STAFF DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

Peacemaking Circles in School and Community Settings

Three Day Training

July 24, 25, 26, 2012
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30-4PM

Location: St. Louis Park High School
6425 West 33rd St. St. Louis Park, MN 55426

Trainers: Oscar Reed and Jamie Williams

This training provides a safe and respectful space for teachers, educational assistants, social workers, psychologists, administrators, juvenile service providers, human service professionals, students and community members to connect in a positive way, to problem solve and commit to action. Most importantly, to build relationships and understanding among members of the Circle.

Day One: Introduction to the gift of the Circle Process. "Creating the Space“ not just sitting in a Circle building trust and getting to know exploration of core values guidelines for the process

Day Two: Hands on Circle Experience. Building relationships, the significance of storytelling. What is the basis of Circles? ... Consensus and the Circle process - Phases of the Circle process as a vehicle for conflict resolution, education and community building - Restorative Justice/What is it?

Day Three: Making it real / Bringing it home. Challenges/Opportunities with the Circle process/Restorative Justice. How to build Circles for students in your school or members of your community. Scenarios in the various uses of the Peacemaking Circle Process. Clarifying the role of the Circle Keeper, Questions/Answers, Next Steps, Evaluation, Closing Ceremony

Some uses of Peacemaking Circles: Building, strengthening and deepening relationships within the classroom/community/family, repairing harm, conflict resolution, classroom activities, student/staff dynamics, parent teacher conferences, staff meetings, teaching in the classroom, IEP meetings, as an option to suspension and expulsion, exit meetings and re-entry meetings related to suspension, inter-agency communication, alternative to court involvement, win-win situations…

Be open to possibilities never before imagined!
**Oscar Reed**...has dedicated the past 25 years of his life to youth; primarily low-income, challenged youth and families in Minneapolis’ inner city. He serves as a mentor and friend for youth by sharing lessons learned from his life experiences in leadership, team building skills and overcoming obstacles to achieve personal goals. He has an extensive background in Restorative Justice training, developing and directing many youth programs within schools here and across the country. Oscar is a former Minnesota Viking who had an outstanding career as a running back.

**Jamie Williams M. A.**...is a Restorative Justice/Practices/Measures Consultant, Trainer, Teacher and Circle Keeper. During the 2009/2010 school year she was the Restorative Justice Coordinator at Bayfield School in northern Wisconsin and a support to Project Launch at Red Cliff Reservation Early Childhood Center. She worked for the Amicus Radius Program (Restorative Justice Program for juvenile girls) and Project Soar (re-entry program for offenders returning to the community) Circle Keeper for MNCOSA (Circles of support and accountability for people who have committed sex offenses). Currently she is an independent consultant to schools and community organizations. Jamie’s Masters Degree is in Restorative Justice. When Jamie heard the definition of a "calling" by F. Buechner... "When a deep gladness in your heart meets a deep need in the world"...she knew she was "called" to keeping the Circle strong and present in schools and communities.

Cost: $300.00 due before or on the first day of training

Checks payable to: The Restorative Way

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*Morning snacks and lunch provided *21 hours of CEUs available

Contact Jamie or Oscar via email or phone for further information...

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