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## The Restorative Practices Playbook

### Tools for Transforming Discipline in Schools

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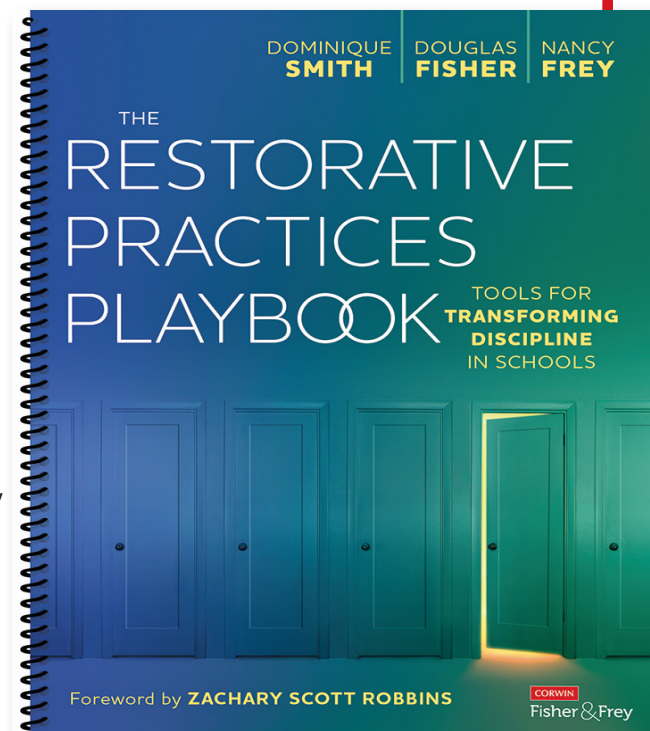
**Utilize restorative practices to create a safe, accepting, and equitable school climate where learning can flourish.**

When students have unfinished learning, educators create opportunities for students to learn. Unfortunately, this role seems to end when it comes to behavior. How can we turn behavior into a teachable moment?

*The Restorative Practices Playbook* details a set of practices designed to teach prosocial behaviors based on strong relationships and a commitment to the well-being of others. Implementing restorative practices establishes a positive academic and socio-emotional learning environment while building students' capacity to self-regulate, make decisions, and self-govern—the very skills students need to achieve. This eye-opening, essential playbook arms educators with the reflection prompts, tools, examples, and strategies needed to create restorative practices around several key concepts:

- A restorative school culture, grounded in respect, that builds agency and identity, establishes teacher credibility, sets high expectations, and fosters positive relationships.
- Restorative conversations that equip adults and students with the capacity to resolve problems, make decisions, and arrive at solutions in ways that are satisfactory and growth-producing.
- Restorative circles that promote academic learning through dialogue, build consensus in decision-making, and reach resolution through healing.
- Formal restorative conferences that foster guided dialog between victim(s) and offender(s) and include plans for re-entry into the school community.

Adept in the skillful use of restorative practices, educators will foster equitable discipline that reduces exclusion, and creates a school community driven by relationships and respect.



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