

Facilitating Restorative Group Conferences

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Participant's Guide Next Steps

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LESSON OBJECTIVES

At the end of this lesson, participants will be able to:

- Understand the timetable for apprenticeship and facilitation.
- Use talking circle process for reflection and planning.
- Describe what is expected of them next in the process and identify specific steps they will take to use this training.
- Know where to go for additional information if needed.

NOTES ON NEXT STEPS

Apprenticeship:

What is expected next:

For more help or information go to:

TALKING CIRCLES

PURPOSES OF THE ACTIVITY

- Let participants experience talking circles
- Give participants an opportunity for reflection and planning

BENEFITS OF USING A TALKING PIECE

- Helps to manage discussion
- Creates space for contributions of quiet people
- Spreads responsibility to all participants
- Promotes better listening
- Encourages the use of silence
- Reinforces the principle of equality

GUIDELINES FOR CIRCLE DISCUSSION

- If used, pass talking piece in one direction only
- Speak only when you have the piece or it's your turn
- No interruptions
- Speak respectfully
- Speak honestly/from the heart
- Listen when others are speaking
- Speak on the topic and as briefly as possible to make your point

IN THE CIRCLE:

1st Round: Reflection –What have you personally learned from the training?

2nd Round: Moving Forward – **Ideally**, how could you start using or further use restorative conferencing?

3rd Round: Strategizing – What are one or two potential barriers to doing that, and what are some possible solutions or strategies for those barriers?

TRAINING COMMITMENTS FORM

Think of making a commitment for yourself. Be realistic. All parts of Training Commitment form are optional.

- What can you do with this knowledge, skills or insight?

- What 3 steps could you take toward that?

OPTIONAL EVALUATION FORM

What worked best for you over these three days?

What could have been done differently to better meet your needs?

What further training do you feel you still need?

What else would you like to tell us about this course?