

Application of Peacemaking Circles

Circles built on the fundamental guiding principles can be adapted for many different kinds of situations and circumstances involving decision making, problem solving, support networks, resolving conflict, building trust and brainstorming. For example Circles have been used for:

- Child abuse and neglect cases to develop support systems for the family and to develop a plan for the family which keeps the child safe
- Staff renewal and team building—to re-focus on underlying values, share challenges, support one another
- Discrimination, complaints, grievances and interpersonal conflicts within the workplace
- Neighborhood tensions
- Classroom management and school discipline
- Building mission statements and strategic plans within institutions
- Resolving conflicts within voluntary and professional groups
- Developing education plans for special education students
- Brainstorming to build solutions for public issues
- Family conflicts
- Support and assistance for victims of crime
- Juvenile and adult sentencing
- Reintegrating inmates into communities upon leaving prison
- Environmental and planning disputes
- New program development in an agency
- Dialog between immigrant communities and local government
- Dialog between rival gangs
- Workshops, classes and trainings