

What are Restorative Circles?

Schools around the country and around the world are utilizing restorative practices to strengthen school climate, respond constructively to conflict and incidents of harm, and reduce reliance on suspensions and other punitive approaches to discipline. Community Building Circles are a foundational practice that utilizes a highly structured and intentional process that promotes relationship building as well as a method to host conversations that are important to students, staff, and faculty.

Research shows that Community Building Circles help students:

- Feel more connected to each other and the school community
- Foster peaceful learning classroom environments
- Support social emotional development

The Training:

Designed for faculty, school social workers, Principals, and other student support staff, this three-day training offers hands-on and skill-focused learning experience. Participants will gain the understanding, skills, and mindset needed to become confident circle keepers in their classroom and school communities. On site coaching by experienced circle keepers will be available to provide attendees feedback and support.

Participants will learn:

- Basic principles and values of restorative justice and how they relate to restorative circles
- Circle design and facilitation practices that promote a sense of community, honest sharing, and deeper listening.

Training Details and Cost:

Interested participants must be registered by a building Principal or Superintendent. Interested participants should contact their school leadership to inquire about whether this training is the right opportunity for their professional development. [Please use this link to register.](#)

LOCATION	DATE\$
Newark, NY	July 8-10
Salamanca, NY	July 9-11
Albany, NY	July 16-18
Brooklyn, NY	July 23-25
Garden City, NY	July 29-31
White Plains, NY	August 6-8
Binghamton, NY	August 13-15
Albany, NY	August 20-22

Cost: The trainings are free of charge. Please note that meals, lodging, and travel are at the participants' expense.

Times: Trainings are scheduled from 9:00 to 5:00 each day.

Questions: Please direct all questions to Alice Rudnick at arudnick@nycourts.gov