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Introduction To Restorative Justice Workshops

The philosophy and practices of restorative justice are illuminated in this one hour to full day workshop designed to meet the needs of participants. Restorative justice practices are being implemented in schools, community and juvenile justice settings to build relationships and trust, improve communication, resolve conflicts, address safety and disciplinary issues and promote healing. This workshop is appropriate for all ages.

RJ trainings can take 1-5 days to complete. An ideal program would allow for one day for each tier, and 1-2 days for practicing and implementing the learnings.

School RJ trainings are offered in three tiers to participants.

Tier 1: Relationships and Community Building

Tier 2: RJ Intervention—Responding to Harm or Wrong Doing

Tier 3: Reentry, Welcome & Celebration Circles

Peacemaking Circle Workshop

This experiential workshop fosters healthy communication, relationship-building and familiarizes participants with the peacemaking circle process.

Four-Day Peacemaking Circle Keeper Training

A four day experiential training prepares participants to facilitate peacemaking circles in the community, schools and juvenile justice settings. Participants learn the fundamental elements of circles including ritual, story-telling, creating safe space, establishing shared values, building relationships and trust, and consensus decision-making. While shorter training may prepare participants to facilitate check-ins and celebration circles; we believe the depth of experience gained over the four days is necessary to prepare participants to keep circles involving serious conflict and deep emotional issues.

Limited Peacemaking Circle Training

A modified experiential training experience which covers the fundamentals of the peacemaking circle process. This two day training does not provide participants with the breadth of experience of a four-day training.

Technical Assistance And Coaching Sessions

The TA and Coaching Sessions provide a space for trained circle keepers to address challenges in conducting or implementing circles, share experiences, receive feedback and participate in peer-to-peer problem-solving.

Circle Facilitation

We facilitate peacemaking circles to promote healing, resolve conflicts and provide safe spaces for difficult conversations.

Specialized Workshops for various topics