving the sentence

3:42 prevent a new recidivism by the Core Member

4:10 that are carried out, change

4:19 first no more **victims**

4:27 today are with us 4 people who participate

4:33 on the one hand it is **Leni**

4:36 she is a social worker **in a prison** in Catalonia

4:41 since 2012 takes part in the treatment program for sex offenders in the ordinary or closed regime

4:50 what refers the candidates to the program

4:55 in an open regime prison and she is specialized in treatment programs for sexual violence

34:25 first time I saw him getting in through the door I was very impressed

34:32 to see this person who could have done all that affected me strongly

34:39 you never would say that the person who was in front of you had committed the crime that they were explaining you

34:46 and maybe when you go back home you are thinking on what he said I you ask to yourself how can you make sense of it

35:03 The program is an accompaniment for people through a reintegration process from having committed sex offences

35:15 I think it is a taboo because if any kind of crime is already stigmatized, sex offences are even more stigmatized

35:27 in the end it's about building a bond of trust that makes him comfortable to explain you his day-to-day-stuff

35:39 we are not friends and actually it can be spoken because we know that the relationship finishes when the circle is over

35:47 you have the information about he has done. At the beginning this is the only thing that you see on this person

35:55 what we don't do is to judge from now back to the past but we assess what happens from now on

36:03 Finally he is a person with all his background all his experiences and rights and wrongs

36:17 prison will hardly be the solution

36:21 Is possible that someone spend five years in prison without assuming responsibility for what he did

36:26 Restorative Justice supports this

36:28 we can prevent this person from offending again

36:38 by participating in Circles I realized that this is a very useful task and, besides, it is a task that should be voluntary

36:45 for me, the circle becomes an opportunity not only for supporting other people but also for my own personal growth

36:54 I have the feeling that my task helps and is useful for avoiding more victims

37:01 everyone can make a big mistake and everyone has the right and the duty of rectify, no matter how serious was the mistake