



Restorative Practices in Schools and Communities Trainings 2019

Bemidji August 13-16, 2019

Registration is now open for the Minnesota Department of Education School Safety Technical Assistance Center Restorative Practices in Schools and Communities Trainings this August. Restorative practices is an approach schools can use to improve school climate.

Restorative practices are drawn from the traditions of indigenous people and communities of color around the world. They are grounded in a common knowledge that people are profoundly relational, interconnected, and inherently good. Restorative practices include ways of creating community that honor the importance of relationships among all members in the community. And, when harm has been caused, restorative practices also provide ways to repair relationships and to address the needs of all people impacted by the harm.

The trainings are open to everyone—community members, parents and family members, school administrators, school board members, teachers, educational aides, school resource officers, school facilities staff members, student support staff members, out of school time staff, youth workers, school volunteers, family members and community partners. Schools and youth serving organizations are encouraged to send a team to the trainings. Individuals are also welcome.

The goals of the training sessions are to help:

- Expose people to restorative practices.
- Proactively define or re-define equity through restorative practices.
- Strengthen the restorative impulse in participants as they develop a restorative mindset.
- Strengthen the networks of support for restorative practices in schools and community.

Location

Bemidji: August 13-16, the Center is partnering with Peacemaker Resources. Sessions will be held at **Bemidji High School**, Bemidji, MN 56601.

Trainings

Descriptions of the trainings follow.

Beginning the Journey: first step sessions

Circle 1—Community Building August 13-16

Circle is an indigenous process for communication and building and maintaining relationships. In this four day introductory session, participants will explore relationship, building rapport and seeing the whole human in self and others. They will discuss who they are as people, their own values in relationship with others, and look again at how they can honor others whom they touch in their lives. Participants will practice keeping community building circles with each other. \$260 plus registration fee. Trainers: Jim Yang and Shawn Davenport; Christopher Melendez and Dominique Diaddigo-Cash.

Restorative Language and Chats, Aug 13-14

In this introductory training, participants will explore their own mindset for working with adults and students. They will reflect on how they listen and how they share who they are as people with their students, including using 'I' statements to express feelings. They will discuss what restorative language is and isn't, including identifying deficit thinking and harmful language. Participants will practice restorative chats, which are quick, in-the-moment guided conversations to help resolve problems early. They will share ideas on how to teach the restorative questions to students. \$130 plus registration fee. Trainers: Andy Sattler and Trinity Lindseth.

Repairing Harm

Circle to Repair Harm—August 13-15

The circle process supports the community's work to be in right relationship with each other and can be used to repair harm, especially when the harm may require several sessions or on-going support. Participants will learn pre-meeting, the circle to repair harm outline and the celebration/follow-up circle processes. Basic circle training and experience in keeping circle is required. \$195 plus registration fee. Trainers: Doris Moylan and Beth Vos.

Registration and Reasonable Accommodations

If you have questions about:

Which training is right for you, please contact Nancy Riestenberg, 651-582-8433.

About the Bemidji registration process, please contact Barb Houg, 218-444-8048.

Contact Nancy Riestenberg, 651-582-8433, to request a reasonable accommodation to participate in this event.

Note: We require a two-week advance notice in order to provide the requested accommodation and ask for a 48-hour notice to cancel the request.