



talking piece

May 2015

Dear Friends

PiRI Vision

We envision a community in which restorative principles and values are known, respected and utilized to build relationships, repair harm, and strengthen communities.

PiRI Mission

Partners in Restorative Initiatives works to implement restorative practices in schools, communities and the justice system through advocacy, education, training and facilitation.

This month's talking piece newsletter is all about the training opportunities we have over the summer. Many of the trainings are open for anyone who wants to learn about restorative practices while other dates are reserved for a specific school.

Please note, some of the dates have changed since the April newsletter was published, please check this newsletter and the events calendar on our website to stay up to date. www.pirirochester.org

Michelle Woodworth, Office Manager

July 28 and August 20

Academic Circle Training

- ◆ July 28, 8:30 am–4:30 pm, \$100
- ◆ August 20, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, \$50

This summer there are two opportunities to learn how to use the peace circle method to meet academic goals. Restorative Practices and Peace Circles are increasingly used in educational settings for resolving conflicts, building community and celebrating achievements. Another type of circle schools can use is the "Academic Circle."

In this workshop led by Avon Central School English teacher, Cordula Kennell, you will be introduced to the Peace Circle process, learn about using circles in the classroom as a tool for instruction and discussion, and come away with some ideas for using circles in your own classroom.

The July 28th date includes a half day of peace circle training followed by half day of academic circle training. The August 20th date is best for those already familiar with peace circles and will jump right into the academic portion focusing on how you can use circles to teach concepts and generate discussion.

Recent Testimonial:

"I just want to thank you for getting me involved in Peace Circle. Today was the best ever! It didn't start out that way, but the students were able to conduct themselves without the 2 teachers present. They are using questions they have developed and today they discussed personal anger calmly! There is a new student in the group and she joined and spoke for the first time. I know it's May already, but the journey has been so worth it with these 7th grade students. Just wanted to send a good message forward...:) I really wish PC was built into the schedule for each self-contained classroom that has behavioral issues... onward and upward!"

-Gayle Harrison, PhD, Developmental Psychologist, School Psychologist

May Quote

"The good news is: storytelling simultaneously celebrates what is universal in the human heart and what is unique within each family, community and culture."

- Carol L Birch

Summer Trainings



Unless otherwise stated, all trainings are located at the Rochester Mennonite Fellowship church, 111 Hillside Ave Rochester NY 14610. The fee, is \$100/day and includes a light breakfast, lunch, snacks and all materials.

3-Day & 1-Day Peace Circle Training

1 Day Trainings: July 29 & August 4

3 Day Trainings: July 13-15

1 Day Advanced Peace Circle Training: July 31

3-Day Training
July 13-15 & Aug 10-12
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
\$300 includes meals and materials

In today's culture we can be connected to everyone and no one at the same time. Effective meaningful communication is rare. Peace Circles allow the participants to build trust, learn about one another and create a sense of belonging. Circles offer a safe place for open communication and can be used in neighborhood agencies, afterschool and recreation programs, schools, churches or anywhere people come together.

Peace Circles are an effective process to

- Resolve conflicts
- Build community
- Celebrate achievements
- Address bullying
- Support Learning
- Repair a wrong
- Provide Support
- Create understanding

Who should attend

- Social Workers
- Psychologists
- Administrators, Teachers, Counselors
- Community Members
- Resource Officers
- Anyone interested in learning to facilitate Peace Circles

1-Day Trainings
July 29 • Aug 4
July 31
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
\$100 includes meals and materials

1-Day Peace Circle Training is an introduction to facilitating Peace Circles which provides the basic information needed to begin implementing the Peace Circle process.

3-Day Peace Circle Training involves learning how to facilitate Peace Circles through more extensive experiential learning. Participants gain in-depth knowledge of the elements of the circle process and the variety of purposes for which circles can be used. Participants will practice what they have learned by planning and facilitating a circle.

1 -Day Advanced Training: If you've been trained in Peace Circles and have observed, facilitated, or participated in Circles, this one-day course will provide a chance for you to explore advanced topics and raise questions based on your experiences. There will be an opportunity to hear from others who are using circles and share facilitation, observation experiences, successes, roadblocks and hopes.

To register for any of our trainings please log on www.pirirochester.org and select the training you are interested in under the Events tab.

Space is limited.

More Summer Training...

June 8 & 15

2 Day Restorative Transition Circle Training

Training in a process to reintegrate people back into a community after having been absent for a period of time. Transition circles are designed to bring together those in transition from incarceration, addiction treatment or school suspension with their loved ones, supporters and other stakeholders. The focus of the circle is to repair relationships and develop a transition/re-entry plan. These circles can be modified for any circumstance where there is a need to reenter a community.

8:30-4:30 pm.

2-Day Trainings
June 8, 15 • July 9, 10
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
\$200 includes meals and materials

July 9 & 10

Peace Circle and Restorative Discipline Training Combo

Day 1 will be our Introduction to Peace Circle Training. The peacemaking circle brings people together for conflict resolution, healing, support, celebration, decision making or other activities in which honest communications, relationship development and community building are core desired outcomes.

Day 2 will be training in Restorative Discipline*. Participants will learn how to use the circle process to facilitate conflict circles, how to use a brief restorative conversation to address an issue quickly and using the fishbowl process for solving problems. We will also role play a community conference and take some time to see what is happening around the country in other schools.

8:30-4:30 pm each day

*Attendance in a 1-Day Peace Circle Training is a prerequisite for the Restorative Discipline Training. If you have already taken our 1-day peace circle training you have the option of registering for just the restorative discipline training day.

August 19

Restorative Discipline Training

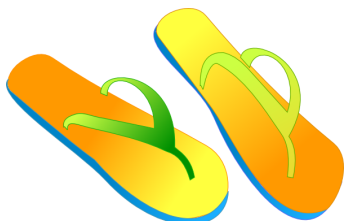
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Our Calendar

Looking forward...

- June 8 & 15 2- day Restorative Transition Circle Training at PiRI, 8:30 am-4:30 pm each day – **open for registration**
- June 29 Restorative Practices Training for East High at The Warner School
- June 30 Restorative Practices Training for East High at The Warner School
- July 2 Restorative Practices Training for East High at The Warner School
- July 13-15 3- Day Peace Circle Training at PiRI, 8:30 am-4:30 pm each day – **open for registration**
- July 9-10 2- Day Restorative Discipline Training at PiRI, 8:30 am-4:30 pm each day – **open for registration**
- July 21-23 3- Day Peace Circle Training for Francis Parker School No 23 at PiRI
- July 28 Academic Circle Training with Peace Circle review, 8:30–4:30 at PiRI -- **open for registration**
- July 29 1- Day Peace Circle Training at PiRI, 8:30 am-4:30 pm – **open for registration**
- July 30 1- Day Advanced Circle Training at PiRI, 8:30 am-4:30 pm – **open for registration**
- August 4 1- Day Peace Circle Training at PiRI, 8:30 am-4:30 pm – **open for registration**
- August 6 Restorative Practices Training for East High at The Warner School
- August 7 Restorative Practices Training for East High at The Warner School
- August 10–12 3- Day Peace Circle Training for East High at The Warner School
- August 14 Restorative Practices Training for East High at The Warner School
- August 17 Restorative Practices Training for East High at The Warner School
- August 18 Restorative Practices Training for East High at The Warner School
- August 19 Restorative Discipline Training at PiRI, 8:30 am-4:30 pm – **open for registration**
- August 19 Restorative Practices Training for East High at The Warner School
- August 20 1/2 Day Academic Circle Training, at PiRI 9:00 am–12:00 pm – **open for registration**



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