

# **History of Restorative Justice Coalition of Oregon (RJCO), formerly Coalition of Oregon Victim-Offender Mediation Programs (COVOMP)**

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## **Fall 1997**

COVOMP forms as an informal group of representatives from Victim Offender Mediation Programs in Oregon and southern Washington. The purpose is to provide a forum to address the needs of the various programs and provide education and training to people interested in restorative justice

## **Fall 1998**

COVOMP sponsors its first conference, the Advanced Victim Offender Mediation Training Institute in Portland, Oregon. The conference brings nationally known speakers to present to over 100 volunteers and other interested people. November 20 and 21, 1998

## **Fall 2000**

COVOMP sponsors the first statewide conference on Community and Restorative Justice in Corvallis, Oregon. October 12, 2000

## **Spring 2001**

Six COVOMP member programs participate in a study conducted by the University of Minnesota Center for Restorative Justice and Peacemaking.

## **Fall 2001**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual International Victim Offender Mediation Association Conference is held in Portland, Oregon. COVOMP members host the Conference, make presentations and sponsor the keynote speaker, Myrlie Evers-Williams. October 22-26, 2001

## **Winter 2002**

After months of research and discussion, COVOMP sponsors the Serious and Violent Crime Dialogue Symposium in Salem, Oregon bringing guest speaker Karin Ho. A diverse group of interested people meet to gain insight into this concept. Out of this group a subcommittee is formed to establish this resource in Oregon. January 11, 2002

## **Spring 2004**

COVOMP develops and distributes minimum standards for VOM training curricula in Oregon as well as tiered competency matrix for Oregon VOM mediators.

## **Fall 2006**

COVOMP surveyed members to determine interest in continuing to meet.

Question: should the NWJF be formally connected to COVOMP? Ted pointed out that COVOMP is broader than the juvenile focus the NW Justice Forum is taking. At this time, group decided there was no need for a formal connection. October 2006

## **Fall 2012-Fall 2013**

COVOMP reforms as RJCO, expanding its vision, mission, and values beyond VO mediation.