

Circles Resources for Restorative Practices in Schools

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT CIRCLES

Restorative Classroom Practices - home
restorativeclassroomcircles.wikispaces.com/

Some topics available:

- How To Start A Restorative Circle (Slideshow)
- Circle Expectations
- Leading Restorative Circles
- Games To Create Comfort

"Circles provide an orderly and reflective process that reinforces positive values." ^{1, p. 52}

PEACE POWER TOOLS Peacemaking/Restorative Circles [PDF] 3-page summary.
www.peacepower.info/modules/PeaceCircles.pdf

Restorative Circles' Closing Suggestions [PDF]. www.healthiersf.org/.../RPClosingcircles.
www.healthiersf.org/RestorativePractices is the link for San Francisco Unified School District's Restorative Practices page.

BLOGS

Kris Miner's Blog about Restorative Practice in the Classroom. This is a gold mine of resources.

<http://www.circle-space.org/2010/05/25/creating-rules-or-creating-values-the-difference-in-a-restorative-classroom/>

Some blog topics:

- Circle Keeping (193)
- Circle Process (303)
- Circle Stages (80)
- College Circles (42)
- Elementary Classroom Circles (55)
- Full Circle Experiences (128)

"Circles can be used when tensions develop."

^{1, p. 57}

Christopher Lister's Blog about Restorative Practice

<https://roamingeducator.wordpress.com/2010/11/01/restorative-circles-in-the-elementary-Uses-Restorative-Circles-in-his-4th/5th-grade-classes>.

CIRCLES BOOKS & HANDBOOKS



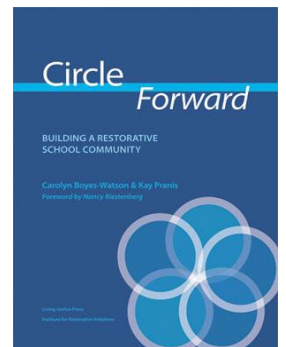
The GRAB and GO Circle Time Kit teaching Restorative Behaviour: 13 Sessions for Junior Primary. Jane Langley & Bill Hansberry. Small World, Big Imaginations, paperback, 2015, 147 pages

This “kit” includes 13 lessons for using circles to teach basic restorative practices principles to elementary students. The results are a calmer and more peaceful environment, more productive classrooms, and less anxious kids. Note: Can be ordered through Amazon. Non-Amazon orders are through Australia.

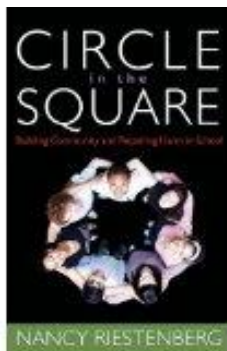
Circle Forward: Building a Restorative School Community. Carolyn Boyes-Watson and Kay Pranis. Foreword by Nancy Riesterberg, Softcover & e-book, Living Justice Press, 2014, 456 pages.

This book *is* a resource guide designed to help teachers, administrators, students and parents incorporate the practice of Circles into the everyday life of the school community.

This resource guide offers comprehensive step-by-step instructions for how to plan, facilitate and implement the Circle for a variety of purposes within the school environment. It describes the basic process, essential elements and a step-by-step guide for how to organize, plan, and lead Circles. It also provides over one hundred specific lesson plans and ideas for the application of Circles in a number of school life areas.



Circle in the Square: Building Community and Repairing Harm in School. Nancy Riesterberg, Living Justice Press, paperback, 2012, 278 pages.

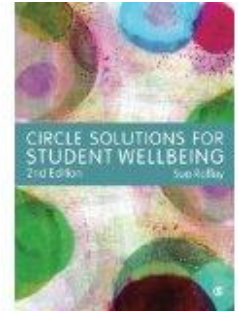


In this, her first book, Nancy Riesterberg writes warmly and with long experience about the challenges facing school communities and how restorative measures specifically create a safer space for learning and development for all. Using stories direct from the hallways, she brings heart to subjects that are often divisive and controversial: bullying and other violence, suspension, drug use, staff conflicts, and more. Throughout the book, Nancy's focus is on strategies that actually work for the whole school community: students, parents, administrators, teachers, and the community in which they live.

Circle Keepers Handbook. By Kay Pranis [no date]. Edutopia, [no date].
www.edutopia.org/sites/default/.../stw-glenview-circles-keeper-handbook.pdf September 27, 2016.

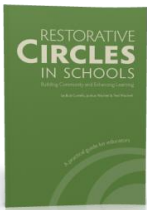
Circle Solutions for Student Wellbeing. Sue Roffey, Sage Publications, 2nd edition, 2014, 144 pages. Kindle & Paperback.

