Connection Circles Fast Facts

Developing Positive Relationships

Restorative Practices

are an emerging social science that studies how to strengthen relationships between individuals as well as social connections within communities.



Connection Circles

are the basic building block for developing restorative communities. This process fosters relationships among students, school staff, parents and community members. Conflict is reduced and relationships flourish when people get to know one another better.

School and Classroom Climate

Safe space, trust, and equal voice.

Circles Promote Belonging, Purpose, Hope, and Agency

Ground Rules

- Confidentiality
- You can pass, but we will come back to you. You do not have to answer the question at that point.
- The person with the talking piece gets everyone's full attention.

Circles are powerful symbols of community

Circles convey connection, inclusion, fairness, equality and wholeness. We use circles to build community and deepen relationships.

