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ANNOTATION:

DESIGN: A qualitative study of four homicide cases in the Texas VOM/D program for victims of violent crime.

REASONS: Victims and offenders have reciprocal reasons for choosing to meet. For victims: for offenders to acknowledge their pain, answer their questions, and express remorse. For offenders: to offer these same things to victims and possibly regain some self-respect. "The ultimate goal for both groups was healing, and their motivations were basically related to a hope that propelled them forward to new ways of living with this past violence.

PROCESS: the following characteristics were seen as crucial to the process: (1) a safe place, (2) the use of reflection and self-awareness, (3) empathy, (4) peace and reconciliation and (5) spiritual transformation.

The research applied the framework of "transformative learning" (Merizow, J. 1991. Transformative Dimensions of Adult Learning San Francisco: Jossey-Bass) to understand the interactions and the results.

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ADULT
FELONY VIOLENT
REASONS
VICTIM DATA, OFFENDER DATA, STAFF DATA
SURVEY
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