First published as **Circle Time for Emotional Literacy**, this new edition has been updated to reflect how the Circle Solutions philosophy and pedagogy can be used to build relationships and resilience for children and young people. Putting current research on wellbeing into practice, *Circle Solutions* addresses issues not incidents, solutions rather than problems, and strengths rather than deficits, providing a framework for student engagement and learning.



New to this edition: a chapter on promoting the positive: thoughts, feelings and approaches; more anti-bullying strategies, with cyber-bullying covered explicitly; a quick reference appendix of games; ways of embedding *Circle Solutions* as a tool for wellbeing; and updated and expanded resources. Activities and games included in the book promote positive communication skills, empathy and connectedness, class cohesion and co-operation, friendship skills and ethical behavior.

Restorative Circles in Schools: Building Community and Enhancing Learning. Bob Costello, Joshua Wachtel & Ted Wachtel, published by iirp, 2013, 127 pages.

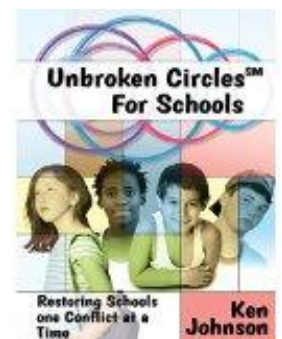


This book is a practical guide to the use of circles in schools and other settings, as well as an in-depth exploration of circle processes. The book includes numerous stories about the way circles have been used in many diverse situations, discussion on the use of proactive, responsive and staff circles, and an overview of restorative practices, with particular emphasis on its relationship to circle processes. eBook formats, Spanish & Portuguese.

Unbroken Circles for Schools. Ken Johnson, Southern Yellow Pie (Syp) Publishing LLC, 2014, 236 pages, paperback.

Unbroken Circles for Schools is a revolutionary program designed to help schools deal with student conflict and behavior issues. It combines the best of three; Restorative Justice, Collaborative Justice, and the author's experience in mediation and negotiation. It is time for an improved and better method of managing troubled children.

This unique program offers schools and other agencies a better modality of CONFLICT RESOLUTION. The program tenders hope in troubled individuals, builds self-esteem, improves student performance, and fosters a greater sense of community within our at risk youth. This text defines the concepts, describes the methods to use and offers user friendly examples.



Teaching Restorative Practices with Classroom Circles ...

<http://www.centerforrestorativeprocess.com/> Accessed 10/4/2016.

Sign up to receive a free download of *Teaching Restorative Practices with Classroom Circles*, 73 pages. Center for Restorative Process, 145 Mountain Meadow Road, Santa Rosa CA 95404 530-228-1994, maclifford@gmail.com (contact if you can't download the document)

RP VIDEOS ON CIRCLES

1. *CCEJ Restorative Justice in Schools Program* [CCEJ·5 videos](#) [2:20] Posted March 6, 2013.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=USmAJ4EHu8I>
2. Restorative Circles [Steve McAllister](#) [4:08] Posted November 16, 2011.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q7FWjapsJRU>
3. *Restorative Justice in Oakland Schools: Tier One. Community Building Circle* MetWest High School. [Cassidy Friedman·38 videos](#) [9:31] Posted October 9, 2012.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RdKhcQrLD1w>
4. Safer Saner Schools: Restorative Practices in Schools. Multiple videos to view.
www.safersanerschools.org/
5. *Restorative Justice: Students' Voice*. Andrew Kelleher. [7:13] Posted June 29, 2012. Michigan State Univ. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L4UsAFLEpTk>
6. Restorative Circles In The Elementary Classroom on Vimeo [5:12]. Posted Aug. 17, 2011.
<https://vimeo.com/27828280>
7. *The Circle*. Just Us: A Centre for Restorative Practices, George Brown College. A young woman running from her troubles finds herself in a **peacemaking circle** with her friends. [5:01]. Posted January 28, 2008. <http://youtu.be/Ra11PiobsGw>
8. *The Truth Shall Set us Free: Teen Talking Circles: Girls Circles, Guys Circles & GenderTalks*. Members of the Girl's Talking Circle, Guy's Talking Circle and GenderTalks Circle on Bainbridge Island tell why Teen Talking Circles is so important to them. Posted Dec. 9, 2008. [4:52] <http://youtu.be/bnQ2cS9LoXc>
9. *Linda Wolf & Jean Kilbourne on Girl's Circles, Guy's Circles and GenderTalks*
This is part of the documentary video about Teen Talking Circles, a nonprofit organization that offers girls circles, guys circles and mixed gender teen talking circles. See: www.teentalkingcircles.org or www.girlscircles.org for more info. [2:05]
Posted Nov. 3, 2007. http://youtu.be/nyigeQ_VgEo
10. *Colorado high school replaces punishment with 'talking circles'*. Hinkley High School, Aurora, CO. Posted February 20, 2014. [7:30] If a 9th grader is suspended one time, more likely to drop out. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8_94O4ExSA

Source:

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