

Workplace Fairness
Conflict Management Systems

Workplace Restorations in Conflict Situations

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Workplace Fairness Starts with the Conversation.

Goals

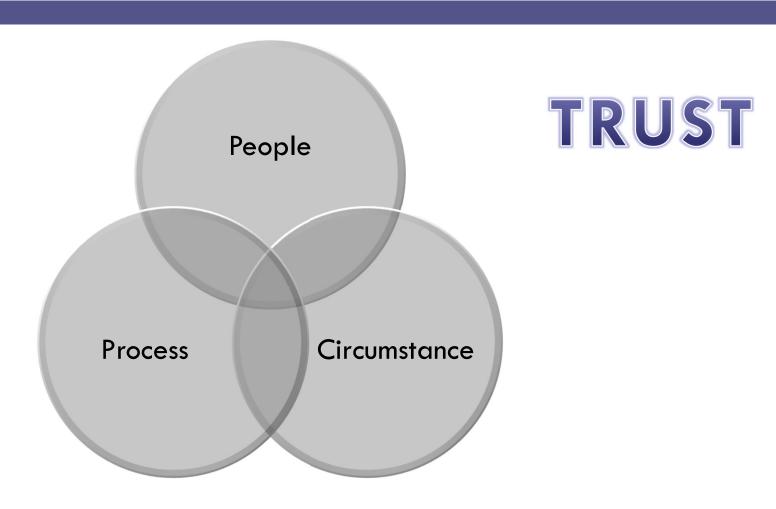
- Why Organizational Restoration?
- Learn the Five Phases of the Workplace Fairness
 Restoration Model
- □ Examine a Case Study



Why do a Restoration?

Organizational Restoration





MEDIATOR APPROACHES

FACILITATIVE Process Orientation DIRECTIVE

Non-Evaluative Content Orientation Evaluative

APPROACHES:

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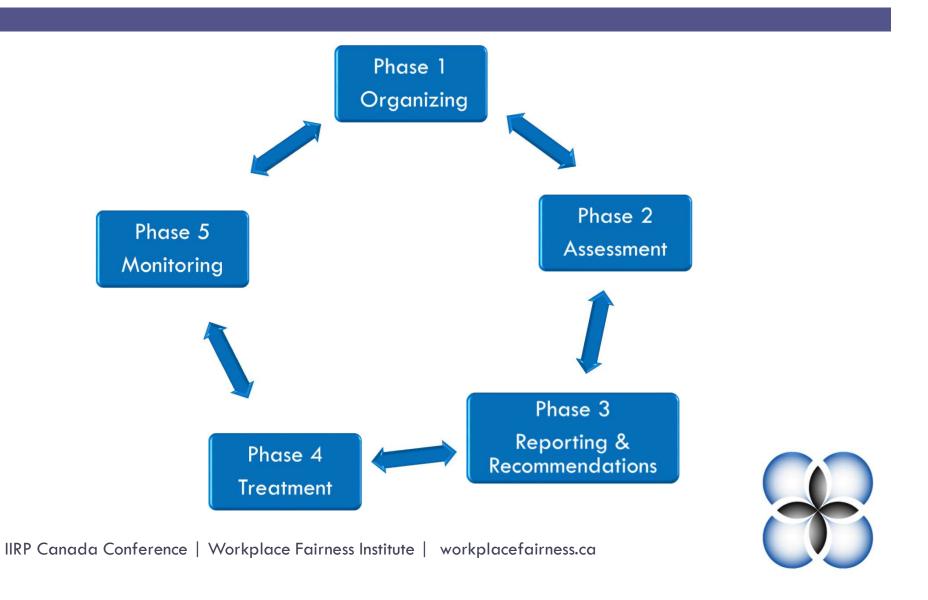
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WFI Workplace Restoration Model



Phase 1: Organizing

Meeting with the organizational leadership team to explore issues, identify participants and schedule the process

- 1. Negotiating relationship
- 2. Negotiating ethical issues
- 3. Educating client
- 4. Developing and signing contract



Phase 2 - Assessment

Purpose:

- □ Flesh out the issues.
- Begin the communication process.
- Identify the appropriate interventions.

Process:

Facilitator interviews all the parties involved and uses these interviews to diagnose the issues and prescribe a treatment plan.

2. Assessment Interview Process

- Purposes
 - To understand culture of organization
 - To understand nature of specific conflicts
 - To build trust in the process
 - To engage participant to support the process
 - To seek clues about appropriate interventions
 - To help participants better understand conflict and their respective roles in it
 - To provide conflict coaching where necessary
 - To build capacity



Phase 3 - Assessment Reporting and Recommendations

- Facilitator meets with organizational leadership to develop a treatment plan that is specifically designed to manage the issues identified.
- The leadership works with the Facilitator to consider and agree upon this plan and an implementation strategy.
- Facilitator encourages team approach to interventions



Phase 4 - Treatment:

- Combination of potential interventions
- One-to-one basis
- Then small interpersonal interventions
- Finally culminate in group activities
- Ongoing progress reports to the organizational leadership.



