



Welcome
TO
CLASSROOM CONNECTION CIRCLE TRAINING
LESSON 3 ~ THE OPENING



MISSION: We provide high-impact Restorative Justice Practices training and facilitation to teach youth and young adults to take responsibility for their actions and contribute to a healthier community

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Youth Transformation Center provides training for schools in two RESTORATIVE PRACTICES models now gaining in popularity around the world.



CLASSROOM
CONNECTION CIRCLES
FOR **PREVENTION**



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
CONFERENCING
FOR **INTERVENTION**

**Today's training is focused on
CLASSROOM CONNECTION CIRCLES
because...why wait for discipline
problems to start when we can be
proactive and use this tool for
PREVENTION
and
RELATIONSHIP BUILDING
with our students!**



CLASSROOM CONNECTION CIRCLES

have a structure to them with
specific elements

- LESSON #1: GATHERING TOGETHER IN THE CIRCLE ~ DESIGNING YOUR CIRCLE
- LESSON #2: MINDFUL MOMENT
- LESSON #3: OPENING**
- LESSON #4: GUIDELINES
- LESSON #5: CENTERPIECE & TALKING PIECE
- LESSON #6: GUIDING QUESTIONS
- LESSON #7: CLOSING
- LESSON #8: BONUS: GAMES AND OTHER DYNAMIC ACTIVITIES
- LESSON #9: BONUS: TYPES OF CIRCLES (VALUES CIRCLES, THEMES, REPAIR HARM, LEADERSHIP, CELEBRATION)

ELEMENT OF A CIRCLE

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THE OPENING

- **Inspiring spoken words**
- **Powerful lyrics sung**
- **Creative dance performed**

THE OPENING

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- **Why is it important?**
- **What are the benefits?**
- **Where can I find resources and ideas?**

Readings for Openings

HANDOUT

“Opening and Closing Ideas”

Download all handouts from

www.YouthTransformationCenter.org

You will find 6 pages of
ideas on Openings and
Closings!



OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS FROM WHICH TO DRAW

CIRCLE POEM

People in a circle
Share stories, values, dreams
Create a unity
Of life ongoing
Universal wisdom
Wedded with hope
Of a world renewed
And no one left out

THE WISE WOMAN'S STONE

A wise woman who was traveling in the mountains found a precious stone
in a stream.

The next day she met another traveler who was hungry, and the wise
woman opened her bag to share her food.

The hungry traveler saw the precious stone and asked the woman to give it
to him.

She did so without hesitation.

The traveler left, rejoicing in his good fortune.

He knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime.



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Thank You For Joining Us Today!

