

## **ANDY OLIVER**

“One perspective I bring is of a practitioner working in rural Oregon outside of an urban or suburban setting. I have an ability to translate restorative justice work into the culture, values, and language of red state America. I believe the RJ world can speak a word of hope, fairness, and agency into the polemics of our current political morass, connecting people together who otherwise see no common ground. I want to see RJ work flourish throughout the state. Moreover, I bring recent knowledge and experience of implementing a thriving restorative justice program from inception to practice. As part of a team, we successfully took a concept about restorative justice and made it a living breathing reality. I can provide a witness to this process for others in similar situations. Additionally, I bring a desire to learn the craft of restorative justice work and think I would benefit greatly by listening to others involved in this work. I want to know what others are doing and how they do it!”