4. Typical Treatment Options

- Individual Conflict Management Coaching
- Interpersonal Mediation
- □ Group Facilitation
- Leadership and Structural Consulting
- □ Restorative Practices Circle



4. Training as an Intervention

Training Topics:

- How to have a difficult conversation
- 2. How to deal with difficult behaviours
- 3. How to negotiate using consensus building techniques rather than adversarial techniques
- 4. Organizational leadership skills
- 5. Managerial mediation skills
- 6. Conflict Sensitivity Training
- Diversity Training



4. Investigation as an Intervention

- Facilitator may recommend this at outset after conferring with the client
- Facilitator may act only as either Investigator or Facilitator but not both.
- Fact-finding and fault-finding should be separate from the process of Restoration.



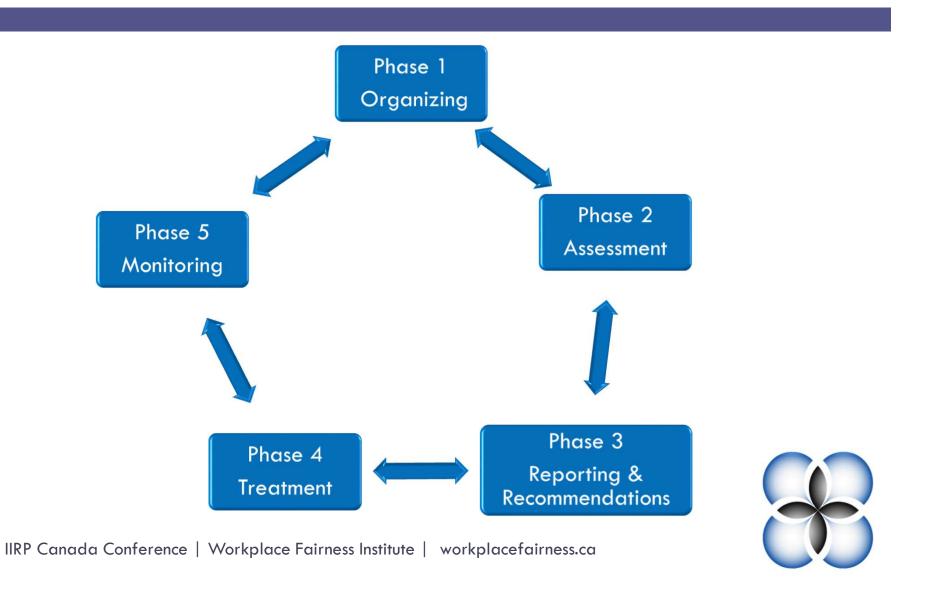
Phase 5 - Monitoring:

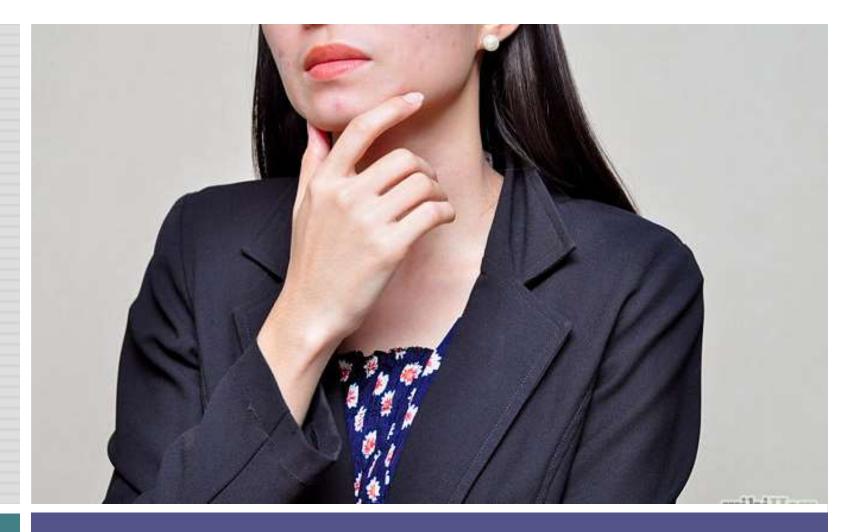
After the initial treatment phase is complete:

- Meet frequently for a defined period to discuss progress and to review results.
- May require further treatment.
- Declining levels of frequency as the restoration becomes more complete.



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Case Study – Constructing Chaos

What do you need to keep in mind when undertaking the 5 phases?



THANK YOU.

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