

# Community Building Restorative Circles Training

## Summer 2024

Community Building Circles are a foundational restorative practice that, using a structured and intentional process, promote trust and relationship building as well as establish a method to host important conversation for students, staff, and faculty. Experience with Community Building Circles provides the necessary basis for successful use of responsive restorative practices, for both facilitators and participants, while simultaneously reducing incidents of harm.

### The Training:

Designed for faculty, school social workers, counselors, psychologists, and other student support staff, this training offers hands-on and skill-focused learning experience. Participants will gain the understanding, skills, and mindset needed to become confident circle keepers in their classroom and wider school communities with students and adults. Participants will learn:

- Basic principles and values of restorative practices and how they relate to restorative circles.
- Design and facilitation practices that promote a sense of community, honest sharing, and deeper listening.

“I had such a wonderful experience and cannot wait to enhance my classroom community with everything I learned here.” – *A participant in one of last year’s training*

### Training Details:

Nine trainings will be held in various regional locations across New York State, [see below for locations and dates](#). Note that trainings will be scheduled between 8:00am and 5:00pm daily; actual training times will be approximately seven hours daily and will vary by location. Times and exact locations will be confirmed at the time of registration. Please register only if you are able to attend the entire training.

Locations	Dates
Ithaca, Tompkins County	July 17-19
Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	July 23-25
Yorktown Heights, Westchester County	July 23-25
Harlem, New York County	August 5-7
Hudson, Columbia County	August 5-7
Middletown, NY	August 6-8
Brooklyn, Kings County	August 12-14
Shortsville, Ontario County	August 19-21
Utica, Oneida County	August 19-21



**To Register:** Interested participants should contact their school leadership to inquire about whether this training may be utilized to implement restorative practices in your school. Interested participants must be approved by their principal or superintendent. [Click here to apply.](#)

**Prerequisites:** None.

**Cost:** The trainings are **free** of charge.

**CTLE** will be available to participants who complete the training.

**Questions:** [rjtraining@nycourts.gov](mailto:rjtraining@nycourts.gov)